

Pastoral Letter.

DEAR FRIENDS:

There is much in the past year to encourage us as a congregation and give us heart of hope. Outwardly our congregation has prospered—its roll of membership is larger—the attendance at ordinances has been more regular, and in all the branches of the Church's work there has been a deepened interest and an increased activity.

It is not ours clearly to read, much less to pass sentence on the inner life of others, but our hope and prayer is that the outward prosperity has been accompanied by a proportionate growth in grace and in spiritual life.

The year has had many lessons for us—lessons from commercial disaster and depression, from social and political movements, from Church work and experience—from sickness and death. Sorrow and bereavement have visited several of our homes, and the transiency of the "temporal" has been taught by the removal of our fellow-members alike in cases of lingering sickness, or of startling suddenness.

Thankful for the measure of life and progress we have attained in the past, I am sure, we all feel that we have much to learn and much to unlearn, and that we may well, forgetting the things that are behind, press forward towards a higher mark, towards a closer union with, and a nearer likeness to our Master. The attendance both at the ordinary services and at communion might be more regular, and I would fain see some enter into full communion with us, who for some reason have delayed complying with the Saviour's invitation, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

The Wednesday evening service, the only service we have during the busy week, with its trying cares and its tempting pleasures, might be much better attended. There has been latterly a decided improvement, and with the children leading our praise, I hope to see more of the parents and grown up people availing themselves of this help and privilege.

The Young Men's Association has met with gratifying encouragement and success. The subject chosen for our Monday evening meetings has awakened a wide interest and secured large attendances.

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