

counted it a privilege to contribute to the needs of others; not to the extent of our ability, perhaps, but always in some degree.

The church has been at peace with itself from the beginning. No serious inharmony nor dissension has ever prevailed, and we have never had occasion to call a council of the denomination to settle disputes. To the Great Head in Zion be the praise and not to us. We are doubtless as heady and strong willed as any in the Lord's great family, but His moulding and modifying hand has been upon us from the beginning even until now.

The church has never been numerically large. Though about one thousand persons have been baptised since the organization, yet the membership at any one time has never been large. The reason for this is apparent. We are geographically located away from the railroad and are surrounded with Baptist churches. Besides this there are few manufacturing interests in our immediate vicinity. For this reason young persons who have been converted and united with the church have only remained until they could find employment elsewhere. Hence the church has always been a feeder to other churches. Young men and women have been trained in church work here, and then have gone to enrich the working force of other churches, while few have located permanently with us. We count it a privilege to have thus contributed to the greater efficiency of neighboring organizations through all these past years, and regard it a success if we have maintained a creditable average membership.

The female membership has been an important factor in the success of every church enterprise. The