

for the promotion of good morals, the conversion of sinners, the upbuilding of the church, and the salvation of numerous millions who yet remain in ignorance of Jesus Christ and the Bible, who are spell-bound in their superstitions, and fast sinking into an awful eternity. The question naturally arises cannot these weak churches be strengthened and these small ones increased. It is hoped they possess the elements of strength if there were sufficient cohesion among the members, and if they would put forth the energy of united faith and prayer, and "revive the stones out of the rubbish," as christians who feel the object to be gained is sufficiently important to demand their strongest and holiest endeavors. Let the piety of the churches rise, from its low temperature, to a degree which shall warm into life and energy, the whole phalanx of the elect; then shall "he that is feeble among them, in that day, be as David, and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them." The power of the church is not to be estimated numerically; but by the degree of her *piety*. If this be frigid and sluggish, and her love and union cold, and slow in action, every exertion will be made with reluctance; and covenant obligations, though they be not denied, will appear to such professors as indistinct as an object in the distance, and their most sacred obligations be violated with impunity.

Let the times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord," and the church be revived in all her graces, then will her members appreciate their religious privileges and obligations, as no longer to be contented without the stated means of grace and will say, "Why do we sit still?" Then both the heart and the hand will be opened and the faithful will "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." This is the great secret of every church and every christian. 'Tis *piety* that gives unity; and unity gives strength.

When *converts* offer themselves to the churches,