

## PASTOR'S REVIEW.

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*To the Members and Adherents of College Street Presbyterian Church :*

DEAR FRIENDS,—It has been thought not inappropriate, after a pastorate of twelve years duration, to give a brief account of the way in which God has so graciously led us. Surely we can say, "Thou crownest the years with thy goodness."

Two years before we entered upon our work together the foundations both of the Sunday School and congregation had been laid in much prayer and faithful service, so that when we began our Ministry for Christ there we found a band of workers of whom no pastor might feel ashamed. A number of these first missionaries still dwell in our midst and are amongst the most faithful workers in the congregation. At the date of Ordination and Induction January 5, 1875, there were 50 members. This number rose to one hundred at the first Communion season. The congregation was then designated the "Old fifty" and the "New fifty." Soon, however, this line of distinction was covered over by accessions from time to time.

During the first year it became necessary to enlarge our Church building. In its enlarged form it was seated for five hundred and fifty. Here a membership of four hundred was gathered. During the year 1883 it became evident that a larger and more permanent church was required. The requirement was met. For there were those in our midst who said let us arise and build. It was done. And in March, 1885, the congregation entered their new place of worship. The undertaking was a very great one for a comparatively young and weak charge, but it was felt to be the work of Christ. His blessing came upon His servants and there was no lack. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"

Since the new church was opened a year and nine months ago the membership has risen to six hundred. With humility and gratitude let us recognize the hand of God in this, remembering that greater privileges and superior opportunities bring increased responsibility. Growth there has been not only in the membership but in all parts of the work. See Sabbath School and Missionary Reports. Never have, we think, the deeds of benevolence and the willingness on the part of the ladies to administer them, been more cheerfully rendered and manifest than at the present. By special request we are prohibited from writing down in our public reports many of these deeds of kindness. May that spirit that considers the poor and suffering *abound* yet more and more in our midst. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor."