

other, and are enabled to attend to those matters which relate to the interests of our Zion; the right adjustment of which is the object of our meeting.

We have likewise the pleasure of congratulating you on the success with which it, has pleased the Divine Spirit to crown our feeble labours the past year; 724 persons have been added to our Societies, making the total number of persons holding acceptable Membership in our Church at the present time 6,049. We are also happy to say that we have peace within our borders; and unanimity, harmony and love have characterised the deliberations of our Conference. Every year's experience and observation make it manifest that we are an improving people; and though far from that maturity in wisdom and usefulness to which we aspire, yet we are much encouraged by its gradual approximation so observable among us.

The number of our fellow labourers called into the itinerant field and added to our Conference this present Session, is six, making the total number of your travelling Preachers 52.

We hope you will not forget the injunction of our blessed Lord, but rather daily remember before the Throne of Grace, to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest,—such as he himself will both call, qualify and own—none else can do his work.

We have been much delighted and edified during this Session of our Conference, to have with us a dear respected brother, the Rev. Hiram Shepherd, who is a member of the Black River Conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the neighbouring States; his counsels and labours have been very serviceable, and such tokens of brotherly esteem and love we highly appreciate. You will now, dear Brethren, suffer us to offer a few thoughts regarding some things closely connected with the welfare of the beloved Zion to which we belong. First; the continuance, improvement and efficiency of your Ministers depends very much on their being provided with sufficiency of the things of this life, to make both themselves and their families comfortable while laboring among you. The claims of justice require this; your Ministers, in taking the itinerant field, give up their worldly avocations or means of providing for themselves and families, and subjecting themselves to all the privations and hardships of moving the whole of their household from year to year, they apply the whole of their strength and labour to the service of the Church. And shall not the latter provide