

This being the 99th year of the congregation's existence it is pre-eminently a suitable time for reflection. How have we profited by the services of God's house in the past? Have we accomplished for God or for man all that could reasonably be expected of us considering our privileges and opportunities? The Lord has greatly helped us—have we striven to help others lying within the reach of our influence? Don't forget that to whom much is given, of them much shall be required.

I have so often spoken of the proposed Centenary Church that you may be tempted to smile when I again refer to it. Every end will be gained if we shall get the new enterprize started at the end of the hundred years. If the whole matter rested with the congregation alone, we should now be well under weigh with the new edifice, but as there are two parties interested, and one of them cannot be got to show haste, we must exercise a little longer the grace of patience. When we do get this enterprize fairly started, Trustees, Elders, and all that have contributed to hold the fort here so long, under some difficulties, will be entitled to no small share of credit.

But let none of us forget that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Ever your faithful friend and pastor,

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