

As many Christians devote to the Lord's cause a fraction of their leavings, instead of the first fruits, as did the Jews, it will not be difficult to perceive that the finances of the church have considerably suffered amidst the depression; for, before all other claims have been met, the funds of many have been exhausted. This accounts for a debt of £318 on the Missionary department in this country, and is the only excuse we can offer for doing so little towards the laudable effort to liquidate the debt of the parent society. But we are not quite satisfied in assigning this as an excuse, as we believe, if the wants of the world and our obligations to Christ were properly considered and felt, such economy and liberality would be induced as speedily to wipe off the entire debt both at home and with ourselves.

Another matter financially embarrassing, is our being able to get so few preachers to spend their probations among us as single men. And having such a large proportion of married preachers and their families, there is a proportionally heavy demand on the Stations. This made the appointment of the brother you sent us since the last Conference a difficult matter. We were glad to receive him as a fellow-labourer, but knew not where to station him to obtain his salary as a married man.

The prosperity of the past year has fallen short of our desires and expectations. Some stations have indeed been favoured with gracious revival influences from above, and many souls have been gathered into the church; but others have sustained a loss of members, and in consequence our increase is only two hundred and thirty.

The present Conference has been a good one; and while its members have freely expressed their sentiments on the various matters under consideration, and one or two cases of financial embarrassment have caused pain and perplexity, yet a manifest desire to promote the glory of God and the prosperity of Zion, and christian courtesy have characterized the members of our assembly, and endeared us to each other; and we trust that the same bond of Christian love will continue to unite all the officers of our beloved Connexion, and that the blessing of our Divine Head will make us more and more prosperous throughout all our borders.

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