

These advantages, great as they are, would not induce the Committee to propose the plan, were they not convinced that the projected rule, under such limitations as further consideration would suggest, is in itself righteous, and may and should be commended to the conscience of every communicant. Can he be accounted a Christian, or ought he to receive the Seals of the Covenant, who, being able, is unwilling to place so small a portion of his worldly substance at the disposal of the Church of which he is a member, for its support and extension? Need there be any hesitation in inflexibly requiring among others, this test, ever to be viewed, and ever to be spoken of, as the humblest and the least to be taken into account, of Christian discipleship. The Committee think not; and humbly submit the scheme, of which they have given an outline without entering into detail, to the serious consideration of the Synod, convinced, that if, as is perhaps the case, the Synod has not power to establish and secure the execution of this plan, it could never carry into practical accomplishment, a system of the same complete and complex nature, as the Wesleyan; and that if it does succeed in establishing this, it will lead the way to any other changes in the manner of raising support for ministers, which may afterwards appear desirable, and be productive of unspeakable good in the meantime.

Separate altogether from this scheme, and founding on such answers as have been received to the queries of the Committee, it would be no difficult task to make suggestions, which if adopted by the Synod, and duly attended to by ministers, sessions, and presbyteries, would materially diminish the evils at present existing, in respect of ministerial support. Ministers might be stirred up to greater