

worship God in the spirit and intent of her scriptural liturgy. No man blindfolded and then having his eyes uncovered here could say in bewilderment, as he might of many so-called Episcopal churches, 'Where am I?' Before you is a simple communion table, and not an altar. Here are no symbolic lamps, no clerical garbs foreign to our usages and imported from the Vatican. Here are no prostrations and reverences such as the article and the canon expressly forbid at the time of the Lord's Supper. Nothing has been done to suggest the vain delusion that our risen Lord is more effectually present here in the chancel than in the hearts of His people by His indwelling spirit. The bread and wine have not been here lifted up, worshiped or carried about. As to doctrine, this church has striven to hold fast to the faith of the Gospel. No love of novelty has tempted us to preach aught but the revealed Word. The Bible is the text-book out of which this congregation has been taught. Knowing in part, we have not dared to invade the regions of speculative theology.

"In striving for this faith fraternal relations have been sustained by the rector to the bishops and clergy of this diocese. While decided and outspoken as to the opinions held upon these subjects, brotherly love has continued, and with no one has anything ever occurred to excite animosity or discord. Where to we have agreed we have walked by the same rule and minded the same thing.

#### RELATIONS TO OTHER CHURCHES.

"And it is equally proper that we should speak of the cordial relations existing between this church and other evangelical churches. They are rich in good works and full of missionary enterprise. The memory of Richard Fuller, Thomas Guard, John C. Backus and Charles A. Stork is dear to this community. Dr. Joseph T. Smith, Dr. W. U. Murkland, Dr. John Leyburn, Rev. M. D. Babcock and Dr. J. W. M. Williams are ours as well as Paul and Apollus. In the interest of the Bible and tract societies, of the American Sunday-school Union, of the Maryland Sunday-school Union, of the Young Men's Christian Association, and all co-ordinate work embracing the spirit of Christian philanthropy we have rejoiced to greet and work with God's people. The ties which bind believers in Christ together are above minor questions of administration. The Master's word 'forbid him not' is enough to guide us in recognition of His servants. The seal of the Spirit shows by its fruits that they are approved of God. Who are we to consult prejudices when the Holy Ghost is given as plainly to these great assemblies as to the house of Cornelius? We believe that by the faith of the Gospel we shall be saved as well as they."