

The chief institutions of our denomination are now well tried both as regards the truthness of their foundation, and their popular form. METHODISM never had better human testimony in its favor, than that possessed at the present hour ; and it never had more convincing evidences of *divine sanction*, than during the past year's operations. God has given his blessing ; sinners have been converted ; and souls have gone safe home to eternal glory.

The relations of Methodism to other sections of the Christian Church are of that fraternal and co-operative character, that it enjoys the goodwill, the recognition, and the friendly influence of the Protestant world, to a much greater extent than heretofore. As a sign of the times, this indicates that the employment of lay talent ; the vigor of social ordinances ; systematic beneficence ; and the healthy activity which characterises Methodism generally, will soon assign it a place of the first importance and influence, among the great, growing organizations of our times.

The recent events in our national history, tell us plainly of GREAT STRIFE going on around us, in behalf of antichrist ; they tell us of restless and aggressive efforts being put forth, to propagate infidelity and formalism : of determined resistance to gospel truth. These events prove that we have to contend with a continuous tide of licentiousness and folly, which we must meet and conquer. It is equally necessary to withstand an invasion of our country by the emissaries of papal depravity, the agents of sensual literature, and the blood-stained traders in strong drinks, as to hurl back the contemptuous disturbers of the public peace, marshalled under the banner of Fenianism.

The claims of the Church of our dear Redeemer are many and pressing. The Conference unitedly calls upon you, dear brethren, to cheerfully renew your past hearty responses, in the consecration of your talents, both of mind and money ; and we are confident that you will consider those claims calmly, and support the cause of God to the utmost of your ability.

Christian work is waiting for us on every hand. The wants of our humane enterprises ; the maintenance and extension of our civil liberties ; the perfecting of our social reforms ; and the prevention of public wrong, continually require earnest prayer, public advocacy, and financial support. It is our *special duty* to ask your most earnest co-operation, in guarding the simplicity,