

expected that many would have suffered extensive spiritual loss, while others too much absorbed in those pondrous events which the past year has recorded would have "made shipwreck of faith, and of a good conscience." But in these respects we have suffered less than we anticipated—we have been sheltered under the Almighty's wing, and secure from the storm we have reposed in safety. While others by seeking to attach the church of Christ to the chariot wheels of the state, have produced confusion in their own ranks,—we have kept from that sin which so degrades the church, and from its consequences which are so prejudicial to the interests of true piety. It is our decided conviction that the claims of Christ as the Great Head of the Church, take the precedence of all others, and that hence, to to bind it subservient to the state degrades the church, and mars its prosperity.

Our Connexional Paper has proved a valuable auxiliary to our prosperity, as well by diffusing a knowledge of our church-polity as by repelling the malicious attacks made upon our Body, and the misrepresentation of our principles and movements, by those who wished not well to our Zion. It has also been extensively useful, as a medium of conveying connexional intelligence through all our circuits and stations, thus encouraging and stimulating to increased effort in the work of God. We have no hesitancy in stating that our Paper while it has embarrassed us, to some extent, in a pecuniary point of view, has been made extensively promotive of the general interests of our Connexion, and we regard it as essential to our prosperity and increase.

Over our wide-spread field of missionary operations, we have abundant proofs of your unabated zeal for the Glory of God, and your abounding liberality toward the work of missions. Many of the back-settlers of our province, are now enjoying the blessings of a regular ministry, who, had it not been for the men, and means you have supplied, must have remained destitute of a preached Gospel to this day. Nor can we behold the