

the losses by defection are made up by additions, together with nearly one thousand increase.

It gives us great pleasure to hear of the prosperity of the glorious work of God in which you are so successfully engaged, and that notwithstanding the unchristian efforts made to circumscribe your operations, the great Head of the Church has honoured your persevering and benevolent labours with abundant increase in almost every part of the world. We are happy in expressing our warm attachment to genuine Wesleyan Methodism; and we feel more convinced of the efficiency of the system, and hope through Divine grace never to relax our efforts until the thrifty shoot, which has been so providentially planted in this Province, partaking of all the properties of the deeply rooted British trunk, shall spread its luxurious boughs over the length and breadth of the land, and scatter in rich abundance the soul nourishing fruits of our holy religion—the knowledge, in theory and experience, of a free and a full salvation.

Though the tender mercies of God, the past year has been one of gracious influence on many of our circuits, as well as in our Missionary field, among the heathen, and in the new and remote settlements. The Spirit of God has attended the ministration of his word. This is manifested not only from our numerical increase, but from what is in our estimation of more real importance, the increasing stability of our members, and the anxious desire evinced by our local preachers, stewards, and leaders to coöperate with us in carrying into effect the long tried usages of Wesleyan Methodism: nor is it one of the least encouraging circumstances connected with the past year's prosperity, that the general state of our finances is more flattering than at any former period; and we believe that Wesleyan Methodism never stood higher in the estimation of the intelligent and worthy part of the community in this country than at present.

It is with unfeigned gratitude that we acknowledge the peculiar mercy and goodness of Almighty God, who has thrown over us the shield of his protecting power so that