

the Session show steady progress. The average attendance at the Sabbath evening meeting is 90, and it is hoped that permanent good is being done. It is gratifying to record that some through these services have been led to attach themselves to congregations in their neighbourhood.

Some of our friends have, during the year, come through deep waters. Venerable forms have passed away. The place that once knew them knows them no more. Their memory is fragrant, and urges all to the imitation of their faith.

It is exceedingly encouraging to notice the number of young men connected with us. It is a delightful proof that the unsettling tendencies of the day, of which we hear so much, are not so powerful as represented, and that still the old Gospel proves itself the power of God. We have no imposing ritual or sacred Sabbath concert to attract the young; we have no new fangled fancies with which to tickle their intellects, therefore we are all the more delighted to see them and give them a hearty welcome, and to hope and pray that the God of their fathers may bestow upon them His best benediction.

There have been some gratifying signs of a deepening interest in spiritual things, which we hope are but the first drops of a great shower of blessing. Brethren, whatever else you forget, pray for this. We sorely need more abundant manifestations of the power of God's Spirit. Without this all outward prosperity is vain. Cry then with one heart to Him who knows all our need, "VISIT THIS VINE."

Yours in the service of the Gospel,

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