

achieves much place in life. She raised last year \$182,216.

9. The Deaconess Society, which is the Woman's Exchange, where the brain and heart and muscle of the unemployed are coined into the circulating medium of heaven. Let me emphasize the brain, for these deaconesses are nearly all educated—they are not mere waiting-girls. It has 559 deaconesses, and owns \$257,775 worth of property.

10. The Hospital Board, which is the New Testament Evangelist, going, like the Master, into soul-healing through body-healing.

11. Homes for Orphans and for the Aged, which are the Divine Baskets, gathering up the fragments on great feast days, that nothing may be lost.

12. The Epworth League, which is the Volunteer Army, where raw recruits, by much drilling and some skirmishing, are matured into regular soldiers and veterans, who ask not for the number of the enemies, but for a chance to meet them. The League, with its 1,650,000 members, is to the Church what the hind legs are to the kangaroo. They make the kangaroo jump; but, remember always, it is the kangaroo that jumps. The League makes the Church go; but it is the Church that goes. The League is the last apostle in the company, somewhat like Paul, not made by the chance of casting lots or flipping a penny; but makes its own way, defends its own apostleship, and, like Paul, when strengthened by experience, will be the mightiest apostle in the company.

THE OVERFLOW OF METHODISM.

The bungling statistics above do not measure Methodism, any more than putting a man's brains onto the scales would measure the man. These figures only indicate Methodism. As we come to your great Church for our experimental religion, so we come to your great Church and land for units of measure. Green, your great historian of the English people, tells us of Pitt's defects, distresses and sources of power. In one decade, by the sword of Clive, he recaptured India; with money poured into the coffers of Frederick and soldiers poured into his legions, checked the game in Europe, saving Germany; and by the sword of Wolfe on the Heights of Abraham, he drove the French out of the Valley of the Mississippi, saving that continent for better uses. Now Green tells us, that but for the moral reformation wrought by John Wes-

ley and his followers, Pitt would have had nothing upon which to stand, and would have been helpless in the great strife of modern times. But the moral conviction of the English people made a sure foundation for Pitt and enabled him to save the 300,000,000 of India, making the empire English instead of French, Protestant instead of Catholic; also, to protect Frederick the Great and make possible the German Empire; and to keep the Continent of North America for a free Republic. These three Protestant nations are magnificent trophies for the little man of Epworth. These indicate some of the overflow of Methodism beyond the statistics in this country and in the world.

So, with us, Methodism has a vast residuum of power never gathered in her statistics. It is not too much to say that a large per-cent. of the communicants in other Orthodox Churches were converted at Methodist altars. Methodism has given new life to all the Churches, and I thank God that they have been so blessed.

Methodism, born with the Republic, has taken the State by the hand, and has kept even step with her. Mr. Lincoln said, "It was not the fault of the other Churches that the Methodist Church sent more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospitals, and more prayers to heaven than any other." We remember with sad and grateful pride that every fifth grave that made the Southland billowy like the sea was filled with a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "These low, green tents, whose curtains never outward swing," represent Methodist patriotism and valour. So it seems to us only natural that we should send families to the White House—Grant and Hayes—and that we have to-day a Methodist communicant in President McKinley. We have no anxiety about his forgetting God.

It is no insignificant part of the work of Methodism that it furnishes the most vital and crowning element in building a nation and a civilization. Many elements are involved; but the development and dissemination of personal kinship and fellowship with God are absolutely essential to the widest liberty and most exalted character. Touched in this last century and a half with the spirit of personal kinship and fellowship with God, these English-speaking peoples have risen to the highest civilization known among men, and marching with the swing of conquest, they walk over the earth as if they owned it. Like chivalrous knights