

church—honest debts contracted by the church—therefore, the church is bound by the sacred principles of justice, honor and integrity to see that those debts are paid, and that those brethren who, at the invitation of the church, have assumed its responsibilities, are not left to suffer in consequence.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

The Committee on Printing beg leave to report. It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge the kind providence of God manifest toward us in this department of our church institutions. We are more than ever convinced of the benefits secured to the church and country by the sound doctrine and wholesome literature that is circulated in the *Canada Christian Advocate*, and rejoice in its regular weekly visits to our families and friends. We are gratified to learn that it has realized a profit of over \$550 during the current year.

The heavy liabilities arise from unpaid subscriptions, some of which are of long standing, together with those who have discontinued the paper. We think that there are two reasons to be assigned why these accounts have not been collected and paid. First, the financial crisis of the country. Second, a want of earnest, proper and efficient effort upon the part of the preachers. Therefore your Committee would recommend the following course to be adopted, viz: First, that this Annual Conference make it an obligation upon every Preacher stationed or traveling anywhere within their bounds to procure a list of *Advocate* accounts from the office, and collect at least once each quarter from all of the subscribers in arrears upon the charge; and that a failure so to do shall be held detrimental to the passage of character at the Annual Conference. Second, that the Presiding Elder be instructed to enforce this obligation, and to call up this business in each Quarterly Meeting Conference, by requiring the state of the *Advocate* accounts to be read over there immediately after the calls for appeals. Third, that the Bishop be requested to enquire respecting this subject at the passage of character before the Annual Conference. Fourth, that the editor be requested to take immediate steps to collect the amount due from those who have discontinued the paper; and also by the first of September to place all unpaid notes of subscribers still taking the paper in court for collection. Your Committee find that less than 20 per cent. has been procured on the current volume, consequently the difficulties are still increasing.

To prevent this accumulation of debt, we would recommend that