

hanced if the young attended in larger numbers, and the fathers and the brothers put in a more frequent appearance. Have they to toil so hard for the "meat that perisheth" that they cannot spend an hour with God at the prayer-meeting? Some improvement is noticeable in both these respects since last year. The service is limited to one hour; and should not Christians hail with gladness that Wednesday evening hour with the Master as a precious and pleasant respite from the pressing cares of life?

3. The Sabbath School and the Bible Class have more than sustained their old record. The Sabbath School roll is 171. Teachers 20. Volumes in library 300. Weekly contributions \$80. Literature: *Children's Messenger*, *Children's Paper*, *Westminster Teacher*, *Sunda*, *School Times*, etc.

A fact of the liveliest interest is the unusually large number of scholars who have in the course of the year professed the Saviour. May the Lamb of God keep them by His side!

The Bible Class has to contend with the old difficulty—want of accommodation, and thus the unavoidable exclusion of a large number who would be glad to share in its benefits. In spite, however, of inconvenience and discomfort, the past year has been one of pleasure and profit to the class. It is just entering on a course of study in "Christian Doctrine." In addition to this class, a "Young People's Meeting" is being organized for Bible study on Monday evenings, which gives promise of much usefulness.

6. There have not been wanting during the year gratifying proofs of deep religious interest. God grant that the seed may have fallen on good ground. In closing these brief notes on Worship, the Session would express its pleasure at the hearty and elevating character of the congregation's *praise*.

MISSIONS, ETC.

1. In this department of our work it is pleasant to be able to repeat the words of last year's report: "The past year has exceeded all previous years in contributions to the great schemes of the church. This is as it should be. The missionary spirit is the life of the church." In the course of the year a Mission Band has been organized, and since May its contributions have reached the surprising sum of \$90. The Session cannot speak too highly of the Christian energy of the young ladies who direct the efforts of this young society.