

brought it into existence and has given it a glorious work to perform in this Dominion. During successive years we have continued to grow in intelligence, pecuniary resources, accommodation for public worship, and in numbers. Manifold are our reasons for joyfulness and thanksgiving. When we were few and feeble, and had many enemies, we were kept in the hollow of Jehovah's hand and preserved as the apple of His eye. Under His guidance and favor, difficulties were gradually overcome ; gainsayers were put to silence ; institutions were formed ; places of worship were multiplied ; and the little one became a thousand, and the small one a thriving people. Our difficulties and poverty developed our energies, and our increasing influence brought us recognition and public sympathy. Whatever misrepresentation may have said, or prejudice still refuse to believe, our history proves that we have kept "the faith once delivered to the saints." We have sought to maintain the accredited standards of faith. We have never sold our birthright. Methodism, we trust, has not been dishonored by us. We have all the constituents of a Christian Church, and the unmistakable seal of God's gracious favor. It is therefore the sheerest folly, to say the least of it, for others to desire our failure or interrupt our career.

We now dismiss the redoubtable pamphlet of the Doctor, and proceed to state