

sanctified and successful men and women. To these saints of God we are indebted for the high character of Methodism to-day. Give to these means of grace a most loyal support. As in olden times let all our people lead in prayer, speak in our class-meetings, work in our evangelistic services and observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In addition to our social and public means of grace valuable facilities for Christian work and growth are provided in our Sunday School, Epworth League and missionary organizations. We commend these institutions of our Church to your Christian sympathy and fostering care.

It is with feelings of earnest solicitude for the growth of the kingdom of Christ that we remind you of the claims of Christian citizenship. The Methodist Church has not given too much attention to personal conversion, but perhaps too little interest has been taken in social reformation. It has been said that "the supreme curse of modern history is the fatal divorce between personal Christianity and social Christianity." This divorce could not have taken place if the Church had fulfilled the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It is not only our duty to seek the conversion of souls and the prosperity of our Church, but in loyalty to Christ and His kingdom let us seek to make Canada, in its laws and institutions, in its customs and sentiments, a Christian country. This condition of national and social righteousness cannot be secured if Christian men neglect their civic duty.

Keep in mind that it is your duty to remove the causes, as well as the effects, of poverty, vice and crime. There must be no truce with the powers of evil, no compromise with the ungodly world, but a war of extermination of all that is un-Christian in the commercial and political, the educational and social life of our country.

The Temperance question has assumed great moral and political magnitude in our country. The suppression of the liquor traffic has been called by one of the greatest statesmen of the age, "the question of the age." On this great movement we recommend to you the resolutions passed by our late General Conference: "1. That the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin. 2. That it is the duty of the civil government to prohibit the trade in intoxicating drinks. 3. That no political candidate should have the support of Christian electors who refuses to commit himself publicly to the destruction of the liquor traffic at the earliest possible moment."

It is with pleasure we commend to you our great and successful connexional interests. The missionary and educational, social and economic enterprises of our Church have been eminently successful, largely so because of your sympathy, advocacy and liberality. In addition to the direct results of our connexional departments there are reflex benefits of great value. They tend to enlarge our hearts, to cultivate self-denial, to increase loyalty and to provide most wholesome Christian toil and training for a large number of our people, both young and old. This age has been aptly described as "the age of preparations." This judgment of the course of events has a strong confirmation in our own Church. In view of a great and dawning future let us lay broad foundations, let us build wisely. This cannot be done without preserving a strong and healthy connexional bond. Through our connexional departments the hearts and hands of our numerous Methodist fraternity are closely joined.

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