

whose we are and whom we serve. These afflictions, and the unceasing infirmities of a few of the aged brethren, renders it impossible to supply the present stations, not to speak of responding to the repeated invitations to enter new and promising fields of labor, in cities and towns, and rural districts. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." How many of the younger brethren in the ministry among you, who are filled with the missionary spirit, are willing to respond to the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." How many from a divine impulse, burning zeal, quenchless love, holy ardor, and self-sacrificing spirit, are prompted to say, "Here am I, send me." We tender you our sincere and hearty thanks for the brethren you have sent to us since our last Conference, but we want many more such men, men of piety, acceptable abilities, and connexional attachment, and will cheerfully send the means to meet the expenses that may be incurred in coming hither. May the Lord fill the hearts of some of the brethren with such a missionary spirit that they may be constrained to offer themselves for this promising field of labor. It gives us much pleasure to hear of the successes in England, Australia, and Queensland; we rejoice in the triumphs achieved at home and abroad, and earnestly pray that still greater prosperity may characterize our Connexion. It produced in us great sorrow of heart, and caused our eyes to overflow with tears, to learn through your last official address that so many of the brethren had been tried in the furnace of affliction. We deeply sympathize with every afflicted man in your Conference, and fervently pray that the will of the Lord may be done, and his purpose accomplished thereby; we share in your sorrows, rejoice in your triumphs, sympathize with you in your distresses, and glorify God in your deliverances, and hereby assure you that our oneness of heart and soul, and feeling to all the brethren, both old and young, throughout the jurisdiction of your Conference, is firm and increasing: may it still abound until we meet in heaven, and join in songs of praise and thanksgiving and triumph to him who hath redeemed us with his blood.

While our ministerial staff has been weakened by the resignation of Brother Pinch, through affliction, who has labored with us with acceptance and success; the increasing infirmities of our long-tried and esteemed Bro. Edwards, who is not equal to full labor; and others whose names have been dropped from the list, it is gratifying to us and will be to you, that three young men have been received as candidates for the ministry, and four who have fulfilled their term of probation, and who have been cordially recommended by their respective Quarterly and District Meetings as suitable young men to be received into full Connexion, and having passed through a satisfactory examination before the Conference, have been unanimously and heartily received as approved ministers of Jesus Christ.

Financially, the Connexion never presented a more healthy appearance; our Missionary and quarterly receipts are far in advance of last year. Numerically there is a small decrease in members; this we deeply deplore, and it is a subject that has caused much pain of mind, and heart searchings, that after all the efforts that have been put forth we have to report a small decrease. We lament that a deeper tone of piety does not characterize us as ministers and people; we fully believe that this is the great want too visible among Preachers and people throughout our Conference. May the Lord richly imbue us with the

blessed influence more frequently for more extended under the joy. Our Connexion complete success our societies and although its way. The brethren them. The Spirit. Some fluence. It have ever had success. For

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