

actual gain, but the figures expressing the nett increase by no means represent the good accomplished. For in addition to the removal of many by death, the tide of emigration for several years past setting westward has carried many from us. They go, we trust, to swell the membership of the Churches in other lands. But we are not satisfied with these results. When we consider the number of our instrumentalities, the extent of our opportunities, and above all the rich investiture of spiritual power offered to us by our enthroned Lord we are greatly humbled. He who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks saith to us still, I know thy works. We invite you, dear brethren, to join with us in renewed dedication to Christ and His work that greater faithfulness may characterize us in doing our part to win the world for God.

We commend again to your sympathies our Connexional interests. We hope and believe that the importance of our several funds to our efficiency and prosperity as a Church will be yet more fully appreciated. We thankfully recognize a considerable increase in the Home Mission Fund. But we remind you that year by year this Fund is made a greater necessity to us, and unless it be largely augmented we cannot hope to extend our work, nor even to maintain in due efficiency that which we have already undertaken. Meanwhile from every side come to us the appeal of longing souls who look for the hastening "feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation."

We regret to find a decline in the receipts, of