

There has been an increase in all our connexional funds, proving that you have paid as well as prayed.

This is as it should be. We are stewards. God is the proprietor. When we are called to give an account of our stewardship, may we hear him say, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of the Lord." There is yet room, however, for improvement in this department.

We specially urge the claims of our Mission, Chapel and Beneficent funds.

Dr. Cocker, our esteemed general Superintendent, has generously offered to deliver lectures on the various circuits, in behalf of the chapel fund; give him your hearty support.

We are pleased to notice the large increase in local preachers, and Sabbath Schools. We interpret these as signs of activity and zeal amongst you. Go on and prosper, brethren, sow the seed in those infant hearts; there never was, nor never will be a more fruitful soil. Have faith and patience, God will give the increase even an hundred fold.

Encourage revivals, remember that no church ever maintained its own ground, to say nothing of advancement, without frequent revivals of religion. Encourage and support each other, socially and secularly. Let harmony and unity prevail among you. Do not retain the unworthy among your ranks. Remember that one foe within is more dangerous than an hundred without. Do not err in supposing that rank and wealth are essentially necessary in building up the church. Christ did not choose the rich and great to found the church.

Guard against too much change. Never plant your standard where you do not intend to stand by it forever.

Know your enemies and guard against them, viz: Popery, Ritualism, Intemperance, etc., etc. Above all things cultivate personal piety. Have a place and time for secret prayer. Let no family be without a family altar, around which all may gather morning and evening to worship the God of our fathers. Cultivate toward all men the kindest feeling, especially those who are attached to any branch of the Christian church, if they give proof of the genuineness of their faith.

Finally, brethren, never think of ceasing to labor until you cease to live. If you ever feel discouraged, go to the word of God, and read the promises recorded there, remembering that they are all yea and amen to those that believe.

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