

deavours and perpetual conquests. That true consecration of life, as well as labour, has contributed to this blessed result, may reasonably be inferred from the absence of any, even the slightest, charges of immorality against the Brethren. This we regard as the crowning mercy of the year, though but an exemplification in itself of our confidence that the injunction—Be ye holy even as I am holy—has some practical meaning for our adoption.

Again are we afflicted by the loss of good and useful Ministers. Not the aged are we now called to mourn. Three young men of gift and promise have gone hence; leaving an assurance of their triumph in Christ Jesus, which turns our sorrow into joy. A few of our Ministerial members are retiring from this work, to enter upon a merited repose, or seek renewed vigour for future toils in the Master's service.

Yet even here has our excess of solicitation been rebuked, for God faithful to his promise, has raised up, beyond our expectations, successors for those removed. Eighteen young men have presented themselves before our Conference as Candidates for the sacred office. Some of these have been appointed to Circuits, and others will enter our College for Theological training.

Our prospects for diffusing sound, and Scriptural literature over this land are brightening more and more. Our brethren, though generally weighed down by financial deficiencies on their Circuits, resolved to assume the additional responsibility of our Book Room debts. By the able and judicious management of our devoted Book-Steward and Editor, H. Pickard, D. D., the