

and the sacrifices which not a few of you have made on this behalf, in response to the Synod's appeal, encourage us to believe that you will not be found wanting in that which is even more vital to the existence and progress of the Church, the adequate support of Ordinances, and the augmentation of Evangelistic work by active Missionary agency.

That you may apprehend the more readily how great a privilege it is to give of your means for these noble objects, study the Life of Him who left you an example "that ye should follow His steps." Remember that He consented to poverty for your enrichment, underwent suffering in order to your relief from sorrow, endured the death of the cross that you might live the life everlasting. Remember likewise, that His poverty, sufferings, death, are to be not only gloried in as securing on your behalf pardon and peace and heavenly blessedness, but that they are also to be taken by you as the Pattern of your spirit and conduct. You too are called, as was He, to make sacrifices for others,—to deny yourselves and to take up your cross daily, that sinners, through your means, may be brought into peace with God, and into the love and fellowship of His Son. Take up the Gospels and ponder the self-sacrificing examples and teachings which they record. Study the Acts and Letters of the Apostles, and learn from these your duty to the Church, to the Ministry, and to Mankind.

The age demands a pure Gospel. The emissaries of error are earnest in their attempts to subvert the Faith as it is in Jesus. The apostles of superstition and of otherwise corrupt forms of Christianity, are incessant and unscrupulous in their efforts to turn the faithful from the simplicity of the Gospel. Worldliness, setting in upon the domain of the Church with unerring and fatal flow, threatens to overwhelm her choicest spiritual enclosures. Fierce is the onslaught which the enemies of truth and godliness are making upon those who are striving to hold to "the