

more thorough preparation of business beforehand, and the stricter enforcement of existing rules of order, are the two chief improvements required. The Committee are also required to consider the subject of Lay Agency, and of the interchange of visits from representatives of various denominations at their respective annual meetings. We understand that they are making arrangements for having papers presented, as a basis of discussion, on subjects of general interest. If this plan is vigorously carried out, by a wise selection of subjects, the production of good papers, and able discussions, it may be productive of great good, and constitute a feature of great interest and attractiveness in the annual meetings.

Above all, we need to meet in the right spirit. The great want with us all is, not new machinery, but more motive power. Let prayer, without ceasing, precede, accompany and follow this yearly convocation, and we shall not seek in vain the Master's presence and blessing, alike when we are together and when we are working apart.

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