

pulpit has not been without recognition and blessing from the Great Head of the Church. Let us indulge the hope that, whilst the preaching has been effective under God in adding to the numbers of the Church-roll, the spiritual life of the membership has been stimulated and developed into a higher and better condition than it was a year ago. The latter is of more vital importance to the well-being and usefulness and power of a church than mere numerical strength ever can be. Rapid growth is not always sure growth nor strong growth.

The statistics of the Church for the period between the last Church meeting for 1875 and the meeting of January 3rd, 1877, are as follows:—

Admitted on profession.....	7
“ by letter, or as by letter.....	25
Total.....	32
Removed by death.....	0
“ “ letters of transference	3
“ “ excommunication	1
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The present membership on the Church roll is 167;—showing a gain of 28 members during the year, and of 56 since the organization of the Church in March, 1875. Considering the untoward circumstances in which the Church has been placed for the due and proper prosecution of its work, in all its various departments, this is a result which must be regarded with grateful satisfaction. At the monthly meeting, held on June 29th, 1876, the Church adopted the following standing Rule:—

“That applicants for fellowship with this Church who are members of churches other than recognised Congregational Churches do stand proposed for one month before their admission.”

Your Board are happy in being able to report that the Sunday School is in a prosperous state; for the details of its work, etc., they refer to the Report of the School which will be presented by the Sunday School Committee. The thanks of the Church are specially due to the Rev. Prof. Fenwick, of the Congregational College of B. N. A., for the timely and valuable assistance he has rendered to the School in undertaking the Adult Bible Class, in response to the invitation of the Church. Your