

The Trustees have adopted the "envelope" system of weekly offerings as the best adapted to meet the needs of the congregation, and I trust all the members and adherents will see it to be their duty to acquiesce in this decision and heartily aid the Trustees in the management of the affairs of the Church, over which they have been asked to preside, and towards which they make a considerable sacrifice of valuable time.

With regard to the support accorded to the Missionary and Benevolent schemes there is great room for improvement—the sum contributed has been fairly large, but the number of contributors is disappointingly small. A large number of the members and adherents bear no share in this Christian duty and privilege. I say this with sorrow. Inability to give cannot be pleaded as the explanation. There are very few in the congregation who can honestly say "I can give nothing to the cause of Christ at home or abroad." Remember it is not I, it is not the committee, it is not the Church, it is Christ Himself who is asking your support for His own work; and your refusal is a refusal to Him.

Prominent among the names that are absent from the Missionary contribution list are the young men in the congregation who are earning their own livelihood, whether living in lodgings or still under the parental roof. I appeal to them to think of their yearly expenditure, of the things that claim and get their money, and ask themselves if they cannot spare something; or rather if they will not exercise a little self-denial that they may have something to give to Christ's work. It is surely a bad beginning of life to leave God and God's claims out of the calculations of your income and expenditure.

Another feature of the congregational life where there is still great room for improvement is the Wednesday Evening Service. This one weekly service is designed by the Church as a break in the midst of engrossing duties and harassing cares and enticing pleasures of the week, and is felt by many to be a great boon and blessing. Would it not be so to all, if regularly and properly used? Do those who neglect it need it least? All our Churches in the city have set apart an hour on Wednesday evening for worship; is it not the duty of all to abstain from accepting or making social engagements that shall interfere with this? Are any justified in damping and discouraging the hearts of their ministers and fellow-members by their absence? I ask you, each one of you, seriously and prayerfully to consider this.

The Bible Classes have been well attended. The preparation for