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HOW BEST TO WORK THE PRESBYTERIAN  
SYSTEM :

AS PROMOTING CO-OPERATION, AND FOSTERING ACTIVITY,  
HARMONY, AND SPIRITUAL LIFE IN CONGREGATIONS.\*

THAT there may be harmonious co-operation in all departments of a Church's work, and that the gifts and graces of each part of the body may be fully available for the edification of the whole, it is not sufficient that we have a good and Scriptural form of organization. A system cannot realize the advantages which may belong to it unless it be faithfully observed and acted on. Should we neglect to carry it out in practice, and rest satisfied with boasting of its Scriptural authority and theoretical completeness, its very excellence may become a snare to us. We know how the Jews trusted in their standing and privileges until "their house was left unto them desolate."

In order to the greatest efficiency of the Presbyterian system we do not propose any modification of its principles, or the introduction of any new machinery. Let the provisions and methods of our polity be legitimately applied, and its true spirit allowed

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