

while the continued attachment and attendance upon the services, given by those who have removed to a distance, is most gratifying, showing that they are influenced by higher motives than those of convenience or circumstances.

We are not enabled, as last year, to report no removals by death, as *three* of our members have been thus called away. One had been in fellowship with the Church thirty years, another twenty-five years, and the other less than one year, having been received by letter from Surrey Chapel, London. Thus are the disciples called to "depart and be with Christ, which is far better." *Three* have been dismissed by letters to other churches, and *three* have withdrawn to join a Baptist Church. There have been received into the Church during the past year, *forty* members—*twenty* on profession of their faith, and *twenty* by letter from sister churches. Of the latter, *fourteen* came from Congregational churches in England. Seventeen persons have received the ordinance of baptism.

In regard to our spiritual growth, which is of such vital moment, we must judge principally by the fruits manifested. We have not been left without witness of the Divine Spirit's presence, for several have been led to Christ, and others have been deeply concerned regarding their soul's interests, while the word has been received with marked attention. The attendance on our week-night services, though not yet such as we desire, and the large number usually remaining for prayer at the conclusion of the Sunday evening service is very encouraging. The increased devotion and diligence in Christian work, and the higher standard taken as stewards of God's bounty in giving to local, denominational, and catholic objects, are manifestly the fruits of the Spirit's influence. Nevertheless in doing and giving, as in other things, none of us have attained unto perfection. I am exceedingly glad that some have, during the year, adopted the system of systematic beneficence, and, like Jacob, have pledged God a *tenth* of all their increase. Let me as one of those who find great enjoyment in this Christian duty, urge the consideration of this question upon you all. Let the young men beginning in business life, as well as others, test this plan for the present year, and