

Then we had not a class, not a church, not a Sabbath-school in the whole country. The man who thus raised our banner for Christ is still living—he addressed our last Conference. And to what has this work grown? We have nearly a hundred ordained ministers; we have over sixty stations, some of them wealthy and powerful circuits; we have one hundred and thirty-six Sabbath-schools, in which nearly twelve hundred teachers are laboring to lead more than eight thousand children to the feet of Jesus. We have Church property worth nearly two hundred and nineteen thousand dollars; whilst we have in church-fellowship with us six thousand six hundred immortal souls. In the very city where the lone preacher first lifted his voice, we have now four independent circuits, with a membership of six hundred and seventy-two. Surely the blessing of God is upon us in this country. Let us return from the entertainment of any other question to ask, how can we best build up our branch of Christ's Living Church? For this let us labor and pray and give and, if need be, suffer.

We commend the claims of this Society to its friends. We ask for an increased income, and we pray most fervently that God may richly pour out upon all our people the healthful spirit of His Grace. Amen.

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