

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

Surplus or deficit, our report for the year which has just closed will begin and end with joy and thanksgiving. Our fields have been watered by the early and latter rains. The Lord has enriched and blessed us beyond our highest thought. Last year we were happy in being able to report 892 baptisms, and that number was in excess of any previous year; but the reports from the Missionaries this year tell of over 1,600 baptisms, and our prospects for the future are brighter than they were twelve months ago. Special services have been held on nearly every field receiving aid from the Mission funds, and almost invariably with happy results. Evangelists Moore and Whyte, Reade and Coombes, Pugsley, Palmer and John Curry—the latter for a few weeks only—rendered invaluable services to the Churches. Indeed, it is but simple justice that we should publicly acknowledge that no small part of the success achieved is due to the earnest labors of these devoted and highly esteemed brethren. But while we gladly acknowledge the excellent service rendered by these brethren, and recommend them to Churches seeking such help, without *qualification or reservation*, we cannot refrain from expressing our *still greater joy* over the number of our pastors, who, *SINGLY*, or in co-operation with neighboring pastors, courageously thrust their own sickles into the ripened harvest fields, and rarely indeed were they called upon to labor in vain or spend their strength for naught. It is not the privilege of any pastor to conclude that he cannot lead his people in *soul-winning*, and *with them* successfully conduct a series of gospel meetings, until dismal failure, oft repeated, has secured him honorable discharge from that department of work. *Making disciples* is the supreme business of the true pastor, and must never be permitted to hold a position subordinate to that of *teaching* those who have already become such.

We had hoped, before entering upon a review of the *past year's* work, to present a brief statement that would indicate the progress made during the decade *ending* October 1st, 1884, and side by side with that to place a similar statement for the ten years ending October 1st, 1894. For the encouragement of our people we wished to show the notable progress made during the past ten years as compared with the ten years which preceded them, *in income*,

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