

destruction of the harmony of their life with the divine life. It sustained the martyrs when being burned at the stake, boiled in oil, or devoured by wild beasts; sends forth and sustains the missionaries of our day amid the most dangerous and discouraging circumstances. This assurance is the power that bears the burdens of the church, social and private life in christian civilization of every age and country.

Our reading of the Bible and study of christian creeds should be for the purpose of making this spirit our own, rather than for the purpose of formulating our religion into orthodox beliefs.

Prayer or communion with the Holy Spirit, should be exercised not so much to get definite mental knowlege, as with a view to gaining that christian spirituality which will enable one to make the very best choice among the many environments and ways open to his activities. And the duty of the minister in his charge, is to so direct each exercise of his church service, prayer meeting and sunday school, that they will tend to cultivate and develop the different phases of christian spirituality. Responsive exercises are very helpful to this end. His ministerial visiting should be for the purpose of making his parishoners acquainted with this spirit and of developing and perfecting it where already introduced, our duty as christian