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class-meetings and love-feasts still hold their place in our Church. Our conviction of the usefulness and scriptural character of these means of grace is as strong as ever. They have been largely owned of God in bringing us to our present position of usefulness, and we are of opinion that we are under increased obligation to walk by the same rule and to mind the same things. In order to maintain the efficiency of these honoured usages and make them means of grace indeed, and helps to holiness, we would urge upon every lover of them, and especially the leaders of classes, to seek to make these services interesting, attractive and profitable to all by prayerful study of the Scriptures, and by securing as thorough a knowledge as possible of the spiritual necessities and attainments of all under their care. While we ourselves are convinced that we must give attention to thorough pastoral visitation, or betray the cause of God, we would express our conviction that we cannot keep up our societies in their true normal condition if the leaders keep not as far as possible the rule which requires them to see each member of their classes once a week. The constant and careful marking of the class-book in the presence of the class we would also kindly suggest as a needful auxiliary to complete pastoral success.

The maintenance of that inward religion which the true Methodist character of preaching is adapted to create and promote, and our society system to conserve and develop, requires that we should discountenance those frivolities of fashionable society which tend to dissipate our devotional feelings and to defeat our religious aims. While we may not always be able to give chapter and verse condemning certain forms of pursuit or enjoyment, all those of doubtful propriety and expediency should be shunned; and we would urge you especially to withhold your sanction and influence from those forms of amusement, such as dancing, card-playing, and theatre-going, which have always been claimed by the world, and which have from the beginning been repudiated by the Church.

We would affectionately urge on your serious attention our important Sunday-school interests. The number of schools at present reported within the bounds of the Conference is 84, an increase of eight over last year. We are also pleased to note an increased attendance, being 4,073—an increase of 658 over last year. While we rejoice in the greater interest manifested in this vital part of our Church work, we deeply regret to find that the number of conversions reported in the schools is less than last year. Let us not forget, dear brethren, that with all the appliances we now have for making our Sunday-school work a success, the primary object must be to bring the children to Christ.

While upon this subject we would urge upon you parents, as you value the souls that are nearest to you and dearest, maintain family religion. The holiest sanctuary on earth is the Christian home; neither church nor Sunday-school can do the work of the