

only an exchange of thought, but of emotion; it has to do with both head and heart, mind and feelings. In order that the devotional and the aggressive spirit, the thoughtful and emotional soul, may act and react upon each other, some formal meeting must be held to secure the purpose. The Class-meeting as an institution justifies by results that it is an expedient for that end. The title, Class-meeting, is deemed most unfortunate, as not conveying in any way the object of the institution; therefore a new and significant *title* should be adopted by the General Conference. "We have as much right to *adapt* as Mr. Wesley had to *adopt*. If the old style is out of joint with the new necessities, it must be altered to fit. We cannot be fettered by the traditions and customs of past generations of Methodists. Every old method was novel once. Novelties do not *always* become nuisances."

The meetings should be efficient as well as attractive; be for "the edification of the saints"—head-work as well as heart-work. Unless the meeting results in making the members more Christ-like, their religion more practical, and their devotion to private prayer and Bible study more earnest, it is a failure, if not more than a failure. The Class should regard itself as an informal committee for co-operative help and work, of which the Leader is simply the Chairman. The "we" and "our" principle should prevail among the members. Methods must be adopted to meet varying requirements; but let there be as much informality as is consistent with reverence and thoughtfulness. Let there be no stiff and artificial mannerisms. Let naturalness prevail, even if sometimes laughter is provoked. Start off the meeting on the right *key-note*. Members should not always know what will be the order of the meeting. Sometimes an "open meeting" for voluntary offerings, written or spoken; a "prayer-meeting" for minute prayers; a "question drawer," to which each will contribute, and to which the Leader, or those upon whom he may call, will respond; a conversation on some subject pertaining to the soul's life in God, or some other topic previously arranged; an application of a previous sermon; talks on the winning of souls, and such other devices as will draw out personal experience and develop Chris-