

are sick or in any trouble I shall deem it a privilege to minister at all times to the best of my power and opportunity.

Your personal kindness to me has shown itself in many ways during the year, and has greatly cheered me in my labours. I desire to thank you especially for the generous action of the congregation assembled in annual meeting, and also for the cordial resolve to maintain an assistant minister with a view to the still further extension of our work. His appointment has been delayed, pending some negotiations with the Presbytery in regard to the proposed services in Stewarton; but when that matter is settled, as I have no doubt it will be shortly, the Session will lose no time in giving effect to your wishes.

The activity of the various Church organizations during the year has given me fresh impulse for my own special work. I am much gratified with the decision of the Home Missionary Society to support a missionary in the North-west, and I bespeak for them your cordial support.

May God's richest blessing rest upon every home and every heart in this Congregation, and still more abundantly prosper our united efforts in the common vineyard of the Master.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Your affectionate Pastor,

WILLIAM T. HERRIDGE.

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