

The increase of the congregation has been most gratifying. The Deacons rejoice to see the evidences of Divine power as manifested in the conversion of those young persons who have joined the Church during the year, and who received a large amount of their religious training either at the ordinary Church services or else in the Sunday School—a number of these are children of Church members. They also have been much pleased at the admission to the Church of persons of maturer age—some of whom for many years were only members of the congregation. They were also glad to receive several who came from other Congregational Churches in Canada, and in the British Islands. They took especial interest in the last-mentioned individuals, and endeavoured to make them feel that they had found in Zion Church a spiritual home and a loving kindred ready to receive them at once into their fellowship as members of the great and world-wide family of the Lord Jesus Christ. The largely increased attendance of members at the ordinance of the Lord's Supper has frequently been a matter of comment and congratulation among the Deacons. They trust the attendance will be still more numerous during the coming year.

The official relationship between the Pastor and Deacons has all through the year continued to be of the most intimate and cordial character. The Pastor is always devoted to the duties of his office, and the Deacons are glad to know that he is so well understood and appreciated by the members of the Church and congregation. They are also thankful for the unbroken good feeling and mutual confidence that exists among the members of the Diaconate. They wish also to acknowledge their obligation to the committee appointed by the church to assist them in their financial operations.

The great fact that another year with all its opportunities of working for the Master has passed away, is a matter for serious thought, and should be an incentive to renewed exertion. Much has been done in the past, but oh, how much remains to be done, and how many new things will present themselves day by day.