

obligation to enter the communion of the church. Faith in Christ is necessary to acceptable fellowship, and a profession of that faith is required for admission to her communion. Saintsship is not required, but a scriptural profession. "The end of church-fellowship is to exhibit a system of sound principles, to maintain the ordinances of gospel worship in their purity, to promote holiness, and to prepare the saints for heaven." That these great ends may be effected the church is not at liberty to invite those who refuse to place themselves under her jurisdiction to her highest privilege at the Lord's table. "Occasional communion may not be extended to persons who should not be received to constant fellowship."

That these great principles and practices shall yet prevail, we have not the shadow of a doubt. While we contend for them, it is not in the spirit of self-righteousness, but of love to Christ. We do not say to sister churches, who cannot see as we see, "We are holier than thou." But we ask them to give these principles a prayerful examination, and adopt them, as they are founded upon and agreeable to the word of God. We are conscious of many very great imperfections and inconsistencies in our own denomination, but our aim is to bring the church up to conformity to the divine law, in faith and practice.

We are truly grateful to our brethren of other denominations for their words of kindness, and their presence at our thirtieth anniversary, and we assure them that we wish to co-operate with them in every good work where we shall not be expected to compromise our own distinctive principles.

In humble dependence upon the blessing of Christ, we send forth this volume on its mission of testimony, comfort, and enlightenment.

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MR. WOODSIDE'S LAST MESSAGE

To the Members and Friends
of his late congregation :

"Stand together and work earnestly for the
principles of the Reformed Presbyterian
Church."