

discipline should be given to Domestic Missions, has not always been paid ; too large a portion of it having been taken for expenses.

We believe that the 42½% was intended to apply to grants for moving expenses and salaries of the men on Domestic Missions, and we believe the records will show it was so applied for several years after the General Conference of 1890, when that provision was made.

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The review of the work of God in connection with the Conference year just closed, reveals features of profound interest to every lover of Zion.

Tearful seed sowing all over the field, and in many parts of it glad springing up of the tender blade, with the anxious nurture of the growing grain, have laid their blessed tax upon the faith and zeal and prudence of the workers in the vineyard.

On some parts of our work special attention seems to have been given to the inculcation through the ordinary methods, of the fundamental principles of our holy religion, with a view to the symmetrical development of Christian character, and the promotion of practical regard to Christian living, without which no work in the line of revival effort can be expected to produce satisfactory fruitage. In this connection it is a source of deep satisfaction to note an increased appreciation and employment of the Class Meeting on several of our Circuits.

Careful regard has been paid in some Districts, to the winnowing of our Rolls of Membership, under the evident conviction that numbers, instead of indicating strength, may evidence a condition of weakness, and that this process will tend, in the end, to the increase of the moral power of the churches concerned.

Earnest effort, through special services, has been made very generally throughout our Conference bounds, and has proved successful : notably so in the Windsor, Liverpool, Sydney and Annapolis Districts. The Windsor, Canning, Lunenburg, Ritcey's Cove, Berwick and Kentville Circuits have been peculiarly blessed with revival power, while in lesser measure faithful effort has produced the promised results in very many other localities.

The gross increase of our membership during the year was 1,658, and after deducting for removals and deaths, etc., our present membership is 15,899, being a net increase of 538.

In some of the central parts of our work, notably within the Cumberland District, disturbances peculiar to mining and manufacturing localities, have somewhat interfered with the regularity of our methods, but notwithstanding, every department of our church enterprise, as there represented, is evidently instinct with spiritual life, and every purpose for which the Church of Christ exists is receiving quickened attention and meeting with satisfactory success.