

showing an increased interest in Home Missions, without in the meantime losing sight of the importance of the Foreign Mission work. For Foreign Mission work we have raised fourteen hundred dollars more than were raised last year.

An important step, which we expect will meet with the hearty sympathy of our people, has been taken in the formation of a Conference Educational Fund. We have long felt the necessity of some regular source of income from which to supplement the limited resources of young men, believing themselves called to the work of the ministry and giving satisfactory evidence of the possession of gifts and grace required for our work. In this new Fund we have merged that hitherto known as the Educational Fund for Ministers' Children, in the belief that the promised popularity of the new will not only enable us to carry out the object contemplated by the old Scheme, but place us in a position effectually to aid young men seeking preparation for the great work of the Christian Ministry.

We have requested Rev. George Scott, D. D., to act as our representative in your Conference during the year. The names of Henry Pope, son of one of your honoured Missionaries, who has been nominated for President of our next Conference, and Samuel W. Sprague, also nominated for Co-Delegate, are referred to you for confirmation.

Under the able presidency of Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., we are proceeding as rapidly with our business as a due regard to the importance of the work entrusted to us will permit.

Our discussions have been marked by true brotherly regard. The conclusions reached have been characterized by more than usual unanimity. The public services, attended by large and attentive congregations, have, by the presence of God the spirit, been rendered more than usually interesting and profitable.