

quirements, turning our faces like flint away from the tempting world, the flesh, and the devil, and as firmly, yet lovingly toward Jesus—his service here and Heaven beyond.

Moreover, when we voluntarily record our names on the church-book, we join ourselves to that church; we thus enter mutually upon most solemn obligations and binding duties. We thereby agree to attend habitually all the meetings, to enter actively and continuously into the work of that church, to contribute from our substance toward the support and spread of the gospel at home and abroad, and prayerfully and watchfully to endeavor, during the rest of our lives, to walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless.

As to church-government, we believe our principles are, in that respect, as truly in accord with the New Testament as every other part of our system of belief. The remarkable unity and prosperity of our Denomination throughout the United States are very corroborative proof of the truth of such statement. Let us simply be more determined by divine help to carry those principles into consistent action. Let us endeavor more faithfully to apply our principles of church-government and discipline to ourselves and to one another. Let us not flinch from the performance, in a New Testament spirit, of unpleasant, and even painful, duties, coming together on all needful occasions to sustain the church in promoting its purity and the glory of Jesus. Thus will our individual holiness and combined usefulness be greatly increased; thus will our loyalty to Christ, in other words, our fidelity to his laws as our reasonable service, and our attachment to his royal person, become all aglow with sacred enthusiasm; and when we fail on earth, our mission having been accomplished, we shall be joyfully welcomed to the eternal habitations above, and it will certainly be said of us and realized by us that, having "lived to the Lord," it is "blessed to die in the Lord, henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they shall rest from their labors, for their works follow with them."

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