

During the year that is past some of our number have ended their pilgrimage and entered into rest. Loud and repeated have been the warnings to all. Oh that we were wise that we understood this, that we would consider our latter end.

The registrations for the year were as follows: Marriages, 11; Baptisms, 21; Burials, 23. Communicants on roll, 596.

The attendance on the Sabbath services, both morning and evening have been most encouraging, but that on Wednesday evening has not been what it ought to be with the largely increased congregation.

It is very gratifying to see that the introduction of the electric light and other improvements made in the gallery, have induced many more to take sittings there, and it is hoped that soon the gallery may be as fully occupied as the area of the Church. In this connection, I have been surprised to learn, in the course of the past year, that some families sitting in the area have not sufficient sittings for all the members of the family able to come to church. This is a very unsatisfactory condition of things, and as there are no more available seats in the area, the only solution of this difficulty is for such families to go into the gallery, and there is little hardship in this. No doubt we get attached to a pew as we do to a house—but surely, in the spiritual interests of our children we should be able to overcome this feeling; and as the seats in the gallery are in every respect as good as those in the area, it is really a very small change to make in order to gain a great benefit.

As soon as a child is able to be present in the congregation of God's people, that child should be there. It is a vain excuse to say that they attend Sabbath School. Sabbath Schools are doing a great work, and we hope they may do a greater; but the Sabbath School as a substitute either for family instruction or attendance at Church, is a delusion and a snare. Let the children be trained to go up with their parents to worship in the great congregation. Let them know and feel that they have a recognized place in the House of God. Teach them practically that truth inscribed on their baptismal cards, "The visible church consists of all those throughout the world who profess the true religion, **TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN.**" I always provide a special portion for them, let them not be deprived