

In answer to an appeal made to our people through the *Evangelical Witness*, collections have been made throughout our connexion in behalf of the distressed in Lancashire, and though with others our members had contributed to the General Fund the sum of \$336 has been raised, which we hope you will not regard as the measure, but as a small token of our Christian sympathy and love.

We mourn with you the death of one of your most estimable and able ministers, Rev. P. J. Wright, who, while he was personally known and loved by us, was appreciated and admired by all as a beautiful writer and able Minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray that his bereaved family may enjoy the consolations of Divine Grace, and that God may raise up others of a like spirit to fill his place in the Church.

Language fails us to express our thanks for your continued interest in our cause. The special grant made us during the year has afforded us timely and much needed assistance, and calls for an additional expression of our gratitude. Your repeated acts of kindness are duly appreciated, and can never be forgotten by us.

In looking over the results of our labours during the past year, we find much to be thankful for. Many of our circuits have enjoyed "showers of blessings," and our increase on the whole has been very cheering and satisfactory. Our institutions are being placed on a surer basis, and we are gathering energy and strength for the great work which is before us. New missions are being opened up by us, and had we means at our disposal we might enter successfully on the inviting fields of missionary effort presented by many of the towns and cities of our country.

Our General Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Robinson, continues to retain our entire confidence. His labours during the past twelve years have been unwearied and self-denying, and all his energies have been devoted to the service of our cause. The wonderful prosperity which has marked our cause during that period, may be largely attributed to his wisdom in counsel, his skill in business, his unflagging energy, and his willingness even at great personal sacrifices, to sustain the cause and carry on the work in which we are engaged. This constant drain on his mental and physical resources, could not but seriously affect his health. But though he has suffered very much in this respect during the past two years, he is now measurably restored, and we earnestly pray that he may be long spared to serve the interests of your Mission cause in this rising Country.

Our Assistant Superintendent, Rev. W. McClure, whose mature judgment and discreet counsel are invaluable to us, has been reappointed Tutor of our "Theological Institute." In this Institute he is laying the foundation for a "School of

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