

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Members and Adherents of St. Andrew's Church :

MY DEAR FRIENDS :—

At the close of another year, I desire to acknowledge the loyal support which you have given to the work of this Congregation. It is not possible to measure the exact results of Christian effort. But if any of you have been guided or cheered, if you have been fitted for a nobler discharge of life's duties, and for more effective service in the Church, to God be all the praise.

While a pastor cannot transfer his duties to others, it is hardly possible to overestimate the value of sympathetic aid on the part of his people. I have always been thankful for this, and I am thankful still.

The various Societies of the Church have maintained a good degree of vigour throughout the year, though there is room for further increase in their membership.

Your attendance at the Sunday morning services leaves little to be desired. It would encourage me if more of you were present at our Sunday evening service. While we welcome the large number of strangers who join our worship, it is natural to look, first of all, to the support of members of our own Congregation. May I hope for some improvement in this regard?

The Congregation is to be congratulated on the gradual extinction of the Church debt without any effort on its part. It would be a misfortune, however, if we allowed the Glebe property to make us careless in meeting our own needs and the needs of the Church in general. On the contrary, I am persuaded that the exceptionally easy circumstances in which we are placed will stimulate liberality in both directions.

The Glebe Church continues to grow under the able ministry of the Rev. Mr. Milne. The grant which we give it is lessened year by year, and at no very distant time, it is bound to become self-sustaining.