

predicted of Him in the second Psalm, the Son of God. How doth David look forward and in Spirit call him Lord if he is merely his Son. Thus did Christ put to them the question which they could not answer. Thinking of Him merely as the Son of David does not fulfil the prophecies concerning Him. It is not enough that He be merely the Son of David, He must be the Son of God, or David could not in Spirit call Him Lord.

Further, if He be the Son of God we would expect the prophecies concerning Him to prepare the world in some measure for His advent, and this we find was the case. They were in expectation and mused in their hearts of John if he was the Christ.

II. What think ye of Christ of *history*? Jesus of Nazareth. You say He is noble, generous, a Jewish Socrates, a marvellous man enrolled on the records of history as the greatest man that ever lived, and the nearer to him the higher the type of man. That is true, but is that all? Was He not raised from the dead showing that He was not merely a good, great man, but Divine.

The preacher here dwelt at some length on the various theories concerning the resurrection of Christ from the dead, showing that there was no room for doubt of the fact, and that therefore the Christ of history must be Divine.

III. What think ye of the Christ of *religious experience*? Concerning Him it was said, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because He hath anointed me to comfort them that mourn," &c. Again we read of Him "That the bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench." If our life be hid with Christ in God, then Christ will be not merely a light on our pathway, but a power in our souls. All my well-springs are in Thee.

IV. What think ye of the Christ of *Church life*.

He was anointed to preach the gospel to the poor. He was the model preacher. If we would prosper in our ministry we must study the self-denial, the consecration of Christ which made it His meat and His drink to do his Father's will and work. He is the Head, the source. The fountain of all authority, and power. For the promotion of His cause we meet tonight, He is King of Zion, "yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion."

V. What think ye of the Christ of the *future*?

After sermon the Synod was constituted, and the roll called, showing a large

attendance of both ministers and elders.

[Rev.] Dr. Burns was then elected Moderator for the current year, and after thanking the Synod for the courtesy extended to him during his term of office, Dr. McKnight escorted the newly elected Moderator to the chair.

Dr. Burns addressed the Synod, thanking it for the appointment, speaking briefly of the changes of the past, the duties of the present, and the prospects of the future.

The Committee on bills and overtures then brought in the following, which were submitted as the subjects of business to be brought before the present Synod.

Report on Hunter Church Building Fund.

Systematic Benevolence.

Reference from Presbytery of Truro.

Reference from College Board, and other college matters.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Division of Presbytery of St John.

Statement from Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Report from Presbyteries ancient Collections for Schemes of the Church.

Ancient application for leave to take Students on trial for License.

Time and place for next meeting of Synod.

State of Religion.

Sabbath Schools.

Foreign Missions.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Report of Committee on Public Education.

Report of Committee on Synod.

Report of Committee on Obituary Notices.

Report of Committee to nominate Standing Committees.

Overture from Rev. W. A. Mason.

#### SECOND SPOKELUNT.

Synod opened at 10 o'clock with devotional exercises.

The Report of the Hunter Church building fund was submitted showing loans to the amount of \$2,500 during the year and free grants to the amount of \$1100.

Since the fund was bequeathed a few years ago thirty-four congregations have been aided by grants varying from \$100 to \$200, averaging \$247 each, while four-