

Sunday scholars! Well might we sing as we have done to-night—

"When He first the work begun,
Small and feeble was His day;
Now the word doth swiftly run,
Now it wins its widening way;
More and more it spread and grows,
Ever mighty to prevail,
Sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows,
Shakes the trembling gates of hell."

We may therefore well say, "Thou wast with our fathers."

In the second place, there is the earnest petition offered that God may be with the children, as He was with the fathers: "The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers." We have seen how He was with the fathers, and how He made the "little one a thousand, and the small one a great nation;" and is there one of us who can help lifting up his heart, and praying that God may be with us, as He was with them? Take care—let me speak a word of warning. I must do it—take care that you rest on no arm but that of the Almighty. We have many advantages. We have the advantage of numbers; we have the advantage of wealth; we have the advantage of learning; we have the advantage of organization; we have the advantage of the sympathy of other Churches; we have the advantage of having the co-operation of influences, some secular and some social, that marvellously help us in our work. We have all that; but there is a voice from heaven saying to us to-night, "Without Me ye can do nothing." No; increase your wealth, learning, influence, and perfect your organization; but without the Spirit of God no heart will ever be broken, and no soul will ever be saved. Oh, lift up your hearts and say, "Lord be with us, as Thou wast with our fathers!"

That is what we want, brethren. We have a great work to do. Methodism has not done its work. Our work, I