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To enlarge it and make it more particular would increase the price, while but a small part of the particular news would interest any one locality.

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Our Duty.

BY REV. D. B. BLAIR.

. When our Lord had finished the work which was given to Him by the Father and was about to ascend to the throne of glory, He assembled His diciples on a mountain in Galilee, and told them that all power and authority in Heaven and earth was given to Him, that He was appointed supremeruler of the universe, that all things were put under His feet and that every knee should bow to Him of things in Heaven and things on earth ; therefore, said he to them, "Go and make disciples of all nations," tell them that I am King of Nations as well as King of Israel, that the nations are given to me for an heritage and the utmost ends of the earth for a possession. From this we learn that the Church of Christ in its nature and institution is designed by its soverign Lord