

their diversified casts of character, peculiarities of habit, taste, and sentiment, that this, together with the thinness of the population, and roughness of many parts of the country, and the absorbing desire that prevails both among the settlers and the Commercial portion of the community to accumulate wealth, surrounds us with circumstances, in many respects dissimilar to those of our father land; nevertheless amidst all this, we assure you, our aim is to be aggressive and progressive in our operations, and as much as possible in the same measure, which has characterized Primitive Methodism at home from the beginning.

Our net numerical increase is 137. While we admit we need a deeper baptism of the Holy Spirit, greater heartfelt solicitude, and more burning zeal for the salvation of men; and have cause to mourn over our comparatively small success. Yet, the many removals from our Societies to places where our people have no existence, have been the great cause of our increase being so limited. We need to occupy a much larger surface in the vast harvest field that stretches before us; but we are quite conscious, that this cannot be done, except very slowly, unless we receive a corresponding supply of men and means from your resources. Some denominations have had Government grants; but it is a principle with us to seek no such aid, we depend upon our own monetary ability and the kind assistance rendered by you, that we may be able to extend the Redeemer's cause in this *large and goodly land*.

And now dear Fathers and Brethren, we beg to express a hope that we may continue to live in your sympathies, and share in your prayers and liberal support; and our prayers for you shall ever be, that you may prosper more and more; that you may increase in number, greatness, and usefulness; that the great principles with which the Body commenced, and which have tended so much to its progress, may ever be maintained; that God's richest blessing may be your portion, and we pray also, that your coming Conference may signally contribute to the edification of 'all present, and to the furtherance of the good work in which you and us are engaged.

—Amen.

Hamilton, April, 1856.

(Signed on behalf of the Conference,)

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