

The noble band of Class leaders we acknowledge as fellow labourers in the great work of soul saving, and building up the Church of Christ.

We look to you to be chief instruments in keeping the flock of Christ in the fold by looking after the sheep and lambs. Keep the rule, to see each member once a week if possible. Let not one slip through your fingers for want of looking after, and following up. It was by indefatigable diligence in this direction that a young man was kept in society, when he was disposed to backslide; who became one of the brightest stars, and a mighty soul winner in the British Conference, the late Rev. Peter MacKenzie. A soul kept, is better than a soul won. Your office is one of the most important in Methodism. A great success, or a great failure, will be the sum total of each class leader. Immortal souls are committed to your trust. Feed them with food convenient, milk for babes, and strong meat for men. Feed men with only milk, and they will be weaklings. Feed babes with strong meat and they will die.

Don't let them slip into a set of common place phrases, which express no experience of the soul; ascertain their state, if it be by pointed questions. Don't let them rest without the witness of the Spirit, if the Spirit of God does not tell them they are Christians, there is no other way they can know it.

Members of the church:—be in your places at the class-meeting every week if possible. Stop away one week and it will be harder to go the next. Your soul can't be in health without Christian fellowship. It was one of the marks of the early Christians "they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrines and fellowship."

To be strong Christians it is necessary to cultivate the intellectual side of your piety. God has given man a head as well as a heart. The mind must be instructed as well as the soul warmed. Well meant zeal without intelligence may do much harm. Above all things study your Bible daily. Next to that, study Methodist history, its polity, its doctrines, its biographies, there is nothing that will inflame your soul with the purest fire so much. There is an inspiration to be got here you can't get anywhere else outside the Bible. The more you study your own church the more you will love it, the better you will support it, and the more firm, settled, peaceful and useful will your religious life be. We believe God never raised up a better Church than the Methodist. To this end be sure to take one or more Methodist papers. We have the "Christian Guardian," the "Wesleyan," and the "Monthly Greeting" belonging to our own Conference ably edited by our own Ministers. One or more of these should be in every Methodist family.

Let parents see that good reading matter be provided for their children suitable to their capacity. Every home, where children are, should be supplied with our Sabbath School papers, and excellent Magazines so splendidly edited by our own Dr. Withrow.

Let our educational institution have your hearty support. We rejoice in the advancement of education led on by our Superintendent of Education Dr. Milligan, and our excellent College staff headed by Professor Holloway,