

religiously and politically. Our existence is a fact in history that cannot be blotted out or written in a parenthesis. Loyal to the Government, our people rejoice in its protection, and prosper, both spiritually and temporally. The old cry of disloyalty no longer disturbs; such utterances being met with that indifference and silence they merit; and the members of our Church and ministry who for years had to patiently bear such imputations have come forth with characters untarnished and blameless. Let us thank God for His providential leadings and mercy in the past, and consider the obligations and responsibilities of the present and swiftly-approaching future.

With Albert, Alexandra, and Alma Colleges, our Manitoba missions, our Church extension work in Kingston and Ottawa, our change of polity in introducing lay delegation, together with our connexional and circuit work, we have our hands full, and will have to plan wisely and labor zealously.

Brethren, we will have to be all at it and always at it. "There is no discharge in this war." There has of late been a great change in our movements. Formerly we were pressed, we might say driven out of the centres of population into the rural districts; but now the pushing is the other way, and we find ourselves compelled to take a course which no one thought possible ten years ago, and which some follow with hesitation. But what can we do? We dare not draw back. We cannot retreat without disgrace; yea, more, without getting out of the line of Providence. Dare we leave Brockville? Would it not be treason to leave Prescott and Picton? Who would suggest that we go out from Kingston, withdraw from Ottawa, give up Alma College and call home our men from Manitoba? It is said that death is preferable to dishonor. Retreat is impossible: we must go on. Victory is possible, is certain, if we are true. Onward, then; imitate the heroic men through whose toil and sacrifice this goodly heritage has come down to you, and wherever we have entered, plan to succeed, plan to stay.

This has been a year of toil (and some of us may feel of unrequited toil), but on the other hand, we have had glorious and permanent success in our Church extension, accompanied by gracious revivals and large ingatherings, at Kingston especially, where a new society, numbering over one hundred, has been established.

Our Sabbath-Schools are becoming more and more useful and numerous. Study well the requirements of the Discipline and let us recognize the Sabbath-School as a part of the Church, and from it recruit our ranks with efficient workers.

A new departure is the publication of the first volume of the "Methodist Episcopal Pulpit," edited by Rev. B. F. Austin, B.A., which reflects credit on all concerned, and is, we are glad to know,