

from our high and holy calling, to enter the arena of political strife, or attempt to guide the political movements of the day; but must leave such matters to those to whom they properly appertain.

On reviewing our labours the past year, we find much to encourage—the numerical increase comes considerably short of the foregoing year; this is mainly owing to the numerous removals of our friends from the Province, yet our returns present the cheering increase of 414 members to our societies so that the total number of the souls under our care comes up to 4,591 and we feel ourselves fully warranted to believe that the christian knowledge, strength, and stability of our Church, both ministers and people, have greatly increased and afford the fairest prospect of progressive improvement in time to come.

The present session of our Conference has been characterized for regularity, harmony and despatch of business; giving increasing confidence in each other, and promising the happiest results.

The present being the 100th year since the formation of the first Methodist society under the care of the late John Wesley, is attracting the attention of those who profess to be the successive fruits of his arduous and persevering labours, piety and wisdom; among whom we as a people claim to be numbered. We therefore have judged it proper to put forth an effort to improve the occasion; and have taken measures accordingly, which the preachers on their several Circuits will bring before you. While we solicit your pecuniary aid in support of those institutions of Methodism, to which, under God, we all acknowledge ourselves deeply indebted, we would invite you to use the event as one suited to remind us of the primitive simplicity, diligence, patience and zeal of our fathers in the early days of Methodism; and to revive those first and fundamental principles and practice by which they were eminently distinguished in their Characters, and owned of God in their labours. Should the centenary be improved to this end, it will indeed prove a blessed event to the Church. We cannot be too frequently, or forcibly reminded of the primitive simplicity, in dress, and manners, the fervent devotion,