

Introduction.

To the Members and Adherents of St. James Square Church :

It is with feelings and words of sincerest congratulation that I greet you, my People, in the opening pages of this Report.

There is a fitness, it seems to me, in my writing annually a brief introduction to the official statements of the congregation. It affords me as your pastor opportunity to commend, or perchance sometimes to admonish, as occasion may appear to require.

In the present instance this introduction is pre-eminently fitting. Our Annual Report commences this year a new series. Considerably enlarged, altered in form, and improved in appearance, it is more than ever worthy of being published, perused and preserved. The admission of a few items of historical data, and the compilation for the first time of a full list of those who are in any way attached to the congregation, will be welcomed by all of you.

One of the most memorable events during the past year was the election of those four of your number, who have since been regularly inducted into the office of the Eldership. Already they have proved themselves to be true yoke-fellows in Christ; cheerfully and zealously, with those who previously constituted the Session, they have labored with me in the Gospel. This addition to our strength has made possible, and convenient, a much needed rearrangement of the boundaries of the Elders' Districts.