

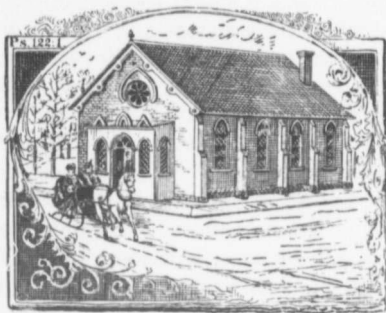
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OUR CHURCH TIDINGS

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PASTOR'S GREETING.

The relation existing between pastor and people is a tender and sympathetic one. The spiritual prosperity of one is a cause of joy to the other. John said: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth." May the year 1898 record greater progress in our experience and knowledge of God and spiritual things. Our motto texts for the year are "Grow in grace," and "In every work that he began in the service of the house of God, he did it with all his heart and prospered."

With warm Christmas and New Year greetings.

Yours affectionately,

D. ROGERS.

OUR CHURCH WORK.

We are pleased to have within our bounds for another year the two teachers, Bros. Stewart and Breckenridge.

Wm. J. Johnston is a host in himself in looking after the temperal and spiritual interests of his appointment.

Every church needs at least one man or woman who is all sunshine and hope, and forever prophesying good things, and ever saying things of praise and cheer. Who is it in your church?

Our woman's society is true to its name, "Willing Workers." It has in-

creased in numbers and is rendering effective service.

The full amount of our Superannuation assessment was raised in October without a social or even a collection. Thanks to all our good friends.

Earnestly urge your non-church-going friend to accompany you to the house of God. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

We are much indebted to our choirs. Let us join them in rendering spirited singing, making "melody unto the Lord."

We expect a visit from the General Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Carman, some evening during January. He will preach at Bluevale at 7.30.

The ideal church boils over with zeal, pays dues promptly, has a consecrated membership, a good Sunday School and Epworth League and is not frightened at an occasional shout.

Our Sunday Schools are doing good work under the direction of their superintendents—Bros. Stewart, Shaw and Pepper. Hold up the hands of the workers by your prayers and presence as often as possible.

The sound of revival is being heard on many of our circuits. The "set time" is when the human agents are ready to use the means which Divine mercy has placed within our reach. The fountain of grace is full and free forever.

This little paper is published without cost to our readers—the only return we ask is that you peruse every line and profit by it as much as you can. In June, 1898, we purpose (D.V.) publishing a similar issue containing a detailed statement of the finances of the different departments of our work. A business-like method of doing the Lord's work is always highly satisfactory to the people and productive of much good.