

to the whisperings of passion or revenge, baptizing these with the sacred name of conscience, and then following them to the uttermost, or raising a storm which they cannot allay, and then running away to escape its consequences. He that has conquered self is greater than the conqueror of kingdoms. Rule thy temper and thy tongue. Speak freely, but speak lovingly. It is the most cruel kind of selfishness that leads me to inflict torment on others, because I myself feel chafed, discontented and miserable. Let us do nothing harshly, unfeelingly, selfishly; but even when we smite let it be in kindness. The rule that applies to the family, to the home circle, applies largely to ecclesiastical and civil affairs; let us therefore carry into the work of the Church the same sweetness of temper, the same restraints on passion, the same anxiety to please, that make home a paradise. Nothing like selfishness to mar the peace of families; nothing like selfishness to mar the peace and progress of the Church; nothing more than self-denial adorns the Christian character in all circumstances and relationships.

**LIBERALITY.**—In plain words, the Church wants more money. Do not starve any of the schemes of the Church. Pay the Minister. Attend to the claims of Home and Foreign Missions. Remember the poor. The Scriptures inculcate liberality in pecuniary matters with as much emphasis as any other Christian duty. We may just mention the schemes of the Church for which your support is now needed with greater or less urgency:—1. Our **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**; the Church cannot advance, cannot even hold her ground without an educated ministry, who can plead the cause of Christ from house to house, in the pulpit, through the press. 2. Our **HOME MISSIONS**. In these is the life of our Church. We shall become stunted and sickly the moment we cease to be an energetic **HOME MISSIONARY** Church. 3. Our **FOREIGN MISSIONS**. Happily, we are more sensitively awake to the claims of the heathen afar off, than to those near our own doors. We cannot do too much for our Foreign Missions; and let us take good heed, lest while mindful of one department of our work, we prove forgetful of another. 4. Under the head of Educational Institutions we might have included the **COLPORTAGE SCHEME**, whose object is the religious training of our people by means of a healthful and vigorous literature. 5. Our Church Courts need funds. The **SYNOD** cannot meet without incurring heavy expenses. Presbyteries cannot discharge their work efficiently without funds. We might swell the list. The claims on our liberality as Christians and Presbyterians are numerous and urgent; let us all attend to them to the best of our power.

**DENOMINATIONAL SPIRIT.**—We do not seek to inculcate a spirit of envy, jealousy or hateful rivalry towards any other denomination. On the contrary be it ours to love all, and do them what good we can. Yet it is our privilege to know and feel that our own Church is pure in doctrine, sound-hearted towards the Great **HEAD**, faithful in declaring **HIS** will, in administering **HIS** ordinances and displaying the banner which **HE** has intrusted to her. Let us therefore act as loyal children of the Church and “seek her peace always;” and cheerfully incur personal inconvenience and loss for her sake. As your deeper and sweeter love to your own family does not interfere with your love to your neighbour, so your peculiar attachment and devotion to the Presbyterian Church will not prevent the free outgoings of beneficence and charity towards all who bear the name of Christ. Seek to strengthen the Church by all Scriptural means, especially by gathering into her fold persons who wander as sheep having no shepherd.