

that if there is one thing which distinguishes the North Church above all others, it is grand, spiritual, uplifting prayer meetings. Let us put more of our strength and prayer into these this year, and we will reap accordingly in souls converted and finances increased.

There has been a steady increase in our Sunday congregations during the year. Perhaps the growth has been most marked in our evening congregations. The Pastor feels very thankful to the Lord for the loyal support of the preaching services by his people. He would urge upon the church the importance of attending both services, morning and evening. Sunday is our time of harvest, and it is of the utmost importance that each member be in his place. We look for greater increase in our congregations this year. Will you be one to bring strangers and negligent ones to our preaching services and help to hold them?

Five of our members have been laid away in the silent grave, but their spirits have gone to be with Jesus. The Deacons in their report will make mention of these faithful sisters in Israel. They loved the church and labored jealously for her advancement.

You will have the financial report read to you, and can see for yourselves what progress has been made. You will find the financial statement a cause for genuine congratulation. We believe that the publishing of our Calendar has quietly but effectively helped in this good work. The Calendar has gone to the ends of the world declaring our work in the Lord. Strangers have been attracted by it. They have said, "that is an enterprising church." It has stimulated the spiritual and the business part of our work. Our Calendar speaks loudly that this church is determined to make the very most of itself in the service of the Lord Jesus. Among the many factors which have given tone and stability to our work, we believe the Calendar is not secondary. It helps to hold what we get, and compact it into symmetrical form.

I need only to remind you that this year is to be one of the greatest importance to us. The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces meets with us in August. There will of necessity have to be some preparations for that great meeting. As one of the largest and most important churches in the Convention it is fitting that we give them suitable welcome. The North Church may always be depended upon to do the right thing in the right way. That will be for us to deal with most carefully.

With everything to encourage us, we ought to make this a most memorable year in our history. Thirty-three have been added by baptism this past year. If we lay ourselves wholly upon the Altar of God we shall not be disappointed in our 20th Century offering of 100 souls for Jesus. Will you do your part to bring this to pass. It all rests with us. God is longing for it, Jesus is urging us to it. Let us be up and doing.

Lovingly your Pastor,

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