

present power of the Church to use them, and adapted to the great work of renovating man's perverse and polluted heart, and establishing in every land the triumphs of the Cross.

In directing the thoughts of our brethren to the consideration of means for reviving the cause of piety, we would especially urge one or two considerations: First—the cultivation of a humble and contrite spirit. The man who understands much of life, knows well the moral power that ever connects itself with Christian humility—it establishes the Christian upon a powerful vantage ground, by throwing boldly forward the great element of Christianity—the spirit of Christ, and casting into insignificance self and worldly interest. All who have been honored of God, as the instruments of good to man, or revered by the Church as its shining lights, were men who walked humbly before God, and cultivated a humble and meek spirit. The Redeemer of the world humbled himself and became obedient unto death; and the injured Psalmist assures us that a humble heart is man's best sacrifice. A humble spirit prepares the Christian for self-examination, for profit in reading God's Word, and for a hearty response to Divine and reasonable demands. A humble spirit enfolds a large amount of Christianity.

Secondly—We would urge a constant and solemn attention to such means as the Church, acting on the authority of God's Word, may call into operation. No Church Member can, consistently with the maintenance of Christian character, absent himself from the appointed meetings of the Church—neglect in this particular is a violation of his covenant relative to his brethren—an unhappy indication of a disposition to undervalue the salvation of men, and a direct means for paralysing the energies of those who labour in word and doctrine. It is by a constant and solemn attention to God's ordinances that the Christian is enabled to *bear much fruit*. A constant and solemn attendance upon the means of grace is, moreover, a most efficient method for impressing the minds of the impenitent, inasmuch as this constancy exhibits the depth and fervour of Christian love.

Again, a knowledge of our obligation to the unconverted, should be cultivated. If we were to contrast the amount of