

more delusive, in words better calculated to impress and deceive, and in ways more subtle, refined by the exquisite art of this present age, unbelief is crowding with persistent energy its hopeless battle of all past time. Ecclesiastical organizations merely have always been weaker in resisting its attacks than wooden walls in the presence of modern explosive forces; but the religion of the heart that finds God in prayer, the faith that sees into the unseen, have never been successfully resisted by any force arrayed in opposition to Christ and his cause. The humble preacher has wielded a stronger arm than the polished writer—the plain evangelist has comforted advanced scholarship—the Holy Ghost is mightier than scientific deductions. We feel, therefore, that here as elsewhere, the responsibility of Methodism is great; and we earnestly exhort you to scrupulously maintain and exemplify the experience of vital piety. Let not mere talk about the love of goodness beguile you out of your experience in heart of the things of God. Let not sound scriptural doctrine be displaced by sentimentalism. Encourage not the sensationalism which flatters unregenerate men, and which would crowd itself into the place of the exposition and application to heart and life of God's holy word.

We are convinced that to realize the highest fruits of enlightened piety it is necessary to be united in form and sympathy with those who are laboring for the same ends. Let us earnestly urge upon your attention the importance of maintaining your connection with the visible church. There are many other reasons which cause frequent removals from one part of our wide territory to another. We call your attention to the importance of securing from your pastor, before undertaking any change in your residence, a certificate of your membership with the church, and of presenting it promptly to the nearest pastor upon your settlement in your new home. We fear that the neglect in this matter has caused us to lose sight of many valuable members of our church, and pray that in this as in all things we may have your assistance in gathering all Methodist people under our pastoral care. We think we understand and fully sympathise with your difficulties and privations in establishing homes in this new land. Those among you who are