

during 1894, 64 new members, bringing up the total to 694. There was deducted from the roll at the annual revision 55 leaving 639 as the number of members at the end of 1894.

The total number received from the beginning of my ministry, in May, 1879, till the end of 1894 was 945. The highest number received in any year was 96 in 1879; the lowest was 29 in 1885; and the average per annum for the sixteen years of my pastorate has been 59.

During the same period there has been registered 143 marriages, 294 burials, and 373 baptisms. The registrations during the past year have been 8 marriages, 19 burials and 25 baptisms.

It has been said that there is no more solemn reading for a minister than his Communion roll. This is true. Looking at what to some are bare figures and dry lists of names, thoughts arise that cannot and ought not to be uttered in the ear of any man, but which should bring him very near to God. And not only the minister but every Office bearer and member,—every parent and Sabbath School teacher, according to the measure of their opportunities and responsibilities, should ponder those things, and ask what am I doing as a builder of God's spiritual temple? It is of little consequence how much or how little is put to our credit now; for all estimates are of necessity inaccurate and will do us harm if we rest in them. Rather let each one ask, Am I building on the one foundation, Jesus Christ? And am I building on that foundation gold, silver, costly stones; or only wood, hay, stubble? The day of our Lord's appearing will declare it, for the fire of His judgment will prove each man's work of what sort it is. Then the true meaning and value of all these statistics will be revealed; and, it may be, the one we least of all thought of or esteemed among our number, will be the one who receives the greatest reward; while the one who is most prominent and most thought of, may be the one who will suffer the greatest loss, himself saved, yet so as through fire. Let us all lay these things to heart, and each do whatever work is ours, under the eye of the Lord, and for His glory, remembering that we shall have good success only as we truly confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh.

Your loving pastor,

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