

" And in old age when others fade
 They fruit still forth shall bring ;
 They shall be fat and full of sap,
 And aye be flourishing."

In order to advance in personal religion we would exhort you to set the Lord always before you. Set Him before you in the person of the Father, and as Enoch did, so do ye walk with God. Be ye followers of God as dear children; and walk in love to God as Christ also hath loved you; and keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Set Him before you in the person of the Son,—looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Behold Him as the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Set Him before you as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and looking steadfastly and believingly upon Him as the Truth, the perfection of Life, and Light, and Love, you shall be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. Set Him before you in the person of the HOLY SPIRIT, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, and who glorifies them by taking of the things which be theirs and showing them unto you. He will guide you into all truth. He will direct you in all duty. He will help and console you in every trial. He will work in you all the good pleasure of the Divine goodness, and the work of faith with power. He will perfect all that which concerns you, and bring you to the land of uprightness. Let your religion be objective as well as subjective. And let the grand object of your devotion and faith be GOD, in all the extent of his character, and relations as the God of Salvation. In so keeping God before you, your minds and hearts will be kept alike in a safe state and in a proper frame,—your mouths will be filled with the high praises of the Lord, and your lives will be a continuous act of homage to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

IV.

The Synod would tender to you further, their most earnest counsels in regard to your duties as congregations of the Church of Christ, and as composing the constituency of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

1. Study to show, for the glory of God and for the edification of all whom it concerns, that the Union which has been so recently consummated in our history is genuine. That it is genuine we have not a doubt. God, even our God, hath wrought that great work for us and in us. It is the work of the Church, in all its congregations, to show, now and always hereafter, that it has been, and is, a union of hearts and souls in the sacred bonds of truth and love, as well as of outward forms. Be ye therefore perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment; walking by the same rule and minding the same thing, and trusting that if in anything ye be differently minded, God will reveal this unto you.

2. Abound in works of faith and love. As congregations, be active and unwearied in the work of the Lord. Union is power; but the Church cannot afford in these last times, when there is so much to do, to allow any of her power to lie dormant. Power unused is worse than weakness. It is in most cases wickedness, for which the lazy holder must give an account to God. Besides, union gives facilities for the use of power not otherwise to be obtained. Five men concentrating their efforts wisely on a given piece