

Appended is the form of Commissions with Instructions for the Archdeacons and Rural Deans. (*See appendix at the close of address*).

CHURCH SOCIETY.

Last year I had the happiness to inform you that the increase in our income over that of the previous year amounted to \$2,161.22, and it is no small gratification to me to record here an additional increase during the past financial year of \$1,033.11, so that the total Income of the Society which in 1871 amounted to \$10,022.87, has increased now to the sum of \$13,217.20.

Heartily do I congratulate the Society on this progressive onward movement, and return at the same time my sincere thanks to you, my beloved brethren of the Clergy and Laity, for your hearty co-operation with me in bringing about this happy result.

But whilst thankful to God for thus blessing our united efforts to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our beloved Zion, I cannot shut my eyes to the fact, that, compared with our rich resources and ability, we have only commenced; we have only made a beginning in the work for God, for Christ and for His Church. If only the spirit of Christ pervade; constrain and influence the heart of every member of the Church of God, the treasury of the Society would speedily be filled to overflowing, and every want and claim would thus be met cheerfully and liberally.

We want the motive power which God alone can give—"the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost."

The Church must be more active and aggressive as in primitive days, if she is to answer her calling. The command of the Great Head of the Church is:—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and He left us a noble example in His own