

We regret to learn that the political tumults and complications which are distracting the Western world, and especially the commercial depression which has overtaken some of our own Colonies, have combined to retard the progress of the Gospel, and to hinder the prosperity of Zion. But remembering that times of chastening and tribulation have often been signalized by special displays of the Divine power and glory, we would join with you in the devout prayer of the Prophet:—"O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

In these times of rebuke and blasphemy, when a false and flippant philosophy is attempting to degrade the Bible from its own pre-eminence, and to eliminate from Christianity some of its fundamental doctrines, we are thankful to receive from you so explicit an avowal of your attachment to the inspired Word of God, and of your determination to glory in the cross of Christ. It is also very gratifying to us to mark your high appreciation of those facilities for Christian fellowship which are furnished by the institutions of Methodism. They have eminently contributed to conserve and promote Scriptural Godliness, both at home and abroad; and we are increasingly persuaded that they can never be neglected without impairing the life, and endangering even the existence, of our beloved Methodism.

We heartily congratulate you on the establishment of a Theological Institution, and on the appointment of the Rev. Charles DeWolfe, M. A., as Professor of Theology. When educational facilities are so rapidly multiplied, and when the resources of literature are so widely diffused, the Church cannot be too anxious to secure a godly, well-trained, and thoroughly efficient ministry.

Your appropriate and ardent tribute of respect to the character of the late Thomas Farmer, Esq., elicited a deep response in this Conference, where his personal excellencies and distinguished services were best known, and where his memory will be long and gratefully cherished.

We learn with great satisfaction, though without surprise, that the visit of the Rev. Wm. B. Boyce has proved highly acceptable and advantageous to your Connexion; and we anticipate still further and more substantial results from the