

offer prayer and put forth effort, not only that we may have the blessing of a deeper spiritual interest AWAKENED among us, but the still greater blessing of such an interest WELL-SUSTAINED the year through.

Sincerely do I thank you, dear brethren and sisters, for the numerous expressions you have given me and my family of your hearty good-will, and for the extent and manner of your co-operation in the glorious work committed to us. While sensible of at least some of the failures of my ministry, I can say that I deeply desire the highest welfare of you all. Within the year now nearly gone some of you have been in deep waters of affliction. It is my prayer that the Lord may not only uphold you, but bring to you gain out of your grief. To the aged and sick who have not been permitted to be with us in the public sanctuary, may a sufficiency of grace be ever granted. None such should cease in their retirement to beseech God that we who are able actively to go about may not misuse our powers and privileges.

Finally, I pray that to every member of this flock,—a flock truly dear unto my heart,—the days of 1895 may bring such happiness as comes alone from consciousness of unbroken fidelity in the doing of the Divine will. "The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

Your affectionate Pastor,

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