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WHAT ABOUT 1955? It would not be difficult to put down a record of the past year in statistical terms. This is of less value, we think, than asking every member of the church family to think about what the church has done in and through him. Some to whom this newsletter goes would have to say "NOTHING". We still have inactive and absentee names on our roster. We think the participation of our membership is -- shall we say -- better than average. But that should make us unhappy. In the very practical matter of the stewardship of our money, the canvass committee can make a clear case that most of us are well below the level of what we might be giving.

Some others, reflecting on the past year, would feel that church life for them has been haphazard and half-hearted. It may have been humdrum or even annoying. For others it has been elevating and challenging. But the important thing is for each of us to spend at least ten minutes before 1956 to reflect on what the church has meant this year. Out of such serious thinking may come not only fruitful ideas, but decisions that, if acted upon, may vitalize individual dedication and the corporate influence of the whole church for good in the community and even the world.

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