

tion is more numerous at present than at any former period of its history. To God be all the praise!

In the summer of 1854, the Lord was pleased to deprive us, by death, of a most valuable Elder, Mr. McIver, whose memory we should ever hold precious.

The chief points of encouragement in 1854 are, the institution of a monthly collection for Missionary purposes, which has had thus far a gratifying success, and the organization of a Sabbath afternoon Bible class, which I have myself conducted, and which has been largely attended by the young.

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On 1855 we have entered too recently for me to include any reference to it in this rapid survey of the past.

The history which I have briefly told, seems to me to be one worthy of remembrance, signaling as it does the faithfulness of God in the upbuilding of a Church amidst many and peculiar trials; a history too, that imposes serious responsibilities on the present office-bearers and members of this congregation, who are bound to give good heed, that the early standard be never lowered, but rather, with God's blessing, continually heightened and advanced.

Let us be humble, for "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."

Let us be faithful, faithful to our past history, to our present position, to our principles, to our Saviour, to our God.

Let us be of good courage. Fear no opposition from without, or defection from within. "The Lord hath been mindful of us; He will bless us. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children."