

miles an hour, when all the world is flying by steam? Shall we like the redoubtable navigators of "New-Amsterdam," creep along by day; sleeping by night, and making the Atlantic voyage once in three months, when the modern steam ship makes the passage in thirteen days? No, verily! put Methodism on the railroad, let it have steam power, and fly with the foremost to the very ends of the earth. I trust, sir, Methodism will ever repudiate all such prejudices, and keep pace with the spirit of the age.

*Methodism is not an opinion.* It demands no previous test of opinions, but one only condition, "a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." The magnanimous language of Mr. Wesley was 'away with opinions, if thy heart is as my heart, give me thy hand.'

*What then is Methodism?* And we answer

*Methodism is a spirit* it is a spirit of Bible truth and Christian charity embodied and defined in the mind, the heart, the character, the habits, the labors of that remarkable man, John Wesley, and from him extended to upwards of a million other minds and hearts, making upon them the imprint of his sentiments and doctrines, the light of his example, the impulse of his zeal.

And what is this spirit? We answer, 'Now the Lord is that spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.' That, Sir, is Methodism.

*What is Methodism?* Methodism, Sir, is a *Revival of primitive New Testament religion*, such as glowed in the bosoms and was seen in the lives of the Apostles and martyrs. *It is a revival of the vital fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.* It is a *revival of Original New Testament organization*, particularly in the itinerancy and brotherhood of the Ministry, and the right administration of Church Discipline.

It is a *Revival of the social spirit*, the free and ancient manner of social worship.

It is, above all, a *Revival of the missionary spirit*, which not content with a mere defensive warfare upon Zion's walls goes forth *aggressively* under the eternal promise to the conquest of the world.