

Saviour. To ensure their early submission to God, the highest type of home piety is necessary.

We exhort you to keep a cheerful fire burning on the family altar. Cultivate a happy style of Christian conversation. Procure a supply of good Methodist literature, and be hopeful of your children's salvation through Christ. "The just man walketh in his integrity, and his children are blest after him."

The question of raising money for religious purposes is one that compels attention in every society. In the Lord's providential arrangements for the extension of His kingdom provision is made to supply every need of the Church. The difficulty in defraying the expenses of the Lord's work has arisen through a departure from the scriptural principles and methods of giving. The doctrine of systematic beneficence is plainly taught in the Bible. It is becoming more and more manifest that our Church is suffering great spiritual as well as financial loss through neglect of the Lord's will in the matter of giving. We believe the resolution passed by the General Conference on this subject is worthy of your adoption: "Let our people give at least one-tenth of their income, and let the use of all unscriptural methods of raising money for religious purposes be discountenanced as unworthy of a Christian people."

In conclusion, we invite you to join with us in praise to God for the goodness and mercy of the past year. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Our connexional departments have received from you an intelligent and liberal support. The local interests of our societies have been well sustained. The Holy Spirit has been with us; souls have been converted and believers perfected. At the late General Conference the report of our Methodist membership showed an increase since the union of 55.88 per cent., more than four times as rapid as the increase of the population of our country. The activity and enthusiasm to be seen in all departments of our Church, but more especially amongst our young people, is significant of a bright future for Methodism.

Let us renew our covenant to serve the Lord, to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land, and increase the aggressive force of our beloved Church. A loyal support and advocacy of our doctrines and usages will result in a repetition of the brightest pages of our past history.

"May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

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