

see the propriety of uniting heartily with their fellow members in every good word and work. Again we suggest to you the importance of taking a deeper interest in our Sabbath Schools as visitors, contributors or teachers. We would recommend to every member the very great advantage to themselves and others of occupying some specific sphere of action, such as a Sabbath School Teacher, a Tract Distributor, a Family and Sick Visitor, a Local Preacher, an Exhorter, or some similar duty. Why should I be in God's Vineyard and yet have no department of his work assigned me? Let us be Working Christians and we shall be healthy, happy and useful. In some cases, to our view, members are too ready to carry their difficulties into Civil Courts instead of following the directions of the Scriptures as set forth and enjoined in our rules of Society. We think all difficulties between parties should be settled if possible in the Church. Dear friends, are not some of you too much conformed to this world in dress, furniture and style of living generally? We are aware that you find it difficult to keep clear of fashions and customs which are all but forced upon you by the predominating influence of the spirit of an unholy world, but still we hope that you will turn away from every practice condemned by the Bible and your own enlightened conscience.

'Tis Holiness and nothing short of it can fit us for the enjoyment of God either in time or eternity. We wish as a Church to be one—Preachers, Leaders and Members,—one in faith, one in affection, one in pursuit, and at length one in Heaven for ever.

PAUL ROBINS, *Secretary.*

JOSEPH HOIDGE, *President.*

ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We rejoice in the opportunity of addressing you once more from our Annual Assembly, and thank the Giver of all good that the lives of all our preachers have been preserved through another year. Some indications, also, of Jehovah's approbation and saving power have been granted us. In several instances (O! that they were more numerous) the sinner has been awakened to a sense of his lost condition, and the penitent brought to the sinner's Friend and obtained redemption in His blood, while believers have taken a firmer hold of the Crucified and realized an increased conformity to His likeness. Nevertheless we are not without deep conviction that matters are not with us as they should be. We, ourselves, and the people of our charge require a much larger effusion of the Holy Spirit to engage all our powers earnestly and constantly in the all-important work of glorifying God and winning others to the same ennobling and heavenly employment. It grieves us that our progress is not uniform and universal: while some stations have experienced encouraging revivals and an increase of members, we cannot but feel a degree of sadness when we look at others.

Evil, as well as good, we believe, attaches itself to the very general practice of holding Protracted Meetings during the Winter season in this country. It has led in numerous instances, we fear, to undue trust in occasional efforts, and to laxity in that constant attention to christian duty so essential to a healthy state of piety. And we doubt not but many have mistaken the impressions and emotions connected with these services for real conversion. In other instances, when converted, instead of finding themselves connected with a people whose hearts are uniformly burning with love to Christ and souls, are only associated with persons whose religious feeling and effort are fitful and temporary; the influence of which soon saps the vitality of their Christianity. It is with painful feelings we state our conviction that an undue reliance on occasional efforts has, among other things, tended very extensively to lower the standard of piety in this privileged Province.

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