

From other remarks one gathered that, in the Methodist Church, as in some others, many of the rank and file are often ignorant of what their own church is doing. This was suggested by Dr. Chown's remarks about the church's policy regarding child-labor. "Do our people not know what our Church is doing? For a dozen years we have had a policy. . . . We are at it everywhere. . . . They do not know what is going on in the Christian Church to-day."

A NOTABLE PASSAGE

After stating that this was a time of transition, and that there were "two kinds of christianity" (that of Paul, and that of Jesus Christ, if we understood the doctor aright) we noted the following passage verbatim from his lips: "We have been preaching that Gospel of Deliverance ever since. We have had a gradual widening of the social vision. Some people think we are back-sliding because we are coming more in this twentieth century to realize how Christ proceeded, and we are proceeding more according to the method of Jesus than according to the method of Paul.

"Christ led them out: showed them the kingdom of God. We are now attaining to the social vision of Jesus—thank God for it!—but in our pessimism we are apt to forget that Christ said: 'Except a man be born from above, he cannot enter the Kingdom.' You may have dreams of all kinds of social betterment, but the church stands for the one great thing that can turn these dreams into reality—'born from above.'"

"THE CLAMOUR FOR RIGHTS"—AND THE CLAIMS OF DUTY

"What I have to say to you, brethren, this morning, is this: Go on and develop your social vision; you cannot get a higher vision than Jesus had, and the sooner we get to it the better; and the sooner we get over this transition period the better; but remember this, that the clamour for rights will never save you; the clamour for rights puts mankind on a war-footing, and only subjection to the spirit of duty can save men. . . . Preach the doctrine of being born from above, but with social outlook and application wide as the teaching of Jesus."

Altogether the impression left on hearing Dr. Chown's address was that he is a man of great ability, of strong character, and one well fitted for the leading position he holds in the Methodist Church.