

AN ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES

OF THE

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Assembled in Conference with information from each of the Districts before us, we have an opportunity of knowing something about the success of the past year as to Finances and Members. The year is doubtless one that will long be remembered by many as one of great trial. Preachers as well as members in certain cases have been tried. We speak not this in murmuring tones but to urge you to evidence the spirit of true submission, and to live for regions of light and blessedness. We most affectionately remind those of you who are engaged in the world to abstain from those speculations in business which may involve in difficulties and by oppressing the mind with worldly care unfit for spiritual duties and prevent that communion with God in which alone you can enjoy permanent happiness. There is sometimes danger with men of business, who in hopes of gain, push business to an extent beyond their capital, and in the end entangle themselves and friends in perplexity and trouble. We also advise all to live within their income and to avoid all unbecoming expensiveness in modes of living and dress and to let your moderation be known to all men.

God hath been pleased to raise us up as a people, and we have been noted for our plainness, self-denial and activity. May we deeply feel the importance of being actively engaged in the service of God and of showing our faith by our works.

We hope our class-leaders will endeavour to watch over the souls committed to their care as these who are to give an account to God. Their charge is of high importance and if in the spirit of prayer they endeavour to lead into all the salvation procured through the blood of the Redeemer their labours will be crowned with success.

Our Local Preachers are also employed in a good work. In helping to carry the glad tidings of salvation among our population, a wide field is still before you and daily some are dropping into eternity. Labour on with an aim to see souls converted to God and you may reap a glorious harvest.

In certain places our people are employed in establishing prayer meetings. Why is not this more general in our circuits? Numbers seldom attend the means of grace; might not some be induced to attend if such means

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