

Holy Spirit are essential to a right understanding and due appreciation of God's own word. In our hymn-book you have a manual of devotion. Often in the sanctuary and in the household is the soul borne heavenward on the wave of holy song. In the closet too these marvellous songs of praise will be found to be healthful. From our Methodist Publishing Houses many valuable books are issued, which you will do well to purchase and peruse as you have means and opportunity.

Whilst you naturally desire to acquire general knowledge and to become acquainted with the current literature of the day, or such of it as is healthy and instructive, we would ask you not to neglect the Standard Works of our Church, nor our weekly or monthly publications. In all these you will find much valuable information calculated both to inform your minds and strengthen your spiritual life. Our Sabbath School papers cannot fail both to interest and instruct your children. We trust that the time is not far distant when some or all of these will find their way into every Methodist home in the land. We would again commend to your sympathy the various interests and institutions of our Church and bespeak your heartiest co-operation in their behalf. We praise God for the readiness with which many of you have given of your substance for the maintenance of God's cause. Ours is a growing Church and as you are aware dependent entirely for material support on the voluntary free-will offerings of our people. The churches, schools and parsonages which have been erected testify to the fact of your willingness and liberality. You must however, bear with us, dear brethren, when we say that in many cases, and on many circuits there is ample room for improvement, and the most pressing need if our work is to be sustained and extended, for greater liberality. Remember the words of Jesus, "The labourer is worthy of his hire." For ourselves we court not riches, but we are anxious for your sake and for the honor of our Divine Lord that the ministry amongst us should be respectably maintained and kept free from worldly embarrassment. Our day and Sabbath schools still need your fostering care. Marked and gratifying improvement has been made during the past decade, but there is still need of putting forth strenuous efforts to increase the efficiency of all our schools.

We are anxious that the sons and daughters of Methodist parents may be qualified for the very highest position both in the Church, and Commercial and Professional life. We trust that the proposed erection of a new Methodist College and Ministers' Childrens' Home at Saint John's, will commend itself to your judgment and receive your liberal support.

As Methodists let us seek to maintain our prestige by being in the van of Christian workers. Aid the great Temperance movement. Past progress and victory, as well as partial defeat should but teach wisdom, and add strength to our efforts. Do not rest until the flag of Prohibition floats over every part of our land. And brethren whilst we think of the wants of our own land and do all we can to supply them, let us not forget that many millions of those for whom Christ died are perishing for lack of knowledge. The Church through straitened means cannot impart the word of life to these. More fervent prayers and more liberal contributions are needed