

Early in the year, the Board of Trustees invited the co-operation of your Board in giving attendance at the doors to receive and seat strangers, and in taking up the collections, on the Lord's Day, to which a ready response was made; and a plan was adopted which has been satisfactorily carried into effect. The reception of strangers is an important department of service for the common good, involving as it does for its due discharge, regularity, punctuality and tact on the part of those engaged in it; and your Board in thus prominently referring to it desire to make the suggestion that this is a service in which many of the younger members of the Brotherhood might be well employed, as a preliminary to higher service. Every Anniversary such as this marks the advancement of the Church in years; and, of necessity, has its mournful tale to tell of the thinning of our ranks by the hand of Death, as one grey head after another of those who have "borne the burden and heat of the day" is laid low. It is, therefore, of the greatest moment to our future well-being as a Church, that our younger members should make it their business and duty to take a lively interest and active part in all that concerns our common life and usefulness, in order that they may be prepared, when the time comes, to take the place of those who have gone before them: An army of veterans is a grand thing for a campaign, but if no recruits join the standard, whence will come the veterans of future campaigns? As in the family each member has his own proper place and sphere of service, so in "the Household of Faith" there is ample verge and scope for the exercise of each member's faculty of service, conjoined with the solemn and imperative duty of exercising it with unstinting loyalty and consecration to the great Householder. During the past eight years of our life as a Church our privileges and enjoyments have been great, let us not forget that our responsibilities are correspondingly great; but let us in God's strength gird ourselves afresh for the work that lies before us now and in the future.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Board.

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