

to the interest felt in the duties of the religious life, and the enjoyment which they afford. May such a state of things continue; and may the message of mercy fill the hearts of the brethren with more and more joy.

Yet there is room for much improvement. There are people enough (including members and adherents) connected with the congregation, to fill the church any fair Sabbath, but we are never cramped seriously for want of room. Let the Session, and all the congregation, take more interest in the welfare of Zion, and carelessness and irregularity will disappear. The Session asks the cordial assistance of every member and adherent in developing more aggressive christian work among us. The Lord requires it.

The prayer meeting, while probably up to the average prayer meeting life, might be a much greater power than it is among us. An hour of public worship in the six days is not much to spend with God; but even for that short space of time His fellowship is not sought with any extraordinary avidity. In the course of the past year the Gospel of Mark was expounded at these weekly meetings.

The attendance at ordinances is not what it should be. At the last dispensation of the Lord's Supper not many more than half the communicants were present. After making every allowance for the severity of the weather, the infirmities of age, and other legitimate causes of absence, the fact remains that the attendance is singularly irregular. The Session sincerely hopes that this year will witness a decided amendment in this respect. Spiritual life is far from the mark when a fact like this has to be noticed. Surely it must be forgotten that "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

The Session has resolved to give more attention to the distribution among the congregation of suitable literature for the purpose of instructing them more fully in the doctrines, worship, and government of their own church. The Session believes the congregation will cheerfully approve a small allowance of money every year for this purpose. If we have faith in our church, faith in Presbyterianism as a Christian organization eminently fitted in every way to glorify the Redeemer in the salvation of men (as the