

We have to be thankful for tokens of prosperity, not only continued, but increased. The congregations are increasingly good and the membership of the Church is growing. I am not without hope that those who worship with us are helped and strengthened in the growth of their character and the deepening and enlargement of their spiritual life. It is my most earnest desire and prayer that it may be so. The longer I live and preach, the more do I feel that there is one thing only worth striving for,—the bringing our own souls and those of others into the glorious light and liberty of the children of God. Let us try to do this. Let us enter on our great inheritance in Christ. The thoughts of God are large, the love of God is infinite. May they inspire us, Pastor and people, and make us a centre of quickening influence to those around.

I desire to call special attention to the definite activities of the Church, as for instance the Sabbath School, the Young People's Association, and the Ladies' Aid Society. It is greatly to be desired that all who can do so should unite themselves to some one or other of our institutions for doing and getting spiritual good. Much has already been done, and more may be. I ask the co-operation of all ; especially of the young people of our number. In blessing others they will themselves find blessing.

The financial condition of the Church is good and encouraging. I hope, however, that we shall not allow ourselves to be satisfied until our Church-building is entirely free of encumbrance. There are, and will be, many calls upon our diligence and liberality ; let us liberate ourselves as quickly as possible from home liabilities.

Again, I urge upon you the desirability of attending, as far as may be, at *all* our public services. I cannot think it much for a man to do for his Lord, to meet his brethren in Christ for common prayer and praise, and to listen to the Divine Word twice or thrice in the week. We do much more for our own pleasure, and sometimes even for our self-indulgence. Do not, I ask you, forget the Wednesday-evening service. It will do you good to come, and me good to see you there.