

present. We feel confident that you will not withhold either, when it is in your power to give.

6. The Synod would also urge upon Ministers, and Elders, and Church Members, the necessity of giving closer attention to the orderly working out of our Presbyterian constitution in all its parts—in Church extension, and in the government and discipline of the Church. Let us remember that as we are all members of the mystical Body of Christ, so we are all members one of another. We are *vitally* and *ecclesiastically* one. Let us therefore practically be helpers of one another in every good work—in church discipline—in church government—in church extension. Let that beautiful scriptural order which has been so blessed of God in other lands and in the ages that are past, alike for the extension of the Gospel and the preservation of the Church from deadly errors, that even its enemies have been constrained to express their admiration of it, be fully studied and worked out in congregations—in Sessions—and in Presbyteries. Then it will be seen that our Church-state excelleth for glory and for beauty, and we shall in spirit comply with the inspired command in the faith of the exceeding great and precious promise,—

Walk about Zion, and go round ;  
The high towers thereof tell :  
Consider ye her palaces,  
And mark her bulwarks well ;  
That ye may tell posterity.  
For this God doth abide  
Our God for evermore ; He will  
Ev'n unto death us guide.

7. There is likewise our common Protestantism to work out. In this we have as co-workers evangelical Christians of every denomination. Our enemy is strong and subtle. The Papacy is struggling mightily, though stealthily for power and ascendancy all the world over. But the Lord shall consume that wicked and soul destroying system with the Spirit of His Mouth, and shall destroy it with the brightness of His coming. He will work through human instrumentalities. Let us beware lest the curse of those who come not to the help of the Lord against the mighty be ours. Let us rather be fellow-workers with Christ in this great work of rescuing and saving immortal souls from this deadly error. Let our hearts glow with pure love and holy zeal to share the labour and the honour of expelling the darkness, the delusions, and the corruptions of Popery from our beloved land. The most efficient as well as the most practicable step which we can command for that great object is the diligent circulation of the WORD OF GOD among our Roman Catholic population. The time may not be yet when it would be deemed prudent to send Protestant Missionaries among them ; but in view of the fact that the number of Romanists able to read is increasing every year ; no more powerful instrumentality could be employed to weaken and overthrow the system than the zealous circulation of the Holy Scriptures. In view of all the varied departments of Christian activity the Synod would exhort you in the language which the Holy Ghost teacheth : "*Wherefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*"

#### V.

Be distinguished for SPIRITUALITY. This is the main want of the Church in her members and congregations in these last days. It is deeply felt and deplored by the courts of the Church ; and it is this feeling and exercise