

There is, of course, much more that I might say, but I will close by earnestly asking your prayer and your co-operation in my work for Christ. One of the most honoured of our English brethren, who lately passed away, ascribed the continual success of his ministry to the devout prayers and untiring labours of the band of devoted workers who gathered round him. Why should not you and your pastor enjoy similar success? "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open upon you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it"

I am, dear brethren,

Your affectionate pastor,

J. F. STEVENSON.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOARD FOR 1881.

The duty once more devolves upon your Board of presenting a Report of the life and progress of the Church during another year of its history; and they have great pleasure in stating that it has been a year of continued prosperity. Death, however, has removed more from our ranks than in any previous year. Shortly after the last Annual Meeting, the Church had to mourn the loss of Mr. Lemuel Cushing, junior, who had for several years filled various offices among us with usefulness and efficiency, and who gave promise of still greater usefulness in the future. Mr. Agnew, who had for some time been absent from us, but whose name still remained on our roll, died in a distant city; and Mrs. White and Mrs. Sutherland, aged members of the Church, and held in high and deserved esteem, died after short illness in the summer. And whilst these have gone to their rest and reward, others who have long been among us, and whom we all love for their works'sake, have been laid low by the hand of sickness. In these mournful events, there is a voice speaking to one and all, reminding us of the uncertainty of life and of health, and calling upon us to do what we have to do, and what we can do, in the service of God's Church, with promptitude and energy, "while it is day," remembering that "the night cometh in which no man can work."

It is matter for great thankfulness, that the health of our beloved Pastor has been uniformly good throughout the year, and that he has been enabled to discharge his various duties among us with vigour and success.