

REPORT OF CHURCH BOARD FOR 1889.

The Report now to be presented by your Board, is the fourteenth in the history of this Church ; a short period in the life of public institutions, yet with us it has been marked by many changes, arising from death and removals on the part of members and Office bearers and Pastors. To say that as a Church we have suffered no detriment from these changes would be hardly correct ; still, it is matter for thankfulness that we have been brought through another year in peace and harmony, with "no root of bitterness springing up" to cause trouble and division, and that we stand together on the threshold of another year in mutual confidence and regard, and cherishing the hope that the future has good things in store for us. Let us only be loyal to Christ our Master and to one another, and true to our own convictions of duty and responsibility, and all will be well with us ; and we shall fill the position and do the work which fifteen years ago we looked forward to with so many bright and confident anticipations.

The losses by death in our membership during the year have been only two. On January 9th, Mr. Alfred Savage ; and on February 13th, Mr. Gordon Kingan, passed to their rest and reward, both after an illness of great length and suffering, but borne with exemplary patience. The death of Mr. Savage, was referred to in the last Annual Report, together with the resolution adopted by the Church, testifying to the worth of his character and example, and to the value of his long services to the Mother-Church, as well as this, in the office of Deacon.

The most noteworthy event to us in the year now reported, was the resignation of our honoured Pastor, the Rev. F. H. Marling, which he tendered by a letter bearing date March 28th, and proposed that his period of service should close at the end of May or June. It is not necessary to report here with fulness of detail the steps that were taken in consequence of this unex-