

times. Truth is immutable ; error is ever changing and temporary. Steadiness and strength come of rest on the immutable. Error may overhang for a while, as a cloud does a rock, but the rock will be there when the cloud is gone. "The Word of the Lord abideth forever."

"Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." Conformity to the Divine character helps insight into the Divine Word. The soul dwelling near to God is a man standing under the direct rays of the sun ; shadow is gone, all above and around is light. The beams that fall in that noontime of the heart smite not, but heal. The success of your educational efforts has been remarkable. Knowing that cultured youth and well furnished ministers are the hope of a nation, and the strength of a church, we thankfully observe your academies and colleges to be taking a front rank among those of your country. There is vitality where institutions have force enough to perpetuate themselves ; this yours already do. The sign is visible in your goodly band of tutors and professors. Their fitness proves the assiduity and excellence of your earlier teaching labours ; their learning and training having been obtained in the classes of your own colleges.

We are glad to hear of the encouraging aspect of your Book Affairs. The Book Room is an essential part of the early Methodist plan. Our Founder made extensive use of the Press. We owe to John Wesley's pen scarcely less than to his preaching. He carefully set himself to organize means for the diffusion of godly literature