

We are so much like our English ancestors, that we believe that we are the lads that can turn the world right side up.

Our membership is 2,351,531; and our Sunday-school force is 3,160,000. We have missions in every continent except Australia. We were never so pressed and embarrassed as now by our successes in all fields.

One brother, Rev. Dr. Goucher, to whom God has intrusted a fortune, years ago planted 130 schools in India, and has been maintaining them with small outlay for each. Now the missionaries trace to the teachers and readers and helpers and pupils raised in those schools over 27,000 conversions. Brothers, tell me, did money ever before bring so high a price? And was grace ever so cheap? If only our well-to-do members could see this! The common day-labourer could bring more jewels for the Redeemer's crown than the prayerful, earnest labours of our great metropolitan preachers. God stands in the world's market offering 100 per cent. per month for consecrated money.

OUR TWELVE APOSTLES.

As the New Testament Church was strengthened and served by twelve apostles, so our Methodist Episcopal Church is strengthened and served by twelve apostles. I do not mean the bishops; we are only errand-boys, permitted to run on errands for our Redeemer. I mean our twelve great Societies, or defined lines of work. I will name them. I know this is dry; but do not shiver. I must name them. I would not dare go home if I should omit these important auxiliaries.

1. There is the Sunday-school, which is the Artist of the Church, putting the impress upon the clay before it is burned. It has 3,160,000 lumps of susceptibilities now receiving the Master's image and superscription.

2. The Missionary Society, which is the Gymnasium of the Church, hardening her spiritual muscles. She can now lift an annual collection of \$1,131,940.

3. The Book Concern, which is the Body incarnating the Church, giving it form and local habitation. It has published and sold during the last fifty years, since the division caused by slavery, over \$60,000,000 worth of cheap books and cheap periodicals.

4. The Church Extension Society, which is the Hand, open and pointing out which way we are going. Old Maximus, a Roman emperor, was captured by a

Goth chief, and held for seven years. This chief used his prisoner as a horse-block, making him stand on his hands and knees for him to stand on when mounting his horse. He would teeter up and down, saying, "This will tell which way the battle went, better than all the pictures the Roman artists can paint." The Church Extension Society, having given over \$3,000,000, and having loaned and reloaned \$6,000,000, having aided 10,000 churches, and now building three churches a day, shows which way the battle is going better than all the pictures which the skeptics and destructive critics and Agnostics can paint.

5. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, whose eloquent secretary will soon address you. This society is the Nurse of the Church, having her hands now full caring for 9,000,000 of wards, and in one century hence, at present rate of increase, she will have 150,000,000 of coloured people on the present soil of the Republic. She will need to multiply her forty-seven colleges and schools, her 500 teachers, her 10,000 pupils, her annual gift of over \$100,000, and her \$2,000,000 worth of working property. This nurse may yet tyrannize the household.

6. The Educational Society, which is the Tutor, who too often spends the greater part of a natural life chasing a comma around the tail of a pronoun trying to land it, but who is as important to a growing heir as commas and pronouns are to civilized language. It has 203 colleges and theological seminaries—47,830 students and \$26,526,389 in property and endowments.

7. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which is the Intelligence Office, planted in our midst by the Court of Heaven, to keep the men informed concerning God's campaigns, and to consecrate their money "unbeknownst" to them. The five senses of the Society are intelligence, economy, industry, consecration, and holy zeal. Like most women, it has a sixth sense, the sense of getting there—so testifies the \$313,937 raised, and the 60,000 women helped in all lands last year.

8. The Woman's Home Missionary Society, which, as usual, is the wisest, the best, the most Christ-like of all the family, the Daughter selected to remain at home, who orders the servants, nurses the aged parents, disciplines the grandchildren, and maintains the dignities and proprieties of the family. She is the one character without whom no family ever