

gentle, persuasive, and soothing—now powerful as “the voice of the Lord,” which is “full of majesty,” and “breaketh the cedars of Lebanon,” has copiously descended. Sinners have trembled before God, dreading his sore judgments. Hard hearts have been broken. The sight of the uplifted cross has given peace and joy to the believing; sleepy souls have been awakened, the lingering have quickened their pace, and christians brought to feel the power of the truth in an unwonted degree, have exclaimed, with wonder and delight, “This is none other but the House of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!” It will be generally acknowledged that the most spiritually-minded members of our churches and the most zealous and useful of our ministers may be reckoned among the fruits of these revivals. Verily, “The Lord hath done great things for us.”

3. Let us review *our missionary and educational efforts.*

The work was a missionary work from the beginning. The first preachers itinerated through the province, proclaiming the gospel wherever they could find access to the people, regardless of toil and privation, and prepared to endure meekly whatever opposition they might be called to encounter. Even after their settlement as pastors they frequently left their flocks for weeks or even months, in order to supply the wants of more necessitous districts; and the people readily consented to the temporary suspension of pastoral superintendence, for the love of souls was at that time ardent among them.

At the Annual Meeting of the Association in 1815, it was resolved, “That the Association is considered a Missionary Society,” and from that time arrangements were regularly made for missionary labour, by assigning districts to the brethren who were willing to be employed, and raising contributions to defray the expenses. These efforts have been continued in various forms to the present day, and constitute now an important element of our denominational operations. Since the year 1815 the sum of seven thousand pounds or thereabouts,

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