

it were the overtures of union made, not officially but in earnest of something more definite, by the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, on the floors of their respective Synods, to the delegates from our own Church. Many new labourers have been received into the Church during the past year; the Colleges at Toronto and Montreal both show a large roll of students in attendance; and the progress of Church extension seems to be greater than ever. New churches have been erected in the following places: Seaforth, Rockwood, Angus, Carradoc, Port Perry, Langside, Elmira, Maidstone, Parkhill, Simcoe, Molesworth, Listowel, Wellandport, Hawksville, Ottawa, Orford, Mara, Galt, Guelph, Toronto, Wyoming, Thamesville, Forest, London, and Cayuga.

The Foreign Mission Committee has engaged the services of two additional missionaries for the work going on at Red River and the Saskatchewan. But while the Church has had cause to rejoice over so many marks of prosperity and evidence of the Divine blessing, it has been called upon during the past year to mourn in no common manner. Among its ministers, Messrs. Murray, Campbell, and Mackey have ceased from their labours, while many devoted members of the Church, and among them some prominent men like Mr. Redpath, of Montreal, have also entered into rest. The greatest loss of all, however, has been that of one whose name will long be a household word in Canada, the venerable Dr. Burns, the Father of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Here we leave the record of the past year. In it there has been much to encourage, little to dishearten, much to rejoice over, while the sorrow that may have been caused is not sorrow without hope. There is abundant cause for gratitude in a survey of God's dealings with the Church at large, and our own Church in particular. May the humbly adoring one be enabled to know his own lack while contemplating the fulness of Him from whom all blessings flow, who crowneth the year with His goodness, and, while stretching forth the hand to renewed and greater exertion in the year that is than was displayed in that which is past, also lift the heart in fervent prayer that better days may speedily dawn than even those for which thanks are given, that "God's way may be known upon earth, His saving health among all nations."

A PASTORAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN.—Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Synod of our Church, at its meeting in June last, received, read, and considered several overtures, and a memorial, on the subject of *Temperance*, and unanimously adopted the following finding, viz:—"The Synod "having heard the overtures, agree to receive and adopt them, and to record "their sorrow and anxiety at the great prevalence of the sin of intemperance, "and recognizing their obligations at once to testify against, and strive to "suppress the evil, do hereby recommend each Minister of the Church to "take up the subject by an earnest address from the pulpit, at least once "in the year, and in every suitable way endeavour to discountenance the "prevalent drinking usages that lead to intemperance; and that the "Moderator, Dr. Thornton, and Mr. Wardrope, be instructed to prepare a pastoral letter on this subject, to be signed by the Moderator, and "sent to each session of the Church."