
BLOOR STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

old pulpit desk; a handsome pulpit and reading desk have taken its place. The character of the work in these recent improvements, both outside and inside, is of the first order, the furnishings are of the very best, and everywhere there is an air of comfort, if not indeed of luxury. When the Primary department of the School secures for its work the accommodation adequate to its needs, and when certain desirable alterations within the Church have been made, what may be called the plant of the Bloor Street Presbyterian Church may be said to be complete, if not indeed perfect. These improvements and additions have involved large outlay; but members and adherents of the Congregation may be relied upon to do their part to reduce and ultimately cancel altogether our Church debt.

It is well for us to remember that something more is necessary to the constitution of a Church than stone and mortar, well laid out rooms, decoration and furnishings, and such like. These are only accessories to something higher,—only means to a nobler end. The Church is the meeting place between God and His children, hallowed by sacred memories, and external equipment is useless, save as it tends to promote this fellowship. It is the place of instruction, and outward equipment is intended to enable the teacher to do his work under better conditions. In dedicating these gifts of our hands to God's greater glory, we are to give ourselves to His service, and at the same time to seek the presence in power of the Spirit of God, that He may quicken, control, impel us to nobler endeavor and more complete surrender to our Lord and Master.

Let memory be alert to recall to us those who toiled in days gone by, "into whose labors we are entered"! Let hope be strong, and earnest resolve that by God's grace we shall be worthier of their faith and courage!