

removals, and some backslidings. Alas! for some they are unstable as water. What shall we do with them?

"We have half a dozen or more Sunday-schools, a report of which will be made at the conference. Brother Maclay attended to the books and periodicals. Being a young man I thought it would be an advantage to him. Money is very scarce here, but they will do a little for the Missionary Society, &c.

"It is to be feared some of our brethren are bearing too hard on some stations and circuits for money. Some persons are not able to pay more than they do, and some are not willing; and there is no law nor gospel to make them pay; nor has the Lord any 'day of his power' in which he will make them 'willing.' So we must trust Him who has said, 'Bread shall be given, and water shall be sure.'

"I have been sorry for some young preachers whose quarters were taken, in part, to make up the table expenses of married preachers. I approve of a piece in the Advocate, some weeks ago, except the last paragraph, in which it is stated that the young preacher must have a sulky to carry the books he has to study, &c. This is a mistake. Many never had a sulky, but carried books to read and circulate in saddlebags and portmanteaus, to the amount of twenty or thirty dollars at a time. Persons bought them and the preachers had the reading of them.

"I would like to see a preacher with a sulky among these mountains, and on many circuits where I have rode. I guess he and his horse would both get *sulky*, and stop, and turn back."

GRUBER NOT AFRAID TO GO HOME.

When Jacob Gruber was about to cross Jordan's stream, a brother minister inquired if he was afraid to die? "Afraid to die," said he, "that must be a *very poor home* which a person is afraid to go to."