

temperament and life with which it has to deal. There are thousands of men leading a Christian life to-day who almost certainly would not be doing so if all Christianity were of the Methodist type, and similar statements may confidently be made of all other branches of the church. It would be invidious here to name the conspicuous faults and virtues of the different churches. It is enough to draw attention to the fact that their very peculiarities serve the purpose of reaching and favorably influencing the largest numbers of people and so Christ is preached among them all and "therein we do rejoice and will rejoice."

KIND OF UNITY DESIRED.

If organic union is neither practicable nor necessary, it remains for me to consider what kind of union we should have. It will not do to treat the union sentiment which is now so strong in a cavalier spirit. It must be respected and it may be turned to good account. Now is the time to reform our ways if we have been in error as to our relations to each other as churches. A reform becomes easy when popular sentiment demands it.

1st. To begin with let us honestly with love unfeigned, respect and trust and esteem each other. A little of union sentiment on the platform might advantageously be exchanged for more kindly feeling in the heart. Let each of us in his own field pluck out bigotry wherever the vile weed grows. Let us check unkindly allusions made to other Christians and to other churches. If this exposes a man to the suspicion of disloyalty to his own church, it only shows the greater need there is that his church should be purged of the old leaven. Let us deal with each other in the same frank, free and friendly spirit we would find ourselves to possess if some day we discovered that actually we had become one.

2nd. Let fraternal intercourse increase among us. This suggestion is not made without a recognition of the difficulties connected with it, difficulties arising from the fact that each man has under Christ his primary obligation to the church he serves, and from the fact that some Christians decidedly effective in their own usual denominational sphere of Christian work become singularly ineffective in union service. However, apart from evangelistic aggressiveness there are many grand occasions for fraternal intercourse such as the advocacy of moral reform and charitable enterprises and such catholic societies as the B. and F. Bible Society. A Protestant who loudly advocates