

social influence for the furtherance of the church's interests. "By this shall all men know that ye are the disciples of Christ if ye have love one for another."

I may refer you to the financial report for a moment. It will be gratifying to you to learn that the church's strength is steadily increasing. The treasurer's statement, compared with that of the first year of my pastorate in Trinity, is a very encouraging one. Nor is the pew steward's comparative statement less interesting than the general statement. But nevertheless the burden presses somewhat. Two things need to be done: namely, lessen the debt, and increase the income. This is easily possible to a united and willing people. I commend this to the congregation, whose liberality in the past is known in all the churches.

I would make mention of the faithful services of the treasurer, the pew steward, and the secretary of the envelope fund,—Mr. Eldon, Mr. Parmley, and Mr. E. E. Switzer, who have rendered valuable service to the church, and are deserving of our unfeigned gratitude. Mr. Switzer retires from the work this year, and Mr. R. T. Williams takes his place. I would bespeak for Mr. Williams the goodwill and co-operation of the congregation.

Beyond all considerations stands the spiritual life of the church. All else is secondary to this. This we cannot tabulate. Who can tell the treasures of grace in these earthen vessels? Who can know the spirit within us but the Spirit of God? We dare believe that a good work is being wrought in many among you through the grace which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In conclusion, I thank God upon every remembrance of you "for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing that He who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Yours faithfully,
I. TOVELL.