



Address of the Session.

It is with feelings of much thankfulness for the past year, and of hope for that which is before us, that the Session of St. James Square Congregation send forth this their annual address to those over whom they have been placed in charge. It is probably not too much to say that, so far as man can judge, the past has been a year second in prosperity to none since the formation of the congregation. The attendance upon the Sabbath services has steadily increased, as also, perhaps somewhat more slowly, that upon the weekly prayer meetings; while the activity of the members of the church in every good work has increased in a degree which must fill every Christian heart with much joy and gratitude to the Lord who works in us "both to will and to do," to whose grace alone must be ascribed all the glory.

The comparative tables on pp. 51-53 give the facts which illustrate these remarks. The deaths and removals of the past year must be regarded as few when we consider the size of the congregation. Of the five who have departed hence "to be with Christ," one, Mrs. Buik, was one of the eight whose names appear on the Communicants' Roll Book as first received as members of the Gould St. Church, in 1853. Mr. Robert Wilson's name appears but little later on the same first page of the roll. The Rev. George Lawrence had also been a member of the congregation for many years, since he became unable longer to engage in stated preaching, and had greatly endeared himself to all who knew him. Mr. Wm. S. King had been with us only a few months, but