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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—PS. 137: 5

THE NEW YEAR.

We have now accompanied our readers through another year. We trust we have been the means, in some measure, of keeping the work of the Church both at home and abroad before the minds of those who from month to month peruse our pages. We have watched the events which transpired from time to time, and to those most noteworthy we alluded. It is true, many important events have not been noticed. Our only reason for the omission of all such was simply want of space. We find that a periodical with half as many more pages could easily be filled from month to month with the news of the other branches of the Colonial Church, and with the news of the mother Church in Scotland. It is, however, impossible to accomplish an enlargement of our dimensions so long as the lists of subscribers remain at or near their present numbers. It shall be our endeavour at all times to enlarge and improve as we shall see prudent from time to time. The small change adopted at the commencement of this year and the 17th volume we hope will

meet with the approval of all our friends and the friends of the Church.

In reviewing the year now closing, we have, on the whole, great cause for thankfulness. And yet we have had, as all Churches have, cause of sorrow as well as cause of joy. One of our oldest and most valued men has been removed from a field of great activity and usefulness, to the "rest that remaineth for the people of God." We refer to the late lamented Rev. John Gunn of Broad Cove. When the veterans fall, it becomes a serious question as to who shall fittingly fill their places.

Another, the Rev. Dr. Donald of St. Andrew's, St. John, has been removed from active life by severe illness, which we fear will terminate fatally ere long. Such events as these are the lot of our common humanity. Let us bow to the hand of God, and pray for other "labourers" in "the vineyard" to be raised up.

A further regret is caused by seeing so many of our strongest and oldest congregations still vacant. Every unoccupied and neglected garden ceases to produce fruits and flowers, and, instead,