

166 members has been realised, notwithstanding the loss of those who have passed to the spirit-land, and of many others who have removed from our midst to localities of the country where they can not unite with the Church of their choice, but who, we trust, will "hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end." For these additions to our ranks we will be thankful and praise God. Yet have we not reason for strict scrutiny as to our Christian work, that the Church's numerical status has not been lifted much higher? Has there been the thorough, hearty working, in the Lord's vineyard upon which God and the Church have claim at our hands? Have ministers and people been really and truly giving themselves up to service for Christ? Let us confess to God our lack of enthusiasm and unselfish devotion, and pray fervently for his energizing spirit that we may be "endued with power from on high." The whole design of the Church's institution is its spiritual and progressive advancement. The employment of all means and agencies is for this grand end. Extension and upbuilding is the legitimate purpose of all the operations, and indeed the very existence of any section of the Church. Why has Primitive Methodism, or any other Christian organization, a being in the world, but that they may bring souls to Christ, and build up a Spiritual House, a holy priesthood among men, to the praise and glory of His great name? God calls on us to put on strength, and go forth in His might to great and certain victory.

It is cause for gratitude that a goodly number of young men have offered themselves this year for ministerial work; and we trust they are called of God, their only motive being to promote His glory in the salvation of souls. For several years past it has been difficult to supply our stations with the required number of young ministers; but this year the Church is happily in different circumstances in this important respect. May these young brethren be made a great blessing.

In making a few suggestions, we would say, 1st, Be faithful to your Church in every reasonable way, and zealously promote its interests. While it is our duty to accord Christian sympathy and good wishes to all who call Jesus Lord and the Christ of God, we should at the same time feel the deepest concern for the success of the Church into which *Divine providence has cast our lot*, and in

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