

Let me ask you, my dear friends, to peruse these reports carefully. They indicate signs of Christian life and work, which must in many respects be gratifying to you all. These good results have been obtained by united, hearty effort, which is always the true source of Congregational progress. Every individual connected with St. Andrew's has had a share in the year's prosperity, and every one is therefore entitled to thank God with grateful heart and go on to win greater attainments in 1885. It is a continual source of pleasure to me to observe the fine spirit and good feeling that pervades the Congregation. There are no parties in St. Andrew's Church. All are striving with one heart for the common good; and all are thereby blessed in the fuller realization of what Congregational life and worship ought ever to be.

I cannot conclude without expressing my deep sense of many kindnesses and much encouragement in Ministerial duty in the year just gone. With perfect sincerity I can say that my pastoral experience in St. Andrews is increasingly agreeable year by year. I mention this because it is a token of the mutual sympathy which has always been a characteristic of the relations between Minister and people in the Church of Scotland; and because it is the one condition of Ministerial happiness and usefulness on the one hand, and of Congregational peace and prosperity on the other. That it may be so more and more in the coming year for our mutual growth in all good things is the earnest prayer of

Yours affectionately,

J. EDGAR HILL.

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