

example thus set might well be universally imitated. Moreover, it is desirable that every active organization of the congregation,—the Sabbath School, the Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary, the Mission Bands, the Young People's Institute, etc.—should in some way secure a special offering for this Fund, and so be in a position to make towards it a special grant before the Nineteenth Century reaches its close. The results of such action, both directly and indirectly, it would be impossible to overestimate.

The interests of this Fund will not be neglected, it may safely be predicted, during the coming year. What has been achieved already is encouraging indeed, but past achievement can never be accepted as a substitute for present duty. Now that the debt upon our building has practically disappeared, and the scale of our giving as a congregation has been distinctly increased, the claims of the Kingdom of Christ must be aggressively advanced; and, seeing that all contributions *in excess* of the \$25,000 originally aimed at will be placed at the credit of the "Common Fund," a sufficient incentive to united and large-hearted action is certainly not lacking. It should never be forgotten that the highest happiness is to be found, not in what we accumulate, but in what we willingly bestow upon others. There are other riches, and better riches, than those which are found in the abundance of our temporal things. To deny self is often to win something that self-gratification could never have yielded. To deny self for Jesus' sake is emphatically the Master's commandment.

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