

apparent that it is their clear duty, as well as their great privilege to transfer their membership and identify themselves with the churches where they are located. The deacons have constantly had both sides of the case in mind and done what they could to effect transfers to us where it could be done, and from us in case of non-residents.

We would urge upon parents especially to see that their children who go abroad to reside, take letters of dismission to join where they locate, so that they may have a church home and be better able to work for the Master.

The number of Baptisms during the year just closing is larger than in any year since 1889. The fact that 14 have united with us by baptism in one year now ending, calls for devout gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

Our list of departed brethren and sisters is a list of beloved ones who were ripe for the glory into which we believe they have entered. Their memories will be long cherished by us.

It may stimulate us to greater exertions on behalf of our young men to state that 181 of our members belong to the sisterhood and only 68 are male members. Let us pray and labor for the conversion of the boys growing up in our midst.

Permit us in this connection to state some facts in relation to our Sunday School, upon which department the welfare and growth of the Church will always largely depend. In 1889 the enrollment was 212 members, with an average attendance of 145; in 1890, 175 with an average of 118; in 1891, 165 with an average of 113; in 1892, 175 with an average of 115, and in 1893, 165 with an average of 120. These facts seem to point to the desirability of making more determined effort to develop and strengthen and build up the Sabbath School. Our future is largely bound up in the Sabbath School.

We wish here to ask your most earnest attention to a matter which has weighed heavily upon Pastor and Deacons, as well as many other members, namely—attendance at Prayer and Conference meetings. With a membership of 219 resident in the City and Dartmouth, the attendance at these meetings ought to be very much larger than it has been. Brethren and sisters, how can you afford to remain away from these meetings? "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." We believe the growth of Christian life is mainly dependent upon these means of grace. Again therefore, with all the emphasis we can use, let us exhort and urge all our members to attend the Prayer and Conference meetings, and to take part therein.

We see in this body a great and mighty force for the up-building of God's cause in the earth if only all the members will bow themselves with all their faculties to God's work, trusting to Him for the help He is ever ready to give. We have a lovable, a beloved and devoted and able Pastor, and we should be thankful to God for sending him to us, and at this time we should remember him in our prayers in the deep suffering he has been called to undergo in the death of his aged father.

We have a membership capable of doing manifold work for the Master, and we have material means among us of meeting all the necessary financial needs of the church, as well as giving aid to our denominational