

your temporal means, thus putting in your power to do a greater work for him; if you fail in your duty his blessing must be withdrawn; if you are faithful "to honour the Lord with thy substance so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses burst out with new wine."

We would remind you brethren of our *Connexional* relationship in which we know no isolated or selfish interests, the joy or sorrow of one church is sympathized in by all; we wish you to feel this fact more and more intensely, by drawing these cords of relationship tighter we bring the interests and hearts and operations of all closer. Brethren, prayer, special frequent prayer, is the means we are bid to use for such purposes, each minister and member says to all the others, "brethren, pray for us," in order to secure the object dear to all, viz., "that the word of the Lord may have free course, run and be glorified." "Little children love one another, by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for the other."

Events of more than usual magnitude now agitate the great nations of the world, the issues must bear some proportion to the agencies now at work: vast changes are near. Nor is there less strength or of hope in the moral world; our age is distinguished for its great activities. The rapid advances of aggressive truth have driven into the field many foes of God and men. Worldiness, infidelity, popery and political churchism resist the Gospel on all hands and at any cost; we must meet them and overcome, this issue is not even doubtful. Our unfaithfulness may cripple or retard, until we have to be removed out of the way of this progress; be this disgrace our only fear, and to render it impossible take unto you the whole armour of God," use it with good will. Let us ardently cherish our distinctive principles; our mission includes their vindication and advancement; we are stewards for God. "Moreover it is required of a steward that he be faithful." Finally, brethren, permit us to remind you, that *eminent holiness* is the great secret of success in your work. "They who honour me I will honour," saith God, and you honour *him* most, when your whole character reflects with unspotted clearness the image of Jesus. Such a heart is invulnerable, such a host is invincible. We ask you to receive the brethren whom we have sent you, as the messengers of God, and to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake; help them with all your heart and strength, for brethren if you make us sorry, alas, who shall make us glad? We have made our boast to other churches of your love, let us not be ashamed of our boasting, for what is our glory and our joy; is not ye in the Lord, fulfil ye therefore our joy, be of one heart and of one mind, and the God of peace give you peace always by all means.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

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