

feelings have been awakened, and our sympathies excited, as we have had presented to us, through its pages, the sorrows of our fellow creatures—the devouring flames stripping individuals and families of their all. These feelings, too, have gathered force and depth, as accounts of falling buildings, earthquakes, and the ravages of the sword, have filled up the dark shades of the picture of human woe. The record of the important changes in church and state, which this valuable periodical furnishes, is truly interesting—but these subjects, with a great variety of other matters, we must pass over hastily, and mention one as the last, though not least item of interesting matter which the pages of our valued Messenger records, and that is, the embalming the memory of departed friends, and preserving imperishably those acts and sayings of theirs that once warmed our hearts. But, dear friends and brethren, while we all profess to be highly pleased, and we hope, profited by the weekly reading of this our Denominational Periodical, we would ask those who now take the C. M. will you continue to take it? and to those who do not take it, we would say, will you not be persuaded to subscribe for one copy yourself, or join your neighbour and take one between you?

In asking you this question, we include another of equal importance, and that is, will you allow us as individual members of this Association, as your ministers and messengers, to continue to enjoy the weekly perusal of the Christian Messenger, to instruct our minds, and warm and gladden our hearts as its contents often do. For it remains with our brethren to decide this question, as on their subscribing, and promptly paying their subscription, must depend its continuance much longer.

Perhaps by this time you are ready to ask, where are the means to come from to accomplish all these objects? We answer, from a willing mind, which is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and what is given in his cause, is only lending of his own store to be returned to us again.

We have thus set before you, dear brethren, some of the pressing calls of Zion. We have passed over in silence the claims of your own Ministers, hoping that you feel their comfort and interest so identified with your own immediate prosperity, that an appeal to you on this ground is wholly unnecessary. We have set the objects named before you, in the assurance that some of you will contribute to them all in proportion as God shall enable you—and that such of you as are not able to assist in all, may select such as you shall think most deserving of your support.

We feel disposed to acknowledge with gratitude, the cheerful response made by so many, in time past, to the calls made upon them, and pray that the blessing of the most High, may rest in rich abundance on those who have presented their offerings before Him. And in labouring to advance the several objects which this Association, would now, in conclusion, again commend to the care of the churches which it represents, we fervently pray that the declarative glory of God may be promoted, and His great and glorious purposes of grace and mercy towards the children of men be largely experienced in connection with their prosperity.

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