

means of better understanding matters on both sides the Atlantic, would it not be well if the English Conference sent an agent to Canada at certain intervals to visit the several stations, assist in holding Missionary Meetings, and attend our Conference? We believe it would greatly tend to endear us to each other if means were adopted to increase our intercourse.

It affords us no small pleasure to know that the Bible Christian cause is spreading and prospering. We look at the efforts put forth in Australia, and of their success with great satisfaction. During the seven years preceding last Conference you succeeded in opening six stations in that distant colony, where 14 missionaries were employed, 31 Chapels built, and 694 persons meeting in church fellowship. We trust the work will go on and prosper more abundantly there, as well as in other parts of the connexion.— We would however call your attention to the fact that during the same period the work has increased in Canada so that 9 new stations have been formed, 36 additional chapels built, and 1,272 persons added to the membership, though no additional labourer was sent from England to Canada during these 7 years; nor has she, during this time, burdened the parent society by deficiency of funds. Had you been able to respond to our earnest and repeated requests for additional labourers we have no doubt our borders would have been considerably enlarged. It is much easier to obtain preachers in England than in this Country. We tender our thanks for the brother you sent us since the last Conference, and would suggest that the attention of the friends be called to the subject by an article in the magazine, and that young men should be invited to offer themselves for Canada, to be examined in the regular way, and if approved sent directly to this country, to spend their period of probation here. This appears to us the best way of supplying the places of those preachers in Canada who are fast wearing out. We wish, dear brethren, to impress this deeply on your attention, as we believe our obtaining a supply of suitable preachers from time to time from England will greatly tend to bind the preachers and friends in Canada by indissoluble ties to the parent society.

There has not for many years been such difficult times in this country respecting financial matters as exist at present, and these difficulties press heavily on our connexion here; nevertheless the debt on the Missionary Society excites our sympathy and we feel disposed to co-operate with you in the attempt to liquidate it, hoping the friends in this country will notwithstanding their present difficulties do something towards accomplishing that object.

And now, dear brethren, in spirit we shake hands with you across the mighty waters, hoping that the union and heavenly influence which we have graciously realized during our conference, may more abundantly characterize yours; and that our earthly separation and toil will at length happily end in an endless and blissful union in our Fathers house above.

JOHN CHAPPLE, *President.*

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