

Government. There is nothing specially new in the following chapter except the prominence given to the benefits supposed to result from the fact that "the visible church, alike in general and in particular build, has a motley interior. Essential conditions of the visible in this world are mixture and mistake."

This is true, and to be firmly maintained in opposition to the pernicious pretensions to sinlessness in the individual believer or in the aggregate of a Christian church which are making headway in some quarters. But the inference drawn by Dr. McGill from the mingled state of the church as containing good and bad, may be startling to those whose zeal for purity of communion deserves the utmost respect. He does not hesitate to say that "this latitude of the visible church, is to the world a boon of incalculable benefit. It is a restraint upon sin: men are obviously kept from misdemeanor by a formal profession."

The discussion of the officers of the church, of prelatical succession, and the true doctrine of succession in the ministry is well conducted and occupies considerable space. It supplies good and profitable reading for those bent upon bringing about speedily an incorporative union of Presbyterians, Episcopalians, &c. For the same purpose we commend a careful consideration of the views advanced regarding the parity of ministers, their non-sacerdotal character, election by the people and ordination of officers, and the places assigned to ruling elders, deacons and deaconesses.

Without endorsing in detail all that the eminent Princeton Professor has advanced I wish that his book were widely read among Protestant denominations in Canada.

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