

render effectual the means which we unitedly employ for the conversion of the world. And the Spirit is poured out in answer to prayer. Those among us, as well as in other sections of the Christian church, who have been eminently useful, have been remarkable for prayer, and devotedness to God.

To our Class-Leaders and Stewards,—Brethren, you occupy important positions in the Church: yours are responsible stations. You, with our Local Preachers, are helpers of the regular pastors; and on the proper performance of your duties depends very much the healthy state of the church, both in regard to piety and finances. In order that we may “give ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word,” we hope you will prevent unnecessary burdens of financial matters from resting on the minds, or occupying the time of your Ministers;—such things should not be allowed to interfere with their studies, and pastoral duties.

May our Class-Leaders imitate the “Good Shepherd,” going before their flocks,—having their own souls alive to God,—“being filled with the Spirit,”—so that out of the abundance of their hearts they may speak to their charge words of warning, direction, and comfort; which they themselves receive from the Mouth—the Book of God. Let us act in union; live in love; walk by faith; and the very God of peace shall be with us, and sanctify us wholly; and we pray “that your whole body, and soul, and spirit, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

In behalf of the Conference,

WILLIAM LYLE, PRESIDENT.

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