

nearly double the number reported during any previous year since the Convention was organized.

7. Our deficit will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000, and our income will be less than that of last year; but the offerings from the churches and S. schools will be in excess of the amounts contributed last year.

And now for a closing word. A year ago we were not only encouraged but urged to take a pronounced forward step. The Convention heartily and unanimously bade us expend \$2,000 in excess of our income of the previous year, and pledged hearty co-operation in placing the amount specified in the treasurer's hands. Many churches and individuals have more than redeemed their pledge, but we think we have reason to complain of the apparent indifference manifested by others. They ask us to reach out and give the Gospel to the vast, sparsely-populated districts in the North-west and East. They reproach us for our timid policy in reference to unoccupied towns and villages. They point to churches that are languishing unto death through our neglect, and comment unkindly upon the inadequate salaries paid to our faithful and hardworking missionaries; and yet they place at our disposal an amount less than the amount contributed last year. What are we to do? Brethren, what ought we to do? Prudence may advise retrenchment and rest, but it is not left to our option to rest or retrench. If we be the true Church of Christ, maintaining the primitive doctrines, practices and discipline of that Church, then Gospel missions are distinctly our business. We must spend time, strength, talent and money in this enterprise, or refuse to follow the example and command of our Lord Jesus Christ the great Home Missionary.

Let our final words be those of cheer and encouragement. As Pastor Denovan, years ago, exhorted his brethren on a similar occasion, so would we: "Let us fearlessly face whatever may be coming, in the name of Christ. Putting on the whole armour of God, let us man the ramparts and the trenches for a long night-watch." The Kingdom of Christ must advance; and fully persuaded that in Home Missions we must be right—because Jesus Christ was pre-eminently a home missionary, and because He had said to each of his disciples, "Follow me,"—let us look one another in the face with a cheerful countenance; let us strengthen each his fellow with the firm, warm grasp of mutual reassurance that in this work we are determined to stand and fall together: "Once more into the breach."

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