

hear, yet the lessons of these times are for our study and reflection. God has promised "seed time and harvest," and the earth has always brought forth sufficient for the wants of men. But there are inequalities in the earth; there are iniquities, and crimes, and sins. God has laid down great principles for the governance of life and conduct, but these principles have been ignored, and the consequence is suffering among men. Men still grope in the darkness of unbelief, seeking ways for the betterment of things and finding none. Beloved, the questions pressing for answer, the problems burning for solution, have their answer only in a proper interpretation and application of God's Word. Every question, moral and social, can be made clear by the "law and the testimony." By the Word are all things to be made plain. The Church is the practical exponent of that Word on earth. We are here in Christ's stead, living representatives of Him, to reveal unto men, by our faith and conduct, what is God's answer to every perplexing thing. Jesus is the world's great social reformer. He is our ideal of brotherliness. The mirror in which He reflects himself to this earth is the Word of God. Many read that Word to-day by the light in which we, his professed disciples, interpret it in our actions. We are saved by faith in Christ, "who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification," but we feel not only by our faith in the death of Christ, but also by revealing His life and reflecting His character. What a measure of Divine grace we need that there shall no harm be seen in us!

We are known as a Church pronounced against all evil. We are emphatically a temperance Church, constantly protesting against the legalized liquor traffic; and though it remains until now doing its cruel work, destroying homes, blasting lives and defying truth, we thank God for the part we were enabled to take in securing so large a majority for the Plebiscite in favor of prohibitory legislation. In the midst of our rejoicing it is well to remind ourselves that ultimate victory will not be accomplished until the vote of January last becomes crystallized into law, and such a law can neither be framed nor administered unless we have those in our legislative halls who truly represent the moral sentiment of our people.

It is well we should remember the heritage which is ours in the Methodist Church. How great have been our victories! "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake." But our opportunities increase with our privileges. We are thankful no schism obtains in our midst.

"We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

And yet we never required to more emphatically declare the connexional nature and character of Methodism. God has put honor upon those who in their Church polity have been independent and congregational, but we believe He has throughout our Church history marked with especial blessings our connexional spirit. Individual circuits and stations are but part of the whole Church, and should delight in the perpetuation and success of its connexional life. We regret that a larger number of families do not take our Church organ, for the Church paper

has its place at home.

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