be its rival. Secular work must have its place in the margins of under-standings, but what if we neglect so great salvation and found submerged in the vortex of secular employment when the Master knocks at the door. Must I go, and empty handed. Can I meet the Saviour so—not one day of service give Him, lay no trophy at His feet? Brethren, is that to be said of us? We are faithless creatures, everyone of us. Afraid if we neglect our secular employments we will be ruined. The Apostle admonishes us: Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. If we are to have our hearts cleansed, our spirits revived, our nature renewed, it must come through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. What other name under heaven whereby we may be saved. Hume, the infidel, persuaded his saintly mother to give up her faith in Jesus, but when sorrow, trouble, and afflictions came upon her, hot and heavy, she found that with no faith in Jesus her comforts too had fled, and going to her infidel son she said: "My son, you have taken away my religion, now tell me something to comfort me." But, alas! he had no com-fort to give his poor afflicted mother! How could he— to despise our dear Saviour, on whom our hopes of heaven depend. "Yes we may when we have no sins to wash away." Even then we would be ungrateful. We have only added by baptism during the year, 10; we have lost by death, 18, by removals, 1. Total, 556. So that it requires more earnest work to be done in all of the churches, and accept the injunction, "Wherefore comfort your-selves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do, and we beseech you brethren to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you. And to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ.