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laid aside during the year about ten months, and is now obliged to desist from travelling altogether.— Another very useful minister, from the same cause, has been obliged to be away from his Circuit for six months, and is still unable to travel. Four of our other ministers were laid up with fevers, and therefore unable to attend to their work for more than two months. Let this great loss of labour be taken in connection with the great revivals we had last year, and perhaps a want of greater care and discrimination among our ministers and friends in the admission of members, and you may account, at least in some measure, for the decrease of our members. But still we must acknowledge that there has been a want of faith and zeal. Our brethren feel it, and have returned to their Circuits much humbled, and determined during the coming year to labour with greater diligence than they have done for many years past. It is only just, however, to remark, that we look upon our Circuits generally as being in a very healthy and improving state. We think the way is open for great enlargement during the coming year. Let all be found at their post, Ministers, Leaders, Stewards, and private Members, for it rests with ourselves whether the coming year shall be one of great prosperity or otherwise. If we do our duty, the Holy Spirit, the great efficient agent in the work of spiritual renovation, will be poured out from on high.

We would strongly recommend our brethren in the ministry to pay particular attention to the discipline of the Church. The Church cannot thrive and strengthen unless wholesome discipline is administered. We would also recommend particular attention to pastoral visitation. Take the Apostle as your example. When addressing the elders of the Church of Ephesus, he observes:—"Ye know from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which beset me, by the laying in wait of the Jews.