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lation (counting Protestants and Catholics, who include children) are Christian people.

There is further inspiration in that the greatness of the opportunity and the magnitude of the work quicken the feeling of insufficiency, and press the worker "back upon the Infinite inspirations." This is working as Jesus worked, who was constantly giving of his life freely, and was as constantly replenishing his life through unbroken communion with the Father. The larger the Saviour's work, the more did he give himself to meditation and prayer. It is significant that it was at the close of days of hardest toil, when weary, exhausted by the work of the day in caring for the sick, the needy, the ignorant, the sinful, that Jesus went apart to pray, to renew his strength through communion with the Father. The greater and nobler our work, the more do we realize our need of divine help. There is a beautiful picture of the Rock of Ages, which pictures a young woman standing on a rock in the midst of the sea, with the waves beating perilously about her feet. With one arm she is clinging to the cross, and with the other arm is lifting up a sister who had fallen into the sea; the arm about the cross is clasped the stronger, as with the other she seeks the harder to save. An inspiration in lifting people up out of disease, ignorance, hindrances, and sin is that it brings the worker more closely to the very heart of the Father, and to a life inseparable from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, the new movement finds inspiration in a continuous spirit of revival. I do not mean to imply by this that in the mind of the Open Church advocates the day of the evangelist is past. They welcome the aid of the evangelist, but do not wait for him. It is believed that the Holy Spirit is the gift 353 23