

dom and faithfulness and earnestness which the Gospel demands and justifies, as ambassadors of Christ, "we beseech you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God."

You, too, professing Christians, are called to exert yourselves in promoting the advance of that time when "all shall know God." Let your profession and practice harmonise. Amid all the profession of Christians in these days, and attendance on ordinances, is there not something wanting? Yes, we want the church to arise and do her duty in attaining to more eminent spirituality and fervent prayer. We want to see those who call themselves the disciples of Jesus, living more up to their profession, in their temper the mind of Christ, in their character the stamp of heaven, in their conduct the index of eternity. We want to see them looking up to Heaven as if they had something there, and expected to be there themselves. Are there any signs of such a revival in our churches? The church must be revived before the world can be converted. Christ's kingdom and glory must be visibly displayed in the heavenly temper and holy conduct of His disciples. Professing Christians, it does depend on us that the world is to be converted. Your country demands an increase of piety in your heart, that you may be an instrument of sanctifying its greatness to the service of Christ. The church demands an increase of your piety, that it may experience a revival. The world, uttering loud and deep groans of misery, demands an increase of piety, that you may be the instrument of its salvation. And above all, the Redeemer of the world is looking down into your heart, in immediate reference to the judgment day, to see your heart moved by appeals so numerous, by arguments so weighty, by responsibility so tremendous. Let the anticipation of that day decide our conduct in reference to the cause of Christ, our conduct on every day that is to intervene between the present and the consummation of all things. Let all seek, by personal exertion, to advance the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. Labor perseveringly, incessantly, prayerfully. Be this our motto and remembrance, that as we work so we shall receive repose.

Here is the place of labor, yonder in Heaven is the place of rest.

How awful the danger of those who reject the Gospel. Just consider what is implied in these simple words. Reject the Gospel—the medicine that will cure your diseases—the light that will dissipate your darkness—the balm that will soothe your sorrows—the refuge that will shield you from peril—the life that will save you from death—the heaven that will save you from hell. Oh, if any one is yet inclined to continue a rejecter of the Gospel, let me remind him of that far sorer punishment which God is to render against those who have trampled the blood of the covenant under their feet as an unholy thing. "He that knew his Lord's will and prepared not himself, neither did according to His will, shall be beaten with many stripes; but he that knew not his Lord's will, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes; for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

Minutes of the Joint Committee of the Presbyterian Churches of the Provinces of British North America, on the subject of Union, at St. John, N. B., April, 1873.

At St. John, N. B., and within Calvin Church there, on the 11th day of April, 1873, at 11 o'clock, a. m., the Committees on the subject of Union, appointed by the Supreme Courts of the following Churches, viz.: The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland—the Canada Presbyterian Church—the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland—and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces—met on the call of the respective Conveners of these Committees, as a Joint Committee, to carry out the purpose of their appointment.

Present:—The Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D. D., The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, The Rev. James C. Smith, Ministers, with Mr. Jas. Craig, M. P. P., and Mr. James Croil, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Robert Ure, The Rev. Prof. Caven, The Rev. Professor MacVicar, L.L.D., The Rev. Thomas McPherson, The Rev. Dr. Topp, Ministers, with the Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. Thomas McCrae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian