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great value of these contributions to the study of important current questions, have induced the publishers, in the
hope of finding a still wider circle of readers for these
papers, to issue certain of them, grouped under the divisions into which the work of the conference naturally fell,
in two uniform cheap volumes, entitled "Problems of
American Civilization" and "Co-operation in Christian
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### NECESSITY OF CO-OPERATION IN CHRISTIAN WORK.

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The argument on this subject can be put in small compass. It requires no expansion, or extended illustration. Indeed, the argument has been already effectively presented; and all which needs to be done in this paper is to state the conclusion to which the preceding papers and debates must have conducted, with irresistible force, those who have given attention to them.

The perils which threaten the Christian civilization of our land, in our times, have been clearly set forth, without exaggeration, and certainly with no superfluous emphasis. There is a positive peril arising from the aggregation of vast multitudes in cities, of all races and tongues, of all possible varieties of faith and unbelief, among whom are many of the more resolute and skillful of the criminal class, among whom even those who desire to lead a quiet and orderly life have often few local attachments, with few confirmed neighborly sympathies, and where in the excitements and hurry of life it is hard to generate or to maintain a wise and controlling public sentiment.