

PASTORAL GREETING
TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. GABRIEL
CHURCH.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

Having a weekly opportunity of addressing you on the all important spiritual questions which concern you, I need not here dwell on them, further than to say that the past year,—though laden with sorrow to me—was one of the most fruitful of my ministry, judged of by those results which gladden most the heart of a Pastor.

There are other matters, however, which the issuing of the printed annual report of the congregation affords a fitting opportunity of bringing before you. I know I express only the earnest and hearty desire of all the old members and office-bearers of the church, when I say that we rejoice to welcome all the new members and adherents that have lately cast in their lot with us in St. Gabriel's, and we hope that they will find their connection with us every way pleasant and profitable. No effort will be wanting on our part to give such services as will justify their partiality in choosing St. Gabriel's for their ecclesiastical home. And we trust that they in their turn will be ready to speak a good word for our church, and will put forth efforts to increase its strength and add to its working force. See that strangers receive cordial attention when they enter our doors. Let it not be left to the office-bearers alone to be civil to those who may casually come to worship with us.

A departure is made, in accordance with the instructions of the Annual Meeting of 1892, as to the matter of the present report. A detailed financial statement is printed. The envelop plan of weekly offerings makes this new departure necessary: just as those who have the handling of the voluntary contributions towards any public funds feel called upon to print a statement of receipts and disbursements. In most of the vigorous congregations of the church in Canada, in which matters are conducted on the best business principles, this is now done. The Trustees know that many friends have contributed in the open plate collections, to whom they are not able to give credit by name in