

Here and now we are to devise measures for the efficient carrying on of the work with which God has entrusted us. Let us bring to bear upon our proposals, consultations and debates, a spirit of earnest prayer, for the bestowal of innocence, directness, simplicity, sincerity, discernment, and discretion, that we "may perceive and know what things we ought to do," that we may "have a right judgment in all things"; for the driving away from us of "ignorance, error, pride and prejudice"; for such "godly union and concord" as may make us "all of one heart and of one soul;" for such blessing as alone can make our measures effectual "to the treading down the Kingdom of Sin, Satan and death," and bringing in the Kingdom of Christ. Mutual forbearance, kindly consideration, the endeavor to see the subject under discussion from one another's points of view, giving credit to an opponent for as sincere conscientiousness as that by which we claim to be actuated, and an united effort to reach a practical, workable conclusion upon the measures that shall be proposed, these are all needed, and, if we will, they may be attained by us.

I rejoice in the tokens of God's blessing resting upon His people everywhere, and of every name, and most sincerely do I exclaim, "Peace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." When I observe on every hand the liberality, selfdenial, zeal, energy and enthusiasm; the interest taken in meetings for the furtherance of the cause, and united endeavor to carry schemes into effect, manifested by the Christian Bodies in the midst of whom we live, I pray that the same signs may shew themselves amongst us; that we may have grace to learn a lesson from them, and in these things may emulate their virtues. This Synod may do much to this end if, while necessarily occupied with details of business, with the construction of new machinery and putting the old in good repair, with questions involving dollars and cents, we have an underlying consciousness of the presence of God, who makes all these things channels for the conveyance of that spiritual influence, by which He purges us from evil and makes us "meet for the inheritance of the Saints in light."