

beginning, interest attaches to certain persons who identified themselves with the beginning of things, and have continued throughout real factors in the congregation's growth. Among these who, later on, identified themselves with our congregation, are some, both men and women, who in their sympathy and unselfish co-operation have contributed greatly to the present strength of our congregation. Indeed, no true estimate of the factors in the congregation's growth can leave out of the reckoning the group of noble men and women who, in their genuine and unaffected interest, and with their ungrudging gifts of time and money, have done so much to encourage and bring the congregation to its present strength.

To be reminiscent upon the past is to awaken memories of our dead. In these past years, many have fallen asleep. Not a few amongst us are linked to this church by tender and sacred ties. The company of those who have passed from amongst us to the Assembly of Saints above grows larger every year. The trials and bereavements in the homes of our people through these years, together with the problems and difficult tasks that have been faced and overcome, have begotten a kinship and unity amongst our people that is wide-spread and deep, and that betokens strength. It also constitutes a warrant for great hopefulness in facing, for the days to come, all the claims of the work of God.

The Future

The policy that has so largely shaped the character of our congregation in the past is again re-asserted. More deeply than ever are we entrenched in the conviction that only as we sincerely identify ourselves in our congregational policy and method's with our Lord's great missionary purposes, can we the more speedily and effectually meet the spiritual needs of our own local community, and the spiritual requirements of our rapidly growing country. Much are we humbled in the memory of past failures; but reckoning upon the unalterable faithfulness of our God, we turn again with courage to face the future.