

He called them servants no longer, but friends. Next: There must be a burning love for lost men, so that matters of time will be of a secondary consideration. Paul wrote to the Corinthian brethren: "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:18.

This was God's order in the olden days of the priesthood, and has not changed in the gospel dispensation.

John, James and Peter left all and followed the Master, and He made them fishers of men. Peter caught three thousand in one day. The support of the ministry, as above stated is, in regard to the priesthood; so was their support provided for. So in the gospel age God did not change the order. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we reap your carnal thing?"

From these and other Scriptures we feel that God lays on the churches the absolute duty to support the ministry, as he does on the ministry to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WHITFIELD.

Report on Aged Ministers Relief read, and pending its adoption, a collection was taken in cash, amounting to \$12.16; pledges, \$2.00; adopted as follows:

#### AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that there are fifty old ministers and their wives who are dependent upon our Board for their support, wholly or in part.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Avenue Church, Palestine, has contributed \$15.00 to these worthy objects during this associational year. Your committee suggests that the Ladies' Aid Societies of the Churches of this Association use earnest, prayerful effort to contribute more during the next year than ever before to the support and comfort of these servants of our Master in their declining years. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. C. FLEET,  
MRS. CHAS. REITCH.

Report on Finance presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following:

We have received from the various churches and brethren, funds amounting to \$166.50, distributed as follows:

Associational Missions	\$32.80
State Missions	53.80
Home Missions, S. B. C.	13.40
Foreign Missions	9.40