

avail themselves of its instructions were it not held during S. S. hours. The inconvenience caused for want of room is very great. There should be a separate apartment for the use of the class, but in the absence of that we must just make the best of the situation. A majority of the class are church members, many of whom have joined in the course of the year. It is to be greatly regretted that the class is not easily accessible to the young friends in the country. The experiment of holding the class before the morning service was tried and proved unsatisfactory. It interfered with the service, and as worshippers kept coming in during class hour, attention was divided, and the necessary close sympathy between the class and the instructor seriously disturbed.

VIII.

One other point. Our town is growing, and new families are coming in. What are we doing, as a congregation, in the way of finding out these, more particularly such as belong to our own church, and acting toward them a christian and brotherly part? This question has two sides :—

1. We should do our best to prevent those who are Presbyterians, or of Presbyterian sympathies, being lost to our cause. "If we have faith in our church, faith in Presbyterianism as a christian organization eminently fitted in every way to glorify the Redeemer in the salvation of men, should we not be ready and anxious to do a little more than we have been doing, in demonstrating by our life, and in every other lawful way, its principles and its practice?"

2. It is good for strangers coming among us, and good for the whole community that we should manifest some zeal in this field of christian work. Search out the new-comers, speak to them words of christian, brotherly sympathy. If they are not of our faith, advise them to be loyal to their own; and so "provoke others to good works!"

To conclude: In this report you read encouraging words and see encouraging facts; and we believe the same can be said of other reports to be submitted. It would be affectation for us to profess indifference to these things. The Apostle could thank God and take courage; and may we not humbly do the same? On the other hand, if we put the question: Did we exert ourselves to our very best last year in every department of christian work, or indeed, in any? Humbly we must answer NO! Attention has been drawn to not a few short-comings. To be candid, we must say as we review our exertions and self-denials for the Lord's sake, that these have been mild indeed. What luxury have we abated, what personal considerations have we waived to please our Saviour and bless the world? Not *many*! And for