

Q. 19—*How was this expended?*

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EXPENDITURE.

Bishop Richardson's Traveling Expenses.....	\$ 16 66
J. Curts, for Conference "	7 00
D. Perry (affliction)	29 77
P. E. Knox "	19 50
A. Hunt (failure of salary)	19 50
	\$111 93

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In the Providence of God we meet you once again. The past year has been one of favor and prosperity. God has vouchsafed the blessings of heaven upon the labors of His servants, and with you we rejoice in the smiles of our Heavenly Father. Two of our dear brethren have finished their work on earth, and gone home to their reward. In these visitations we are reminded of our own mortality, and that we are but strangers and pilgrims here below. We have all a work to perform. Let us be up and doing ere the night of death overtake us. We have no time to waste, or means to squander, or opportunities to lose in doing good, being good, and getting good. Our relation to you, as your pastors, is one of divine intimacy. We are as shepherds placed over you; still our interests are emphatically yours, for if we prosper, so do ye. We seek not our own but yours, and you will be the crown of rejoicing at the last day. For if the truths we preach profit you, then are ye saved if ye keep in mind the same. It is our part of the work to minister unto you in holy things, and yours to supply us with temporal. If your supply be free, and equal to our work and station, then will we be able to more freely minister in things touching your salvation.

We earnestly hope that the different institutions of our Church will receive your attention. Especially the distinctive features of Methodism. Let not pride or want of devotion hinder us from attending the class-meetings, prayer-meetings and love-feasts. The use of these means in past time has been wonderfully owned and blessed of God, to the spiritual improvement of the Church. We affectionately call your attention to the Educational interests of the Church. Our hearts' desire is to afford you and yours superior opportunities and facilities for education. Albert University, located in Belleville, is admirably adapted to impart a sound and safe