

with the exception of two or three concerning whom the Church has not seen its way clear for action, only represents actual members; to have it otherwise is only a source of weakness. There have been twenty-one baptisms during the year.

In bringing this review of the past year to a close, suffer me to earnestly urge upon every member of the Church, the importance of a constant attendance at the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, upon both the Sunday morning and evening services, also at the week-night prayer meeting and the business meetings of the Church. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Then by our example, our works, our words, our prayers and our faith, we shall win many souls from death.

We have begun the new year by spending its first morning in religious devotion, by meeting each evening of the first week for prayer, and by selecting as our motto "MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE AND I WILL GIVE THEE REST." To our joy several have already accepted of the salvation of Christ. We pray that all this may prove prophetic of the devotion and blessings which shall follow us throughout the entire year.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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REPORT OF THE DEACONS.

During the year 1875 several events of considerable interest to the Church have transpired, the most important of which the Deacons now proceed to notice. In February the Diaconate suffered a great loss by the death of one of their number, Mr. John Snarr, one of the oldest members of the Church, to which he had for many years rendered long and faithful services. In consequence of Mr. Snarr's death, and for other reasons, especially the severe and protracted illness of Mr. John Wickson (so much regretted by his fellow members), that confined him to his house, and prevented his usual assistance, the Church deemed it advisable to add to the number of Deacons, and accordingly, at the March meeting, Messrs. J. D. Nasmith, William Freeland and John Adams were chosen to the office; but, at the end of the year, Mr. Adams resigned on account of his removal from Toronto to Cobourg. Mr. Snarr's death also caused a vacancy in the body of Church Trustees, and this vacancy was filled up at the April meeting by the election of Mr. Samuel Davison.

At the March meeting, the Church adopted a plan of systematic contributions for the support of religious and benevolent objects, to take the place of the former occasional and irregular mode of subscriptions, which reached only some of the members. The result of the new method has been most satisfactory. It has obtained increased funds, without unduly pressing upon individual contributors. Many persons, who were formerly passed over by collectors, have been enabled by it, to add their quota to the Lord's Treasury. The money thus raised forms what is called the "Benevolent Fund," and is to be appropriated from time to time as the Church