

ADDRESS FROM THE SESSION.

To the Members of the Gould Street Presbyterian Church.

DEAR BRETHREN.—The year now closed has been in many respects one of the most cheering in our history as a congregation. We cannot speak, as on the same occasion last year, of the absence of any case of death during a whole twelvemonth among the members in full communion. Several have been removed, not without giving us good reason to hope that they have changed only the scene and form of their service, not its nature; that to them to die has been "to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." The most marked feature in our congregational life during the past year, has been the interest manifested in missionary and church extension schemes, the degree of liberality which these have evoked, and the number of members who have been ready to respond to the call for Christian effort, both in Sabbath School work and in district visitation. We are gratified with all this, "not because we desire a gift, but because we desire fruit that may abound to your account." We are gratified at the better appreciation by you of the claims of Christ's cause, which, we trust, it bespeaks. And we are thankful to God for it, as having given to not a few of you, the disposition to lay out on His cause, that which so many greedily hoard, or thoughtlessly waste on purposes of mere self-indulgence or self-display. You will permit us to counsel you, even as we would ourselves, to see to it that your gifts are *really* made to Him for whose cause they are professedly given, so that whatever may be their immediate results you may "in no wise lose your reward." We would express our hope and prayer in regard to you in this connection, in the words of the Apostle, "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work; Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."