

As to our University policy, concerning which there has for a time been some uncertainty, it may now be said that the line of our advance is determined. Whatever honest preferences there may reasonably have been in favor of a different line, our progress under existing circumstances must be along the line of University Federation, as determined by the highest court in our Church. We look, therefore, in confidence to the Methodist people to meet fully all the demands for the present thorough efficiency of our University, and we leave the future to the God whose we are and whom we serve.

Further, as concerning our young people, you will not have failed to see with regret, that some of them keep too far away from our Church influence and work. Let us not give occasion of offence in this matter by ignoring the lawful and natural tastes and preferences that God has given to the young, or by striving to make them old and matured Christians before their years. It is not by driving or dragging the lambs, but by tenderly carrying them in His arms, that the Good Shepherd accomplishes His work. As valuable auxiliaries in the development of Christian life and activity amongst the young, we commend to you the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Associations. Much success has already attended the operations of these societies. Your sympathy and help will extend their usefulness and improve their methods.

But the true nursery of the Christian Church is the Christian home. No outside agencies, however valuable in some things, can ever take its place. Having the true light and spirit of the Christ in your hearts, put away all that would hinder it from shining clearly and giving light unto all that are in the house. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Love it is that begets love, and it is not ascetic gloom or bigot hate, but the beauty of holiness that wins to Christ. The Lord give to His people the grace by all the sweet and wholesome influence of Christian home culture to train our sons and daughters for God's service here and for the great home above.

The missionary work still claims the energies and treasures of the Church. It has long been near to your hearts, as should be the last commission of our ascending Lord. Remembering your past devotion to this work, we simply exhort you to patient continuance in well-doing, and remind you that it is not merely the work of the missionary, or of the Missionary Society, but of every disciple of Christ. If, like the disciples of old, we should say in our turn, "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom?" again would we be answered, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Without Him, we can do nothing, but it would not seem to be His will to restore the kingdom without us.

The problem of intemperance is still pressing for a solution, and there are few people in the land who do not feel in some way the shame and hurt with which it deals. Give it your earnest, thoughtful, prayerful heed. Do not be afraid of being called enthusiasts and fanatics in a good cause, but be afraid of the reproach that would come from being the thing you would not be called. Use the best judgment and the best experience that can be had. Learn from defeat and even from the foe, but never give up the strife until the reproach is turned away and the destroyer is in chains or is himself destroyed.

In our comparatively free and simple life we have known as yet but little of social and industrial unrest. But we are approaching the period when, like other Christian peoples, we shall have to deal with large economic problems and provide for classes of comparatively poor people. It is at our peril if we allow them to become, what are sometimes called, the neglected classes. The Church is becoming alive to the new calls, and various agencies are suggested or operated with a view to meeting the growing needs. Such are the home missionary, the evangelist, the deaconess agencies. Further thought should be

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