

standing the severe monetary depression through which we have passed, by your liberality you have sustained our Connexional operations during the year, so that none of them have been seriously crippled : and while, in other enterprises, crash has followed crash, we find all our appliances intact, for which we thank God and take courage.

We are happy to note that no charge of immorality has been brought against any of our Ministers during the year, nor has death been allowed to break their ranks.

The most perplexing question with which we have had to deal during our Conference, is our Connexional Debt, incurred chiefly by our efforts to relieve Churches that have been and still are in embarrassed circumstances, and the purchase of our printing office, press, &c. The Conference is of opinion the time has come when that debt should be met, and that we are well able to wipe it out. The Connexion in England have kindly aided us to the amount of £800 sterling, leaving us about \$5,000 to raise in Canada. Of this sum the members of Conference have subscribed about \$2,000, and we have appointed an agent, our esteemed brother, Rev. J. Cleaver, to travel through the Connexion to raise the balance. We refer you to our subscriptions in the WITNESS in proof of the deep interest we feel in this matter, and earnestly invite your co-operation with us therein; that thereby this incubus may be removed from our beloved Church. We hope our agent will be cordially received, and his appeals liberally and cheerfully responded to.

In looking back there are doubtless many things to cause us sorrow and humiliation before God. How cold and languid has been our love—how faint our zeal—how little have we done for God; how many have kept back part of the price, and have not made an entire surrender—an entire consecration of their all to him. These thoughts should lead us to deep humiliation before God. On the other hand, have we not cause for gladness and exultation. We have been kept by the power of God, and have not wickedly departed from Him. Our faces are still Zion-ward, and we are pressing on; though babes in Christ, yet heirs to immortality and eternal life. Hallelujah! We are in the King's Highway, and, if faithful, the pearly gates shall by-and-bye unfold, and we shall enter triumphantly the City of our God.

As to the future, be warned and instructed by the past; as the mariner fastens the buoy to the rock and is warned thereby to escape the danger, so we would exhort you to mark every weakness, failing, besetment or error of the past, that you may escape them in the future. They cause you sorrow in looking back at them. Overcome them, therefore, and every victory will cause you fresh joy, and you will be *more* than conquerors.