

earnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the Church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church, we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that we are justified before God, and receive the remission of sins; and through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter are delivered from the power of sin and perfected in holiness.

We believe also in an organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through the prophets and apostles; and in the life, the miracles, the death, the resurrection of His Son, our divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming now our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of His body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;" we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths, with those we will carry the Gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth" fulfil the promise which is all our hope: "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world!" Amen.

Another Committee presented, through Rev. Leonard Bacon, D.D., of New Haven, a ponderous statement of our denominational principles and practices in relation to *Church Government and Fellowship*. Before the Dr. had completed his task of reading this document, the Council were convinced of the truth of his own assertion, that he "had undertaken a *great work*!" It occupied two hours and fifteen minutes in rapid reading. Though intrinsically of great value, it was too large and full to be discussed by such an assembly, unless the Council should remain in deliberation till the Fall. So a committee of twenty-seven was appointed, who, after due deliberation, are to publish the work over their own names, and to deliver for publication to the American Congregational Association, to which the copyright is granted.

Rev. Prof George Shepard, D.D., of Bangor, read a very able paper on "*Ministerial Support*," which was unanimously adopted. This vigorous and suggestive document should be read by all the Churches and Pastors represented at the Council, and by all others. Might it not be given to the readers of this magazine?

Another wise and seasonable document was presented by Rev. Dr. Palmer, on "*The Education of Young Men for the Ministry*," and the demand for such.

Rev. J. E. Roy, of Chicago, read a report on "*Church Building*," from which it appears that, since the Albany Convention in 1852, 427 meeting-houses had been erected by the body, at an expense of nearly \$150,000. Four hundred Congregational Churches are yet unprovided with sanctuaries. To meet pressing demands, not less than \$50,000 per annum will be required from those who have homes, in aid of these homeless sister churches. The sound wisdom and economy of this enterprize appear already in the rapid advance of the congregations thus helped to strength and prosperity.