

are in the experience of every Church, admonish us all—the younger members of the congregation as well as those more advanced in years—to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,” to be more alive to the importance of personal consecration, and more ready to do good to others as we have opportunity, remembering that “the night cometh when no man can work.”

The ordinary work of the congregation has been so fully adverted to by the Minister in his pastoral letter, by the Board of Trustees in their cheerful annual report, in the statement of the Committee entrusted with the management of the missionary and benevolent schemes of the Church, by the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools, and by the managers of the Young Men's Association, and the Ladies' Dorcas and Aid Society, that there is little left for the Kirk Session to add beyond acknowledging their gratitude to the Giver of all good, for so many tokens of divine favour, and expressing their hope that the year on which we have entered may be still more fruitful in the work of the Lord.

The Sabbath services have been well attended ; indeed the Church is now found to be too small to accommodate all who are desirous of worshipping with us. Perhaps so much cannot be truthfully said of the attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting, in which there is yet room for a larger number than usually attend. Without dwelling on this feature of our Church life, a feature which is not confined to St. Paul's Church, but is the frequent subject of complaint in other congregations also, it may not be out of place to invite the attention of all who have it in their power to attend these evening meetings to the advantage which they offer as seasons of mutual edification, as well as for affording encouragement to the pastor in his preparations for them.

Along with the faithful discharge of his many other public duties, Mr. Barclay has, as usual, found time to visit every family connected with the congregation during the past year. If any individuals were not called upon it was only because their places of residence were not known at the time. In the list of heads of families appended to this report, the Kirk-Session have done their best to provide a complete directory of the congregation, but so frequent are the changes, it is not easy to attain absolute accuracy, and it will be esteemed a favour that any mistakes in that list be reported, as soon as may be convenient, to the Minister or to the District Elder.

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