

been discouraged. I thank God for the scriptural attitude of this church towards her Pastor:

Your Pastor has endeavoured to give fair and impartial pastoral visitation during the year. Four afternoons of the week have been sacredly set aside for this and our denominational work. When the round has been once made, he has begun again. Without respect of persons he has called upon all. The large number of strangers who are constantly coming to our church has given him opportunities of visiting among those who do not belong to our own or any other congregation. This work, we believe, is already bringing results in the attendance of these and others upon our services. It has been the aim of the Pastor to gain and to hold. Every family or person who feels the influence of our church and is benefited thereby, helps to draw others. Our desire has been to hold all we have got and to get more. The Lord requires this of us as faithful stewards.

The Church has done noble work in welcoming strangers. It is a difficult thing for one to come into our church and not receive hearty handshakes from some of the congregation with an invitation to come again. We hope that there will be an increase of this at our Sunday evening services, when, owing to the after-meeting, and the crowd, the Pastor cannot get to the door. Let every member of the Church feel a greater responsibility in this matter of welcoming strangers, and soon every pew will be filled. The good name of our church is spreading throughout the city and province. It is attracting the people. That means a most promising future. Let us live up to our possibilities.

Your pastor is persuaded that the North Baptist is the real genuine People's Church Home of the city. He hopes to make it more so, and feels that he has your support in the good work. In the future he hopes to make a stronger appeal to the sailors at our wharves on the Lord's Day, and by means of invitations and printed cards to attract more of them our way. There is a strong tendency now, and we ought to take advantage of it.

He hopes also to see special efforts put forth this year to reach the mass of people who do not attend any church. We ought to reach many of these. But this cannot be accomplished unless we have more visitation amongst the people. There is a large opportunity for work here, and we believe the church will seize it.

We believe in emphasizing the social element in our church work, but in the forefront of every effort we must put the spiritual. Strong as the North Church is socially, she has her strength in her spiritual life. This it is that is chiefly instrumental in drawing the people to our services. If we did not have the spiritual fire, all else would be cold and lifeless. People talk more about the grand spiritual meetings and the uplifting spiritual songs we have, than about anything else. Because we have some measure of spiritual life the others follow as a matter of course. It is impossible to emphasize too much the importance of our prayer services. They are the heart of the church. It is the first duty of the members of the church to support these. The pastor acknowledges the loyalty of the church in support of these services. He feels