

which prompt the Synod to urge the duty of seeking higher measures of Spirituality in every congregation apart. The faith and worship and order of the Church have much to do with man as an inhabitant of this world, and as sustaining the various relations of civil society. Their purpose in this direction is to make bad men better, as united in families, and communities; they secure and perpetuate the blessings of good government, while they demand a recognition on the part of Magistrates, supreme and subordinate, of the claims of HIM who hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

But the Church in her ordinances and administration has chiefly to do with man as a sinner needing salvation—with man not so much as connected with time as on his way to eternity—not so much as the subject of any temporal kingdom as the rebel subject of the GOD who made him, and shall soon be his Judge. HIM she makes known as a just God and a Saviour, bringing near His righteousness for the forgiveness of sins, that He might be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. Her mission is to turn men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to GOD, that they may obtain forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified through faith which is in Christ; and as committed to such a glorious mission the Synod would urge on every congregation to keep before them as the paramount object of their organization, the conversion of sinners and the edification and perfection of those who have believed through grace. No congregation must be satisfied with aught else or aught less than this:—That the Spirit of God make the reading and especially the preaching of the Word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

It is thus that each congregation in its own bounds will be “for glory and for beauty,” for the beauty of the Lord our God will be upon it—all its members walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost; and those that are without will acknowledge that God is within it of a truth, and great fear will come upon all, and they will be sweetly drawn into the hallowed fellowship of the followers of Jesus:—

Those that are righteous shall rejoice
When they the same shall see;
And as ashamed stop her mouth
Shall all iniquity;

Satan's kingdom shall be destroyed, the kingdom of grace advanced and the kingdom of glory hastened.

Brethren beloved in the Lord, our joy and crown, give diligence thus to manifest your UNITY, your ACTIVITY, your SPIRITUALITY.—These three characters make an attractive, a powerful model Church. The times need such a Church—for is there not in society a restless craving after something higher, purer, holier than aught it has yet found? Such a triple force is required to overthrow and subdue the antagonisms which are now assuming new phases and wielding fresh power to oppose the extension, the very existence of the Church. The prophecies that have foretold her glory and her matchless triumphs can only secure their accomplishment by a Church thus distinguished; and thus alone shall the LORD see His seed born and brought in, educated and brought up, supported and brought through, perfected and brought home.

And now may the God of peace which brought again from the dead the Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of