

While congratulating ourselves on the comparative success of our ordinary meetings, we have much more to be thankful for in the continued interest manifested in the meetings on Sabbath mornings. This meeting may be termed the very mainspring of the Association ; and although many are absent, for whose absence we can see no reason save slothfulness, yet those who do come manifest, so far as the eye can judge, a continued and increasing earnestness. Many who would have shrunk from attendance at first, now take their turn in presiding at each meeting.

Prayer-meetings, much more insignificant to men's eyes, than ours, have been blessed to be the means of evoking wide-spread revivals of religion. Surely we may do something to quicken the spiritual life of the Christian congregation with which we are connected.

A general review of the whole year cannot but encourage us to go on with our work. We have done much : we have become united together much more closely than we would otherwise have been : we have learned much of each other, and much from each other. We require not the slackening of our efforts, but bolder efforts in the future, if we would place ourselves on a permanent footing, and one that we would feel to be second to that of no Christian association.

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