

holiest by the blood of Jesus," exhibits a majestic simplicity of Divine worship, and invests the service of the true worshipper with a dignity and grandeur, that renders insipid and contemptible the artistic gesticulations and tawdry ornaments of a sensuous ritualistic worship.

8. The inward power and experience of scriptural Christianity must ever be accompanied by its corresponding outward expressions and manifestations—attendance upon all the means of grace, as Providence may permit, and the practice of all Christian duties and charities, as ability may be given. The preaching of the Word, the Supper of the Lord, the meeting for united prayer and mutual fellowship, the devotions of the family and of the closet, as well as the reading of the Scriptures, are the divinely appointed means of scriptural nourishment, strength, growth and health to the soul, as various material food is the agency of bodily nourishment, strength, growth and health; and the neglect of the latter is no less fatal to the health and vigor of the body, than the neglect of the former is to the health and vigor of the soul. To starve the body is suicide, which no man will commit in his proper senses; to starve the soul is no less criminal and suicidal, which no Christian can do except at the peril of his happiness here and his salvation hereafter. The Methodists have the reputation of being a hearty singing and a warm praying people; may they be equally noted as a Bible-reading and a Bible-living people! Let those means of grace be most resolutely and most scrupulously used against which the carnal mind most revolts, such as the prayer and class meeting. If attendance at these precious means of grace be punctual and uniform, there will be no neglect of the lovefeast, the Lord's Supper and the ministrations of the sanctuary. The piety and strength of the Church is the aggregate of the piety and strength of its individual members, whether of the ministry or laity, whether young or old; and for each member to be "strong in the Love and in the power of His might," he must have "the joy of the Lord, which is his strength;" and that joy can only be possessed by a "life hid with Christ in God," by a heart filled with the love of God, renewed in His likeness, and having fellowship with the Father and the Son by the Holy Spirit, in all the sanctuary ordinances and means of grace, as well as in private meditation and secret prayer. "Praying without ceasing" is essential to "rejoicing evermore."

9. In addition to settling the polity of the Church, and considering the vital questions of personal piety and attendance upon the means of grace to maintain and promote it, the General Conference has devised and matured several organizations and plans of Church work, which claim the united prayers and liberal support of the whole body. To the more prominent of