

cumstances I have had their sympathy and assistance and a beautiful measure of the same spirit from those connected with the Free Church.

So far as the *Church Members* are concerned their subscriptions are paid up."

QUEBEC.—For the first time this church appears in our report. Although previously receiving missionary aid, its late pastor having been engaged in England by the Colonial Missionary Society, he remained in direct connection with it, as its agent, even after the union of our missionary organizations. Having resigned his charge, the Rev. H. D. Powis formerly of Belleville C. W., received an invitation to become pastor of the church, and in Jan. 1857 he entered on his work. In December he writes :

"It is now very nearly twelve months since I commenced my labours in this city, and, in reporting our position and prospects, I desire with unfeigned gratitude to record some cheering tokens of the Divine Presence. We have enjoyed in an eminent degree "peace in our borders." Our congregations have steadily and considerably increased, and both our weekly prayer meetings and the preaching services have been well attended. During the year an old and valued member of the Church has entered into rest. Six persons have been admitted to church fellowship upon profession of faith in Christ, there are also others who stand proposed. Our Sunday School which is conducted by very devoted teachers, is in an interesting and encouraging state.

"Lo, the promise of a shower
Drops already from above."

Our financial condition is a cause for thankfulness. During the year we have paid off nearly £200 which was due to the Treasurer. We have successfully adopted the plan of weekly contributions. The amount raised for the Pastor's support is larger than for many years past, being £180. This is unvariably promptly paid. Looking at all our circumstances we are much encouraged. There is a devout and solemn spirit resting on our Assemblies ; and, I have reason to believe that the Lord is graciously working in many hearts. Our people are grateful for continued assistance from the Society. And will this year raise at least £20 for the Missionary work."

ST. ANDREWS.—By the reports of the pastor of this church, the Rev. A. Sim, the past year has been one of encouragement and progress. In January 1858 Mr. Sim reports :—

"God has been graciously pleased to add to our number, we trust, of the saved. Through the influence of the spirit and the operation of Divine Truth 9 individuals have been induced to give themselves to the Lord, and join our church ; of these 4 are heads of families, the other 5 are young persons in all the bloom of youth. This increase has greatly cheered our hearts, and encouraged us still to hope in God, and to trust that he will still give testimony to the word of his grace. The minister of the gospel is often in regard to his labours in proclaiming Christ constrained to exclaim in the language of the Psalmist, "I had fainted