

D. D., long known and loved amongst you, you will lament with us, though he came down to the grave "like a shock of corn fully ripe."

Our hearts are pained and our work somewhat embarrassed by the unusually large number of our estimable co-laborers, who have felt themselves compelled, through the partial or total failure of their health, to seek a Superannuated or Supernumerary relation. We deplore the practice, so long continued amongst us, on the plea of necessity, of crowding too many services into the Sabbath, causing so severe a strain on the whole system, and contributing largely, we are convinced, to the serious disability of our Ministers and Preachers. We are satisfied, also, that by perpetuating this practice as one of the concomitants of our four or two weeks Circuits, we have been compelled to neglect unduly our centres of population, especially thriving villages, to our denominational injury, inasmuch as other denominations have reaped, but too largely, the harvest of our sowing, by giving the people preaching once or twice each Sabbath.

We are, moreover, moved by the paucity of laborers and by the abundant requirement, obedient to the Master's injunction, to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest."

We have been unusually favored during the Conference now in session, in addition to the counsels and labors of our beloved President, the Rev. W. M. Punshon, M.A., by the visit of the Delegates of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, U. S., the Rev. Drs. Lindsay and Lowrey,