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Los Angeles, Cal., May 1.—On the occasion of the assembling of the Methodist General Conference of 1904 the preacher welcomes the delegates and points out the rise and growth of Methodism and the secret of its far reaching influence upon the religious world to-day. The text is Ezekiel xvi, 7, "I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field."

that estimate, and as it recognizes the achievements of the church which John Wesley founded it thanks and praises God for that beneficent life. The name of John Wesley is everywhere respected by the good and the true. Therefore it is to be wondered at that our people, no matter to what Protestant church they belonged, hailed with joyful acclaim the news that the Methodist General Conference of 1904 was to assemble in the City of the Angels? This conference opens its session during the coming week. We, as a people, look forward to its sessions with interest and hope. We believe that by close touch this conference will bless all Protestant churches, no matter to what denomination they belong. It is appropriate on this Sabbath day to bid the incoming delegates welcome. It is also appropriate to state some of the reasons why the little band of followers with which John Wesley surrounded himself has grown in numbers until to-day it out-numbers in membership every other individual Protestant church in America and in the world.

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Awakening," "caus the church of this period 'a fair carcass,'" and Blackstone says that he went to hear every preacher of note in London and that there was not one whose discourse indicated whether he was a follower of Confucius or Mohammed or of Christ. The Established church of that time believed in carrying the phylacteries upon the forehead, but not in practicing Christ's spiritual lessons in the life. It was so given over to formalism and rites and ceremonies that it had no warning to give even to men in its pulpits who, like the Pharisees of old, were whited sepulchers, fair to the eye, but within harboring decaying corpses and whose private lives were a repulsive stench. "It is the inward witness, son, the inward witness," spake the dying father, Samuel Wesley, to his son John—"this is the strongest proof of Christianity." So John Wesley and his followers resolutely set their faces against the prevalent sins of that day. They vehemently declared that the Christian church should not only have a pure creed, but that its members should be men of pure private lives. In the high spiritual standard set before the individual church members we find the chief cause of the marvelous development of the Methodist church.

My brother, it is of vital importance that all Protestant churches realize that they are making a fatal error when they in any way compromise their high spiritual standards by alliance with sin. The higher the standard of the Christian church the greater will be its success. We do not need to-day churches that honor winebibbling ministers. We do not need churches which, when they have a church social, tell their young people the may dance and play cards. We do not desire churches whose members in their every day actions are no wise different from the people of the world.

One of the reasons why the Christian Endeavor Society, of which Francis E. Clark is the president, is numbering its members by the hundreds of thousands and the millions is because of its ironclad pledge. John Willis Baer, who for so many years was secretary of that young people's Christian organization, was right when he declared, "The high standard of the character of the Endeavorers is due to the high standard of the society's pledge." This fact alone does not tell all the story of its marvelous multiplying power. There are many other reasons for the growth of Methodism. One of the chief of these is the fact that John Wesley was the emancipator of the laymen, as Martin Luther was the emancipator of the Bible. The English ecclesiastic opened the dumb lips of the pew. The German reformer broke the iron clasps holding together the lids of the word of God, which barred to all but ordained priests access to the life giving message that God sent for the deliverance of all his sinful children. John Wesley said to the blacksmith at the forge and the cobbler on his bench and the wife in her kitchen: "Go forth and be my evangelists. You may not be graduates of theological seminaries, but you can testify of Christ's love." Martin Luther said: "There, laymen, is the open Bible. Read it. Ponder it. Study it. Read it with your own eyes and kiss it with your own lips." Do you wonder that when John Wesley built the Methodist church upon an open Bible and then in public meetings set all his people testifying of God's word and love he became one of the greatest gospel reformers of the ages?

John Wesley because he sent forth the common people preaching and praying everywhere was in derision called a "Methodist." He was sneered at because in his day custom dictated that no man should pray in public unless he read his prayer out of a printed prayer book or speak for Christ unless he was entitled to wear a cassock and bands of an ordained priest. But John Wesley removed these restrictions for the Methodists and sent the laymen forth preaching and praying, as in the latter years Archibald Tait, archbishop of Canterbury, enlisted the services of unordained workers in various branches of church activity and earned for himself the title given him in scorn by a jealous clergy of "the archbishop of the laity." There, upon his monument in old Canterbury, is chiseled in the most beautiful of epitaphs: "The one desire of his life was to make the Church of England the church of the people." Oh, my friends, let us hold fast this liberty of service. The work of propagating the gospel is not committed exclusively to any one class or profession. The laborers sent forth by Wesley in the eighteenth century, like the laymen enlisted by Archibald Tait in the nineteenth, had a work to do, and right earnestly and successfully they did it. Let us never allow the pew to again be shackled and its lips sealed with the silence of death. What we need more and more in the beginning of this twentieth century is not a better educated ministry, but one which will start forth a speaking and a testifying pew.

Another great cause for the multiplying power of Methodism is the "class system." This "class system," so-called, dates its historic birth to the 15th day of February, 1742. Like the life of the Wandering Jew, may it never have a death. May this system live on and on until at last earthly time shall cease and the struggles against sin shall be swallowed up in the eternal conquests of heaven! This was how the famous "class system" of Methodism was born; John Wesley and his brother Charles were visiting their society in the city of Bristol. A large financial indebtedness, "caus the church of this period 'a fair carcass,'" and Blackstone says that he went to hear every preacher of note in London and that there was not one whose discourse indicated whether he was a follower of Confucius or Mohammed or of Christ. The Established church of that time believed in carrying the phylacteries upon the forehead, but not in practicing Christ's spiritual lessons in the life. It was so given over to formalism and rites and ceremonies that it had no warning to give even to men in its pulpits who, like the Pharisees of old, were whited sepulchers, fair to the eye, but within harboring decaying corpses and whose private lives were a repulsive stench. "It is the inward witness, son, the inward witness," spake the dying father, Samuel Wesley, to his son John—"this is the strongest proof of Christianity." So John Wesley and his followers resolutely set their faces against the prevalent sins of that day. They vehemently declared that the Christian church should not only have a pure creed, but that its members should be men of pure private lives. In the high spiritual standard set before the individual church members we find the chief cause of the marvelous development of the Methodist church.



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