

spirituality to gain worldlings. There is the Wesleyan system, kind in its spirit and intentions, but inflexible in its principles, truth, law: how does it prosper?

This system is of God's designing; and as Jehovah called Abraham to be the father of a believing people, WESLEY was called to revive, spread, and perpetuate Scriptural Christianity. Already the benefits of his special vocation have become marvellously diffusive, and it is by fidelity to the system he entrusted to others, and by them to us, we are periodically able to record increase. Others are getting aware of the effectiveness of our vocation, and one borrows this element of success, another that, (seldom thanking us) and now Wesleyanism is seen in every direction. No body is so much a friend of other Churches, and of the wide world, as the Wesleyan.

It prospers because its tenets are Scriptural and munificent, and its publication of them uniform and affectionate. Space fails to illustrate this paramount assertion. How is it there is a residue of evangelical piety in the mountains of Switzerland, and in some of the fastnesses of Asia? There is, after ages of persecution and massacre, a residue of Evangelical Truth.

It prospers because its means and usages have been derived from Scripture records, and early Christian history. What made Christianity triumphant in apostolic days, will make it triumphant now. Divinely-ordained means never lack efficacy when faith

applies them. We are divulging the secrets of Wesleyan revivals!

The discipline, itinerancy, holiness, prayers, voluntaryism, standard literature, settled faith, and unresting zeal of the Methodists are subordinate, but indispensable causes of success.

The first, and universally confessed supreme cause of Wesleyan advancement is, the power of the Almighty Spirit, associated with the leadings of Providence; and all we mean is embodied in this ancient, beautiful, and weighty portion of our Ordination service:—

“Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

*And lighten with celestial fire.*

Thou the anointing Spirit art,

*Who dost thy Seven-fold gifts impart.*

Thy blessed Unction from above,

*Is comfort, life, and fire of love.”*

We express earnestly our well-wishes for all Churches in their labours for honouring Christ and him crucified, and rejoice when they rejoice. They seek inspiration in the words of the Great Teacher, and in the Gospel outpourings of Isaiah; and so do we. We have our select and heaven-derived instrumentality of power and blessing; and Canada is elevated by it. The Wesleyans have scattered many “a handful of corn” on the mountains, and in the valleys of Canada, and every Conference is a thankful gathering of successful husbandmen employed by the Lord of the Harvest. They believe “His name shall endure for ever!” and their sublimest conviction is, that all men shall be blessed in Him..”

*Toronto, July 1st, 1861.*