

plish through the instrumentality of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The history of the first century of our ecclesiastical organization furnishes abundant matter of devout thanksgiving to God. The handful of corn on the top of the mountains has multiplied and diffused itself till the fruit thereof shakes like Lebanon. The Church which, at the beginning of the century, consisted of five members, now numbers more than 1,100,000, aside from the organizations which have separated from the parent Church, and number nearly as many more. Our Sunday Schools furnish scriptural instruction to more than 1,000,000 scholars, and employ about 150,000 teachers. The cause of education has flourished remarkably, and our religious and denominational literature has been developed into a mighty power.

Our Missionary Society has steadily grown in means and effectiveness till in all the grand divisions of the globe we have our incipient Conferences, and the destitute population of our land have the word of life preach to them.

Our Centenary commemoration was an occasion of strengthening our denominational ties, deepening the impressions of our responsibility, and exciting in us a more earnest and, we trust, a more holy ambition to use the great and manifold means at our disposal to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. It was a season not only of rejoicing over past achievements, but also of devising grand plans for future good. The thank-offerings of the ministry and membership for all purposes amount, so far as reported, to \$8,397,662.