

has given us an existence, as a part of His universal church.

We are thankful that our work generally is manifesting a healthy, vigorous condition. Still, in our numerical report, we find matter for serious reflection in the large amount of defections and removals; which have, nevertheless, been made up, leaving a small nett increase. Yet we have great cause for humiliation before God that our increase is so small. The increase in our connexional funds is very encouraging; yet what we have feared for years is now being experienced, that for want of means our missionary operations must be circumscribed, or our missionaries crushed beneath a burden of financial deficiency too intolerable to be borne. We have therefore restricted our work, and placed our missionaries on more hopeful ground as regards their grants; and we now wait in high expectation that the missionary funds of the ensuing year will warrant our further advancement, on a safer basis than heretofore. We commend to your serious consideration the painful fact, that quite a number of missionaries and ministers on circuits are suffering large deficiencies, and pray you, that as the temporal comfort, spiritual efficiency, and general success of your ministers depends in some measure on being free from anxiety and embarrassment in this

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