

greatest blessing a Church can have is a group of office-bearers on fire with zeal for God. "The governors of Judah shall be as a torch of fire in a sheaf" in these latter days, and as a "hearth of fire among the wood."

Let the young men be strong, and let the Word of God abide in them. One of your own poets has said :

"His strength is as the strength of a lion,  
Because his heart is pure."

May the blessing of the "pure in heart," who "see God" now, daily, in all affairs of life, little and great, be yours.

Now and here, ere this pastoral address close, with us, your ministers, consecrate yourselves anew to God, and seek the sacred fire that comes from above; and may "the Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you as He hath promised you."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the  
Methodist Church,

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