

have we introduced to the fold? How many weak ones have we strengthened? How many doubting ones encouraged? How many names have been added to the Church below, and recorded in the Book of Life above, through our instrumentality? Of what service have we been to the pastor, the Sabbath School, the congregation, the prayer-meeting, the young and the old? What better is the Church for our being in it during the past year?

And how do we stand before God? Have we rendered that homage due to His holy name and laws? Have we been jealous of His honor, and ardent in the vindication of His claims? Have we rendered obedience to His commands, or rebelled against them as a yoke too heavy to be borne? Have we experienced the blessedness of communion with Him, or tried to hide ourselves from Him because of our shortcomings? Have His testimonies been our delight, and His promises our song in this the house of our pilgrimage? Has the Saviour been to us as the "chief among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely," or have we shut our ears at the sound of His voice, and wandered further into the labyrinths of sin? Have we sought His glory above all earthly gain—the fulfilment of His commands before all other considerations? Have we asked His counsel in all our plans, His guidance in all our ways, His presence in all our companionships?

Whatever response is given to such questions by those who may examine their hearts and lives by them, let 1875 witness a purer record, a more worthy discipleship, a nobler testimony for Him by whom the Books of Judgment will finally be opened and impartially surveyed, and will give unto every one according as his work shall be, for

"When the Judge His seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth."

Then, as the ceaseless tramp, tramp, tramp, of the world's millions is heard hurrying by, and the restless throng push their way onward, let the lamp of our life make the way the brighter, and lead to eternal peace!

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

We have received the following important communications, which we understand the Colonial Committee has sent as a circular to all our ministers, and we give them in full:

Extract Minutes of the Colonial Committee, referring to the establishment of the Chair of Pastoral Theology and Church History in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

At a Meeting of the Colonial Committee held at Edinburgh, the Sixth Day of November, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-four:

Inter alia,—

The Colonial Committee having met specially, and entered upon the consideration of the resolution passed at their last Meeting, to support for some years a Chair of Pastoral Theology and Church History in connection with the Theological Hall at present existing in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the reasons set forth in Mr. Grant's Memorial embodied in the Minutes of last Meeting, as also the claims and qualifications of such persons as may be deemed fit for the office; and being satisfied by report of well-informed parties, by documents under their hand, and by personal knowledge of the fitness of Rev. Allan Pollok, formerly of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and presently in Scotland, hereby appoint him to the above-mentioned Professorship with a salary of three hundred pounds sterling per annum, as previously determined, and under the same conditions as all other grants made by the Colonial Committee; directing him to proceed to the sphere of his duties as soon as convenient, to be subject to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, leaving it with them to arrange for his reception, and for the efficient discharge of his duties in the Chair. The Colonial Committee make said grant upon the understanding, as set forth by Mr. Grant, that steps shall be taken in order that, within a reasonable time, the necessary capital shall be raised wherewith to endow the said Chair, and yield three hundred pounds per annum, so that the funds of the Colonial Committee may be relieved and available for their ordinary operations, or for similar educational undertakings in the future. They further empower the Convener to furnish the Professor with any instructions that may be necessary to carry out the details of this arrangement, and express the