

them and to lead them heavenward. They need not be of the first magnitude, but of those that will never be blotted out, but shine for ever and ever. The members of those churches have been during those fifty years recruited from almost every class of society, but especially among the middle class and among farmers. We have to-day members of our congregations that would be an honor for any church to have. We have but to continue to evangelize and impart instruction to those who have joined us, and in the near future we shall be a power in this country that will be no longer ignored.

We have a history of fifty years of labor, of struggles, of warfare with the adversary of all human liberties, with the inveterate enemy of the personal study for one's self of the gospel of Christ, because the knowledge of that gospel undermines his authority. From the time of the Great Reformation he accuses of pride whoever attempts to question that assumed authority, as if the man, or the society of men who arrogate to themselves the power to command other men, were themselves the only humble ones. We have also had to wrestle with the habitual poverty of our resources. To live in poverty like the Master while endeavoring to make others rich, is quite bearable; but to live in anxiety, under a load of debt in order to carry on a large missionary enterprise is to bear a burden that weakens power to work, one's legitimate influence, and makes the most blessed labor irksome. Few of the old missionaries would begin anew with the prospect that is now behind them.