

and foster the sublimely Christian spirit which possessed the Conference during all its sessions, producing that feeling of *brotherly love*, *Christian forbearance*, and *profound devotion*, which so largely permeated each and every meeting. Its religious services from commencement to close of Conference were of a high order, resulting in the *salvation of souls*, and its business sessions were marked by great spirituality of feeling. Difficult questions had to be dealt with, questions in which many interests seemed to conflict, and upon which brethren, all possessed by the spirit of Christ could not see eye to eye, and through the discussion of which much feeling might be created, "yet we had no single expression of bitterness to disturb the current of Christian brotherhood that flows on among us."

Altogether it was decidedly the best Conference which had been held for years. For unanimity of purpose, prevelancy of the spirit of Christ, and dispatch of business, it has not been surpassed.

Great praise is due to the Rev. H. Harris and his excellent colleague, for the admirable arrangements they made for the accommodation of the delegates and visitors. The members in Aurora, and Laskay circuit in general, and also the members and friends of sister churches, vied with each other to give the Conference a right royal welcome and entertainment, for which they received the hearty thanks of the delegates.

We rejoice that though the financial returns of the stations do not show that healthy condition necessary to meet their domestic wants—doubtless owing in a great measure to the failure of crops and the general financial depression—yet there is a pleasing improvement in the temporalities of late years. God is blessing you with wealth, and it is but right that you should manifest your gratitude to Him by increasing your contributions to His cause. It is high time that those of you who are well-to-do in all our stations should feel the monetary responsibility of the Church, and relieve, so far as you can, the ministry from the corroding anxiety of short salaries, so that with a pure mind they may give themselves fully to the preaching of the word.

Allow us to ask you, dear brethren, to review your weekly and quarterly contributions to the support of the ministry. We are persuaded that some of you do all you can in this respect, but are there not others who are remiss, and far below, in their contributions, what God requires of their hands. The servant more than the master, the poor more than the rich, and the wealthy no more than when they were poor, is not seemly; it is indeed a moral wrong, and must certainly bring on leanness of soul, and forfeiture of some of Heaven's richest blessings. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me."

Several new rules have been made, which it is hoped will tend to still further promote the prosperity and consolidation of our work.