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A Wonderful Experience

A correspondent who gives us the following account of a Conference in Berlin says : ' It has been a wonderful experience to see the reconciliation here described, brought about after generations of strife, often very bitter. The fact that it was a manifest judgement of God which was the means used for this may well make us in England think whether continuance in sectarian divisions may not bring some judgement upon us.'

AT a Conference held in Berlin from 13-17 November, a large number of brethren from different parts of Germany met to consider the steps that had been taken, and what should be further done, in the matter of establishing practical fellowship between two bodies of brethren which had been separated for nearly thirty years.

Following on several meetings of brethren known as 'open' and those known as 'exclusive' (called in Germany 'Elberfeld' brethren) a gathering of some nine hundred of the latter had been held in Elberfeld on the 10th October, and, on the question being put as to whether the proposed fellowship with 'open' brethren was accepted, the whole company, coming from all parts of the land, stood up as one man to express their acceptance. All hearts were full of the wonder of this reconciliation. The brethren present from 'open' meetings promised that at the coming conference in Berlin these events should be brought before brethren for their consideration.

With much prayer and searching of the Scriptures, all the questions asked and points raised were fully gone into in Berlin, and the abolition of the wall that had so long separated was greeted with abundant thanksgiving.

On Tuesday morning, 16 November, some two hundred or more of them met early and spent an hour on their knees in prayer and thanksgiving. Then about twenty representative brethren, formerly 'exclusive,' came in. Their reception was an unforgettable occasion. Tears of thanksgiving betrayed the deep emotion of the gathering. From that moment all were together ; together in confession, in thanksgiving, in worship, in discussion and in ministry. It was evident that the Lord Himself had done a work which human effort had failed to accomplish, and the expectation was expressed that this was the beginning of yet greater things in answer to His prayer 'that they all may be one' (John, I. 7 : 21.)

Another matter considered was the relation of believers to the Government. The meetings of the former 'Elberfeld' brethren had been closed, but a way was indicated by the authorities by which liberty of meeting could be secured. This was accepted and a 'Union of Free-Church Christians' was formed to give those in authority at all times clear view of the character and activities of those connected with the churches, through reliable men who would undertake this service with the help of their brethren.

A minority of those connected with the former 'Elberfeld' assemblies has not yet acceded to this extending of fellowship, and the practical working out of the new conditions must, of necessity call for wisdom and patience.

Such an evidence of the power of God to accomplish what has seemed to be impossible should awaken prayer and expectation and action, that the unity of the Lord's people, long obscured by many divisions, may now be made manifest. This is the testimony prayed for by the Lord, 'that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me.'

German brethren will shortly publish a further statement.