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e is any declension cause. Where is ist, when prosper- on us by by our and who will pre- if we have plant- der no fold—the compass sea and numbers and ex-

tend our prosperity at the expense of others. We trust, we hope, we act like honest men—gathering where others have not strewed, and building where others have not laid their foundation. Strange as it may appear, yet it is true, many prefer our courts to more costly and splendid edifices. If increase shows prosperity, if intellectual improvement portend popularity, we have it. Young men of fair reputation and vigorous minds offer themselves to our ministry. Not famous, we admit, though not deficient, for erudition in art or science—yet popular as efficient builders in the Church of Christ—as powerful agriculturists in the field of the world: full of life, full of power, full of zeal, aspiring after the heights of knowledge and holiness. You will receive them, you will cherish them, you will not despise them for their youth; they are, we hope, God's servants, God's annointed, chosen, called, and precious—men with us who hazard fortune for your sake. Their improvement is apparent to us; we hope it will be to you and to all. We urge them to improvement; do you sustain them by your kindness, sympathy, and liberality. God has given them to us as fellow-laborers; we present them to you as fellow-servants with us—necessary to your spiritual edification, essential to the prosperity of the Church, conducive to the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

You will perceive by our published Reports, Minutes, and other official returns, that everything portends prosperity: increase of members, advancement of influence, and enlargement of financial support. You will see that our Church is in action, in enterprize, making unparalleled efforts to establish itself in all its departments and institutions. Sabbath Schools have had their committee of inspection and arrangement. We think that the education of our youth in morality and religion should be a primary consideration: we hold to the principle advocated in the Bible—"to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We desire and urge that the Creed of Apostles and