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## EBB AND FLOW

Let no man say that because there are and have been fluctuations in the growth and development of the Methodist tree, therefore it is lacking in the elements of stability and vitality necessary to unending existence. Fluctuation characterizes all religions. Ebb and flow mark every tide. Variations attend all cycles. Evolution implies involution. The whole course of human history is dotted by changes, uprisings and recedings, limitations and extensions, characteristic of all life and progress.

## A MISLEADING HABIT

The disposition to compare the moral conditions of to-day with those of some other generation or century is very natural, and