

at the opening of our Church, and the large amount of sympathy with which we have been favoured by other churches in the city. We shall always remember the visit of our friend the Rev. Dr. Dutyea with gratitude and pleasure, and shall think with warm appreciation of the assistance rendered by other kind friends who filled our pulpit and gathered on our platform in connection with the Dedication Services. Let us go on to our work animated by this beginning and strengthened by the promises of God.

I trust we shall all be conscious of the increased responsibility which comes upon us now that we have more definitely taken our place among the churches of the city. With growing numbers and influence we ought to be effecting greater good. Let us remember that we are here that others may be the better for our presence, as well as that we may grow better ourselves. It is our duty to guard carefully both the quality and the quantity of the spiritual energy which flows out from us. Freely have we received, let us freely give.

I am thankful that the number of those on the Church-roll have not been diminished by death during the year, although some have been taken who were in every way closely associated with us, and the dark shadow has fallen upon some households by the removal of much-beloved children. We have need to remember that the clouds are only dark on the earthward side; on the heavenward, the sun shines with perennial rays.

I notice with pleasure the increased attendance at our week-day evening meeting. Those who have not hitherto met with us on that occasion are earnestly invited to do so. A single inspiration of the air on the mountain-top, of prayer and communion with God, will strengthen the weakest and confirm the strongest for the pressure of the cares and temptations of life.

I am very anxious to see the growth and increased efficiency of our Sabbath School. Let us bear it on our hearts before God. These are our own children, and are to fill our vacant places when our heads are laid low. It is all we can do for the world to leave with our children the inheritance of our convictions and principles, that they may use them as weapons in the warfare for good, and as starting-points in the discovery of further truth. What can be more important than that they should be thoroughly trained in the principles of the Gospel, so that