

HOW SHALL THE NEW DAY COME?

has always the same deadly result, the spirit and method of the world-order, to which the Christ refused to bow, which His followers were to overcome, then eliminate, has been brought in; to it the Church *does bow down* in order to reach a lower aim, expressed in numbers, money, institutions, multiplied machinery, success before the eyes of men, and to reach it more rapidly. And because the spiritual life waned, waned, as soul, intellect, church splendor, institutions, wealth, and frantic work increased, Methodist churchmen and churchwomen drifted away with the world-tide of money-getting, pleasure-seeking, into the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, the pride of life," away from "the Christ and the New Testament," as all other sections of the Church before her—and since. And the class meeting, as it was, is dead and buried, with perhaps a sporadic case of life.

The success of John Wesley resulted from (1) his acceptance of the latest and freest philosophy as against the narrow Aristotelian philosophy adopted by the Church from Augustine down the ages, based on absolutism, sovereignty, power, election, predestination, run into fatalism, which reduced man to a worm. Wesley's soul rose to an intellectual expression in the then modern thought-form of his day, of the Universal Father, and the universal sonship potentially in every child of man. (2) He made the Sermon on the Mount—instead of the Commandments of the old law and the creed—the basis of his message. (3) He announced (a) the glad message of a conscious break with sin-life and the clear experience of spiritual life as a child of God, and (b) the duty of following the lead of Jesus into the fullness of God-consciousness as adult *Sons of*