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Old. COME! thou wondrous meter king! Thou strangely grand mysterious thing.

Art thou the wreath of some bright world, That from its orb has been hurled?

Or art thou, to the world below, Herald of misery and woe?

What's'er thou art, what's'er may be Thy past, thy future destiny,

"Over the Creek," near Silverton. The article of gossip that leaked out through the "Hole in the Wall,"

"You have increased the list greatly," said the elder. "Yes," said Mr. P., "and this is a great source of encouragement."

"Good morning, Brother Tight, good morning, sir. Excuse my haste. I am just raising a club for our good old religious family paper."

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"Good by, Bro. Parsons, come and see us when you have time."

"Well, that is cheap enough, certain. Step over to the house, and select a nice heap for yourself, Mr. Parsons."

Years have passed since then. There is a great improvement "over the creek," as this part of our congregation is called.

The policy pursued has been the same as delineated in my previous annual statements.

The obstacles to the progress of the work, as all must know, have been great and formidable; still, our Societies have their feet on the rock, and they could, and none of them, we are happy to know, have fallen into stagnation or decay.

"You might have added," said the elder, "that their minds being supplied with better food, they will not be talking of every little event of the neighborhood, and retelling gossip to the injury of others, unhappiness of themselves, and degrading effects on their children."

"Don't talk to me about papers. Have never been able to take one. Can't now. Times too hard. Taxes too high. Paid a doctor's bill last week, that took the last cent I could make. Would like to have the paper, but it is out of the question."

"Very well; I suppose John can do that if you ain't too big a hurry. Say next Saturday."

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dollars, being more than the receipts from any other State in the Union, except New York. This amount too, it will be understood, is the actual cash receipts at the Bible House, not including the expense of county agencies, and all others incidental to carrying on the work of the Society in the State, and the supply of the destitute.

The receipts of the Parent Society for the fiscal year are three hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars, being a falling off of eleven thousand four hundred and fifty dollars from those of the preceding year.

Notwithstanding this fact, however, and the increasing demand which has been pressing upon the Board for larger domestic distributions than ever, they have not been unmindful of the Macedonian cry, which has come up from the whitening fields of missionary labor.

As to the religious reminiscences of Gloucester, these carry us back first to the reign of Edward VI. and the reign of the regent of the North, which immediately followed. Within a short distance of the Cathedral, toward the South, and within enclosed ground, is the spot where Bishop Hooper, one of King Edward's Bishops, a man preeminently holy and conscientious, was, by the instigation of Mary's cruel agents, Bishop Bonner and Gardiner, burnt to ashes.

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