

had crept in amongst them ; therefore must they be careful to maintain sound doctrine. Corruptions in discipline had been gradually superinduced ; therefore must they be careful to "put away from them that wicked thing." The holy ordinance of the Supper had been disgraced by vile intemperance ; therefore must they seek "to be judged of the Lord that they may not be condemned with the world." Vice of every name had its powerful attractions and patrons in the large commercial city where they dwelt ; therefore, as Satan's seat was there, they must seek to have it overturned, and the throne of God and of his holiness, set up in its place. A high standard of purity must they rear, and to that standard must all the members be conformed. "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever."

The Church of our fathers has of late undergone a great and a blessed change. Truths which had well-nigh been buried amid worldly attachments, have been brought out to the blaze of day. The schemes of worldly policy to oppress the Church, and to make her pander to secular interest, have been successfully resisted. The rights of Zion's King have been scripturally asserted, while the blood-bought privileges of Zion's children have been triumphantly vindicated. To the Church of our martyred ancestors thus redeemed from her bondage, the command is given—"Be perfect." To you, my dearly-beloved brethren, as a branch of that Church, is the precept addressed—"Be perfect." Study your principles thoroughly—seek for them in the treasury of the Bible. Entertain high and commanding views of the Headship of Christ and his peerless rights. Listen not to the childish plea that the points in controversy are trifling. Try them by the test of heaven's revealed will, and look on them as reflected in the living light and flame of the bush which burnt without being consumed. While your congregation is fully organized, and its office-bearers well appointed, let every man, whether in office or not, seek to do his duty. Aim at a high standard of Scripture doctrine and of Christian liberality. Forget not that the success of every scheme depends on the zeal, the unanimity, and the

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