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FOR THE YEAR 1896.

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When Dr. Paton of the New Hebrides was with us, the feature in our congregational life which pleased him most was our Sabbath morning prayer meeting. As we were going together into the vestry he heard the singing in the library and asked what it was. I told him that it was some of the congregation gathered to ask God's blessing on the word that was to be spoken and on all the work we were doing. The Apostolic Missionary was greatly pleased, and, as you may remember, in the course of his address, urged all who could to join that company. Are all doing so who could? Why are you not there? Is it because of home duties, or because your heart is not in such things and you have little faith in the power of prayer and no enjoyment of such a gathering? Those of you who, from the pressure of other responsibilities, cannot go to that meeting, can unite in spirit with those who do, and beseech the blessing of the Lord, without which all our work will be in vain. And if as a people the spirit of grace and supplication is poured out upon us, abundant usefulness and fruitfulness will be the result. Who are our greatest benefactors? who are furthering most efficiently the work of the Lord among us? Those who are most faithful to the standing orders of the great Head of the Church. "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks." If there is ceaseless prayer, there will be constant joy and universal thanksgiving, and the blessing of the Lord will