

male members, and after another ninety-two years only twenty-one. How is this? Did the simpler life of nearly a century ago tend more to spirituality among the male members of the community? Is it harder to live the christian life under the changed conditions? Is the advance along spiritual lines commensurate with the increase of population which has quadrupled with the years? Maybe that the absence from home, for weeks together, and the lack of the means of grace and the Sabbath privileges, account for much of the coldness and seeming religious indifference. We are informed that the week-night services forty years ago were attended very largely by the men and young men of the place. This element has almost entirely disappeared. The leaver of materialism may have contributed largely to the present state of affairs. The Master himself uttered the warning, "Beware of the leaven of Herod" and again, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (gold.)

And have not the fraternities and clubs, with all their elements of helpfulness, tended to the folly of being substituted for the house of God and the means of grace? And so the church, which should occupy the first place, is relegated to a secondary position. It is a good place for women and children, so it seems, but the men will seek their fellowship elsewhere.

Are the men of Grand Bank prepared to remain in the background, so far as their influence is concerned in church life, or will they arise to the full prestige of their consecrated manhood and leadership in the church of the living God, and by standing shouldered to shoulder with the pastor help to solve the great problems that appertain unto the church life, with its reflex influence upon the home life and the social and civic life of the community. Quit you like men of grit and moral backbone. "New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth."

The Rev. Dr. Milligan at the dedication of the present church, nearly forty years ago, declared that "The glory of the latter house should be greater than the former." Has that prophecy been fulfilled? God has often manifested His glory there. And of this sanctuary it shall be said when He numbereth the people, "This man and that man were born in her."

Often has the penitent tear been witnessed and the rejoicing of new-born souls. But we must not live too much in the past. "Let the dead part bury its dead." "We must ever still and upward who would keep abreast of truth." In the spirit of consecrated optimism we believe that the best days are ahead of us, and they certainly are if we seize the opportunities that lie nearest to us. "God buries his workmen but he carries on his