

promised to be with, to the end of time, and against which the gates of hell shall never prevail. God wrote its constitution, appointed and commissioned its officers. As man did not originate this organization, so he can neither abrogate nor modify it. He can neither establish the terms of admission nor clothe its rulers with power. If, then, the Church in its origin and authority is in no sense *human*, — and is in every sense *divine*, — we must look for its features, in the only book, where God has written out His will, touching the salvation of men. That Book is the *Bible*. Here, if any where, must we find the charter of the Church. Here the boundaries of this great kingdom are defined. Here the titles and functions of its officers, their authority and their duties, are declared.

The world is divided into two great classes : those who are within this Kingdom, and those who are without it. There is no neutrality in the great contest between a righteous God and a rebellious world. Every man is either an adopted citizen in this great commonwealth of grace, or he is an alien. “He