

But for fuller particulars concerning these and other changes we refer you to the published Journal of the General Conference and the new edition of the Discipline, which all who wish to have an intelligent knowledge of the constitution of our Church should procure and study.

In considering the condition of the churches under our care, there are some matters specially calling for attention, and we affectionately urge that more aggressive measures should be adopted, and that at the same time we should take care that our conserving agencies are not neglected.

In reference to aggressive methods, there is large scope in our relation to the young. In them is our hope; both in the Church and Sabbath-school we need continually to aim at their conversion and their ingathering into the fold of the Methodist Church. We want our young people to be Christians and thoroughly loyal to our Church. The use of the Connexional Catechisms, both in the family and the school, would tend towards this result. We must also remember those who are neglecters of religious ordinances, and by consecrated and persistent effort, and if need be, by the adoption of new methods, we must endeavor to win them to Christ. While it is well to hold special services a few weeks annually to give a fresh impulse to God's work, we need to guard against supposing that such services will obviate the necessity of incessant, persistent efforts to bring men to the Saviour.

But while we adopt aggressive measures, let not conserving agencies be overlooked. The reports of our churches indicate that large numbers are passing out of our societies year by year. The leakage that is going on is a serious matter and demands our attention. While the Methodist Church is being abundantly blessed of God in the conversion of sinners, it will be found on examination that our increase is not in proportion to the number of these conversions, and we may often ask, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"

One means of preventing this loss, we believe, would be found in the formation of visitation bands in our classes, so that when any member is becoming remiss in attendance at the class-meeting there should be the affectionate call to stir up the halting and careless to renewed diligence and fellowship. We would also suggest that the class-meeting should not be systematically turned into either a Bible-reading or fellowship-meeting. There is still room and need in our economy for the old-fashioned Methodist class-meeting, consecrated as it is by so many hallowed memories and abundant blessings.

We also exhort to regular attendance at the Lord's table. Where this holy ordinance is habitually neglected there will be lacking much comfort and strength. Let this holy feast be kept in obedience to our Redeemer's command, "for as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

There is yet another practice to which we in Christian love fervently exhort you—family worship. The daily assembling of your households for Christian worship will cause God's blessing the more richly to rest upon your homes and will sweeten and sanctify your domestic life. Let not the pressure of business or any other cause lead to the neglect of this godly practice. The time spent in its observance in the life of the busiest laborer, farmer, merchant or professional man, is not wasted, and the bless-