

tion ; and certainly there are no Churches richer than the Churches of this Alliance in members who are well qualified to bear their part in such work. In the new countries the catechist and lay preacher are well known, and without their aid many places would be almost destitute of Gospel ordinances. Both the old and the new countries should bring into use the talents entrusted to them.

It is admitted on all hands that Woman has an important sphere of service in the Church. Ever since the time of "those women who labored with the Apostle in the Gospel," much of the best Church work has been done by women. This work may be still further recognized and developed. But it should be developed in remembrance of the place which Scripture gives to woman, and in accordance with the spirit and true traditions of the Presbyterian system. This subject will be fully dealt with in another connexion, but, as having close relation to the efficiency of our Churches, it is here necessarily adverted to.

In the healthful exercise of all these functions and agencies, it will certainly be found that, in the working of the Presbyterian system, activity and harmony will be associated with increase of spiritual life. Based on New Testament principles our Presbyterianism in its essential features, will, we believe, prove enduring ; and, whilst on the one hand still maintaining the rights and liberties of the Christian people, and on the other conserving the necessary authority of the Church, it will prove a mighty agency in evangelizing the world, and preparing for that higher condition of the kingdom of God which is yet to appear. May we not prove unfaithful to our trust !

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