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FOR THE YEAR 1889.

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We look back on another year of fellowship in Christian work with mingled feelings. Again that antediluvian dirge, all the more melancholy because of its monotony, has to be repeated,—"And he died." The young and the old, those whom we hoped to have been our strength and joy, those who had finished their labours, have passed away. A glance at the obituary record will show the blanks that have been made. Let us who remain so number our days that we apply our hearts unto wisdom.

There were registered during the year 17 Baptisms, 19 Burials, and 11 Marriages. The number of names on

the Communion Roll is 521.

All branches of Christian activity in which the church is engaged have been carried on quietly and successfully during the year 1888. There is nothing remarkable to be recorded, yet there are not wanting proofs that there is a deepening interest in spiritual things among us. It is a great encouragement to a minister of the gospel to know that his words are helping the spiritual life of his hearers; and just as I sat down to write this address a note came into my hands, part of which I will transcribe, as it expresses what not a few have been saying to me by word of mouth. "I feel led to express to you my sincere gratitude for the