

**THE RECORD.**—We suppose that the maxim “let another man praise thee and not thine own mouth” applies to Editors as well as other men. We can scarcely omit, however, informing our readers, at the close of the year, that the success of our RECORD has been *more* than we could, at the beginning of the year, have anticipated. There have been many shortcomings, which must be equally divided amongst Editor, Correspondents, and Printers. Like everybody else we promise improvement.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EAST RIVER**  
—With commendable expedition this congregation has its new Manse nearly completed. Mr. McMillan hopes to have it as a New Year's Gift.

**GOOD NEWS FOR SALTSPRINGS.**—Mr. McEchern writes from Edinburgh that he hopes to be with us again, with his wife and family, early in the ensuing summer.

#### DEATH OF REV. DR. BAYNE, OF PICTOU.

Our county loses an eminently useful minister by the death, at the comparatively early age of 62, of Dr. Bayne. “On the 5th November,” we quote from the *Presbyterian Witness*, “he preached at New Annan, assisting Rev. James Watson in dispensing the Lord's Supper. On the succeeding Monday he preached for the last time; but those who listened to him little thought that such was to be the case. At the close of his Monday's discourse he referred feelingly to Mr. Watson's age and infirmity, and also to the tokens of growing age in himself, and to the possibility that he might be addressing his hearers for the last time. He urged them with much pathos and earnestness to work while it was day. Few who heard his vigorous tones that day thought that the night of death was near. On his way home from New

Annan he was struck with paralysis of the right side. He arrived at home however, and appeared to be recovering from this seizure. He was then seized with inflammation of the lungs which ended fatally on Saturday, Dec 9. When we last saw the genial Doctor some months ago, he was pacing vigorously along Water street, in his usual robust health, and crossed over to shake hands, ask about our visit to the old country, and tell with evident interest, of his proposed visit to Scotland to attend the General Assemblies in May next. He has been called to “a better country, even an heavenly.”

#### DR. CAIRD'S LATEST SERMON.

We give below an extract from a sermon preached by Principal Caird in the South Parish Church, Greenock, on Sab. 19th Nov.

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Jno. 8 : 32

The notion of servitude which these Jews had was that of subjection to an outward master. They answered him, “We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man : how then sayest thou, ‘Ye shall be made free?’” The assertion, to any one acquainted with the history of the Jews, was a monstrous one; but even had it been consistent with fact, exemption from outward bondage might yet, as our Lord proceeds to shew, leave their boast of freedom an empty form. “Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin”—that is, far deeper, and more degrading than any external subjection, is the bondage of him who has made himself a thrall of his own baser self; whose hands may be free, but who has yielded up his soul to evil passions and desires, or let himself be mastered by irrational prejudices or by superstitious fears. Under the most galling