

Financially there has been some improvement, for, though several of the brethren have had to sacrifice a considerable portion of their salary, the connexional debts have not increased.

The present conference has been a season of more than ordinary union among its members, and very delightful manifestations of the presence of God have been realized in our midst. The second day of our meeting from the hour of public prayer at three o'clock p. m., was spent in the relation of our christian experience and devotional exercises, and a most delightful influence was realized. As many of the friends as the new chapel would comfortably hold were with us, and wet eyes, shouts of joy and songs of praise showed how full were many hearts, and reminded some of us of similar seasons enjoyed with you in England. Such delightful realizations so much resemble what we expect in Heaven, that we felt ourselves already in its suburbs, partaking of its joys.

We experience here, as in England, that the presence of our lay brethren is an element of strength. No manifestations of warring interests exist between us, but the kind and tender sympathy of the different members of the body for each other, so that we should deeply regret a church polity which would deprive us of the benefit arising from this combination.

An arrangement has been made at this conference, to direct and assist the young brethren by furnishing them with a course of study for their future guidance, which will, we hope, contribute towards making them efficient ministers of Christ.

And now, dear fathers and brethren, though some of us have never seen you in the flesh, and never may have the pleasure of doing so, we feel our spirits drawing to yours in kind christian affection, and hope we shall be still drawn closer and closer together in the Lord, till we join the vast assembly of the Saints in our Father's house. Amen.