

be that this should speedily be accomplished. This congregation can find her highest prosperity only when she takes up this note and shapes all her work to this important end. To be at one with Christ in this great work is to be truly spiritual, and to be of that condition of life which will reflect itself in the highest prosperity of every department of congregational work, and make us more effective in meeting the needs of our own community and our own country."

This view-point has colored the activities of our church. Consistent adherence to this policy has, we think, marked the life and work of our congregation in this formative period of congregational character, and has contributed much to the furtherance of the gospel in our midst.

An asset of our church much prized is the contribution of young lives from the congregation to the work of foreign missions. The going into this work of these young persons is but the normal working out and expression of our missionary policy. Our sorrow is that, comparatively, so few from the children of our homes have gone into the work of Christian missions abroad, or the Christian ministry at home.

Our Growth

Starting with a membership of 27, twenty-five years ago, there has followed a modest and normal growth in the number of those who came into full communion with the church.

At the close of this present year (1913), after the usual revision, the roll of members will have safely passed the thousand mark. Since the organization of the church and up till the present time, 2,117 persons have united with the church. Of these, 1,378 came by certificate, and 739 were received on profession of their faith in Christ.

Not counting the gifts for the current year, the givings of the congregation for all purposes for 24 years, the earlier years being the days of small things, totals \$144,833.59, of which sum \$43,094.48 was contributed for missionary and benevolent purposes.

In a thoughtful review of our congregational life and work from the present time back to its