

REPORT OF CHURCH BOARD.

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In presenting their Report of another year in the history of this Church, whilst the Board have nothing of a specially note-worthy character to record, they yet entertain the conviction that the old year has closed and the new year has begun amid encouraging and auspicious circumstances. Especially has there been a marked improvement, both in the attendance and in the spirit of the week-evening service which is very gratifying, and is due, let us hope, to an awakened interest and a higher appreciation of the value of this service as a means of elevating the spiritual tone of individual members and, through them, of the Church as a whole.

The selection and publication beforehand by the Pastor of a series of topics for prayer and exhortation, was a wise step, and it has doubtless contributed to the improvement here noted.

Let it then be the aim, of one and all, that this amendment continue ; and that the Prayer-meeting be made with this Church, what it has been in the past history of the Churches of our order, a powerful means of grace, not to those only who habitually take part in it, but through them to the whole Church.

And at this point, your Board feel it to be appropriate to speak a word of exhortation to their younger brethren, by way of urging them to attend this service in greater numbers, and to take a larger part in its exercises, than they do :—advice which holds good also in reference to the general business of the Church, at its regular monthly meetings. It is in this way only, that they can train themselves for those positions of service and of leadership in the Church's work and life, which they will be called upon to occupy in the future.

During the year, a young men's prayer-meeting, which has met before the service on Sunday mornings, has been organized and kept up. In this connection, it is greatly to be desired that the young men of the Church and congregation would follow the example set them so well by our young women, by organizing themselves for special service in aid of our various Denominational or Church Institutions.

Another gratifying feature to be noted, is the larger number of our young people who are deciding to give themselves to Christ and his Church ; and we may well hope and pray that the example of those who have already taken this decisive step may tell powerfully on their friends and companions, and help to lead them also to a like decision for Christ.