

the congregations within certain specified limits. In a Presbytery, each congregation has two representatives, viz, the minister and one elder belonging to each church. Now the representatives, in council assembled, have power to act for all the congregations represented. The next link in the chain of unity is formed by the Synod, which is a union of several presbyteries, each congregation having two representatives, as in the Presbytery. The next link in the chain is formed by the General Assembly, which is a body composed of representatives from all the presbyteries, and whose decisions are binding upon every congregation in the church. Thus by the principle of representation a simple and yet beautiful method is practicable for obtaining unity, and corporate action. By thus uniting the scattered forces of the church, the strong are enabled to help the weak, and the enemies of truth and righteousness are made to tremble, when the Church thus united marches against them in her might. By such unity heathen darkness will yet be dispelled, and vice and wickedness will flee away.

(5.) Another strong point in the polity of our church is *fidelity to the whole truth of God as revealed in his word*. This fidelity to truth has always been a marked characteristic of the Presbyterian Church, and for which she has on many occasions been made to suffer the fires of persecution. This fidelity is seen in the form of her church government, which is acknowledged even by those who belong to other churches, to be nearest the model of the Apostolic Church. But her fidelity to truth is seen most clearly in her teaching as set forth in the official standard of the church. She stands forth to-day as a fearless defender of the truth of God. For example, our church teaches and believes that God is the Sovereign, and that man is a free and responsible agent.

She rejects neither God's sovereign election, nor man's free-will, but fearlessly holds to both, and leaves the reconciliation of the seeming paradox with God. Arminians may reject God's sovereign election, because they cannot reconcile this truth with man's free-will, and fatalists may reject free-will because they cannot reconcile it with election, but the Presbyterian Church, holds both truths, because thus hath God revealed, and she believes that the revelation of God is wiser than the wisdom of man. And who will question that this fidelity to truth has been her strength in the past, for them who honor God's truth God will also honor. In her defence of the Bible against enemies, in her regard for the Sabbath, and in her fidelity to the