

The Work of the Congregation

DESPITE the crises through which St. Paul's has passed, there has been steady growth in every department of the Church's work. We have scant statistics prior to 1878. In that year the membership was 283, now it is 633. In 1878, the ordinary expenditure was \$2,469, to-day it is \$6,351. In 1878 missionary and benevolent offerings amounted to \$200, last year \$3,189 was contributed. For many years the congregation was hampered by a heavy debt. Since 1878 \$44,391 has been paid for debt and interest. From same date \$28,800 has been spent upon church improvements, Lecture Hall, Memorial Mission and Cottage. At the present time there is no debt on any of the church property. Although wrestling with a heavy debt since 1878, and although they required to raise \$126,115 for ordinary expenses, yet they have been able to contribute \$59,442 for missionary and benevolent purposes. To-day St. Paul's not only has a Bible woman at Laidlaw Memorial Mission, but also is supporting three missionaries in British Columbia, and a fourth in the Rainy River District. Our Board of Missions is aiming at the support of a Foreign Missionary. We were hoping that the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee would have been able to have ordained our Foreign Missionary during the Jubilee Services. It has been impossible to secure the right man. The Session's desire is that these Jubilee Services may result in rich spiritual blessing to every member, and also in awakening a deeper missionary spirit in every heart. May God grant it!