

as you hope to dwell there—the spirit of love, of brotherly kindness and affection.

Praise and glorify God for Methodism. The Lord has built the City and peopled it with officers and citizens. He has cast your lot in it. When He drew the lines of His Providential arrangements, He allotted unto you a “pleasant place” and “a goodly heritage.” The purpose of all is that “He might be glorified.” Devoutly and ardently thank Him for His loving-kindness. You owe all to Him. He might have cast your lot in a heathen City, in a Mahommedan City, or within the bounds of corrupted Christianity: but He has not done so. He has appointed your habitation in a *Protestant* City, and that City is **METHODISM**. Say not in your heart, “See what the Methodists have done;” but, “See what the Lord has done by means of Methodism: He hath done great things for me, whereof I am glad.” “Glorify him then in your body and spirit, which are His.”

Enjoy all the benefits of Methodism. Learn all her doctrines; attend all her ordinances; study and obey her laws and regulations; hold fellowship with her saints; and especially hold communion with her Divine Ruler. Repair regularly and constantly to her temples, to “inquire” of the Lord and to “behold his beauty.” It is your privilege and duty to be a holy and happy citizen. Facilities for improvement and enjoyment are amply supplied; and you are responsible to God for the use or neglect of them. “Rejoice in the Lord; and again I say rejoice.”

Be zealous and useful. Love every inhabitant of the City, and be ready to do him good according to your power. Love Methodism as a whole, and advance its prosperity by exemplifying its heavenly and Catholic spirit. Let your light shine clearly before all. Remember the population consists of individuals, and upon individual conduct and exertion the character and welfare of the City depend. “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” Give liberally of your substance for her support and enlargement. Remember there are millions without her gates enslaved by the enemy. Contribute to their redemption. Bring your gold and your silver joyfully and liberally to extend the conquests and blessings of Zion over all the earth. “Take heed and beware of covetousness.” “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.” “Lay up treasure in heaven.” The glory of God in the salvation of yourself and others should be your grand and single end. Exert yourselves then to the utmost in your several stations to promote the welfare of Zion, by discharging all your duties