

year now reported, as also of the previous year, is the fact that most of those who have been received on profession have been young people from the families of the Church, and members of the Sunday School. This is as it should be, for there can be no permanent growth where young life and vigour are not taken in and appropriated to the Church's uses and wants. It is proper also to note, that among those received by letter has been Rev. Dr. Wilkes, the honoured pastor of the parent Church, together with his family.

There has been likewise a marked increase in the numbers of the general congregation, especially at the morning-service of the Lord's Day; and the number of new sittings taken has been larger than in any previous year. Your Board deem it their duty, at this point, to say a word touching the Sunday-evening congregation. This is not what it might reasonably be expected to be; not in respect of strangers, however, but of our own people. Were all who could come present, the evening congregation would, as a rule, be larger than that of the morning; instead of which, we find it to be much smaller. Now, this should not be, and in most other churches it is not the case. There are three classes of absentees; viz., those who would come, if they could, but are prevented by sickness or some other legitimate cause; those who could come, if they would, but prefer to stay at home, satisfied with the one good sermon they have heard, and, let us charitably hope, profitably engaged in marking, learning and inwardly digesting the same; and, lastly, there are those who, forsaking their own, go wandering into other pastures. Will such as these bear the word of kindly remonstrance and warning as to neglected duty, to say nothing of neglected privilege? As a Church we owe something better than this to our Pastor, who puts forth his best efforts for our instruction and profit at the evening-service as well as at the morning. There is a great deal of human nature in ministers even, and an array of seats unoccupied by those who should be in them, is not the most stimulating sight in the world.

In response to the invitation of the Pastor and Deacons, the Rev. Prof. Fenwick has again kindly formed an Adult class for the study of the Scriptures, which meets on Sunday afternoons. The attendance at this class is increasing, showing that this service on the part of Prof. Fenwick is held in value by many among us; and your Board are pleased to add, that tokens of the Divine blessing have not been wanting to it. Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. Hague likewise continue to conduct their classes in connection with the Sunday School. To one and all of these friends are the best thanks of the Church due for their self-denying exertions to promote its welfare.