

from the Missionary Society many times the amount raised for this purpose within its bounds. No pressure of local demands can relieve us from the responsibility of looking beyond self and home needs to the great world still lying in heathen darkness. For this world Christ died, and to it we are debtors, having been "put in trust of the Gospel." "If any man seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion towards him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" If this be true of merely temporal necessities, how much the more when the need is that of a knowledge of the way of salvation. "Therefore as ye abound in every thing, in faith and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." Let our motto be, "Christ for the world, and the world for Christ." He died for us; let us be willing to die for Him, consecrating to Him ourselves, our children, our time, our substance, hastening the day when "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

We commend to your earnest sympathy and liberality the educational interests of our Church, and especially of our own College. In the providence of God the opportunity is now offered to put it upon a sound and secure financial footing. This done, it will soon become a glory and strength to our young Conference, and the training school of our rising ministry.

Our church periodicals deserve your continued support. Particularly the *Christian Guardian* as the official organ of the Connexion, and one of the strongest bonds of union between the East and West, should be in every Methodist home in the land, and now, at \$1 per year, is within the reach of all.

It needs not that we should urge you, with all faithfulness, to support every cause of moral and social reform. The great questions of Sabbath observance and the prohibition of the liquor traffic are still unsettled. Upon the unholy altars of the liquor Moloch, thousands of the youth of our land are yearly sacrificed. Against this iniquity we have many times borne our testimony as a Church. That it still flourishes is a reproach and shame to Christendom. "Deliver us from blood-guiltiness, O God of our salvation, and our tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness."

Many other economic problems which, in our increasingly complex society, are inextricably interwoven with the social and moral well-being of the people, are pressing for solution; such as the best method of securing for all equal right of access to natural opportunities; insuring to every man undisturbed possession of the fruits of his own labor; removing artificial restrictions to the production and equitable distribution of wealth; the complete enfranchisement of women; the simplifying and purifying of government. The settlement of such questions according to the principles of the Gospel, and by practical application of the "Law of Love," is of supreme importance to the Church of God. You do well to consider them with the utmost care. Permit us to counsel you against a conservatism which rejects everything that is out of harmony with existing customs on the one hand, and on the other, against too readily accepting crude and half-formed opinions as though they contained the sum of all wisdom. Remember that no question is settled until it is settled according to the eternal law of right.