

agreeable one; and our religious services, in connection with it, have truly been seasons of power, and of the Holy Ghost. Very intricate and important questions have been brought before us, deeply affecting our standing and position in this country; among which we would mention our Connexional liabilities. This question has been dealt with in a spirit of candour and firmness. We all felt the importance and the necessity of sweeping away this drag upon our efforts and usefulness; and we are happy to inform you that nearly \$2,000, for this object, has been subscribed in our Conference. An agent has also been appointed to visit all our Circuits, to canvass and collect subscriptions from our people; and we trust that, in the course of at least two years, the entire debt will be swept away. We can do it; we will do it. We deeply feel that we owe you a debt of gratitude for the magnificent gift of £800, to aid us in this our time of need. We shall ever treasure up your kindness in our hearts; we will not, we cannot forget it. May the choicest benedictions of our Heavenly Father ever rest upon you, and our noble benefactors in our fatherland. Our Connexional operations during the year have, on the whole, been well sustained, notwithstanding the depressed state of the country; still we have to report a decrease in our membership of 300; we feel deeply humbled before God on this account. It is true there have been 833 removals during the year, and 88 deaths, which may account in some measure for the above decrease. Several new chapels have been consecrated to the service of God, and on the whole the work is being gradually consolidated, and put into good working order. Nine of our ministers, who had completed the term of their probation, and whose examination on the whole was creditable to themselves, and satisfactory to the Conference, have been received into full connection with us. Our theological tutor, the Rev. W. M'Clure, lives in our affections, and is of great service to us in this department of our work. We deeply sympathize with him in his trials, and that, on account of the severe affliction of his dear wife, he was unable to attend our Annual Conference.

We have learned with grief that during the year death has visited your ministerial ranks, and that the wife of one of your missionaries in China has also fallen asleep in Jesus. May the bereaved ones enjoy the consolations of Divine Grace, and may God raise up others to fill their places in the Church.

And now, dear fathers and brethren, having told you of our affairs, we once more bid you an affectionate farewell. We are labouring in a common cause. We have one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. We are bound together in holiest sympathy. Let us put on the whole armour of God, and go forth to the moral conquests of the world to the Kingdom of our God and his Christ. Our prayer is, that the ecclesiastical year of our