

not only maintained, but multiplied, our membership increased, and our children growing in devotion to the church. By removal we have indeed lost a few, but by voluntary departure with cause of complaints we have scarcely lost one.

We are not perfect. We need criticism, and I trust will welcome it and try to profit by it.

We are not proud. We want advice, and long for helpful suggestions from our people.

We have not attained to anything like the ideal which we have set before us for a Church like this.

But we are thankful, we are hopeful. We are humbled by our past prosperities; we are encouraged in our future prospects; and as we say with gratitude reviewing the past what hath God wrought, we press on to the future in the strong assurance, He will bless us; God will bless us and our children.

