

to do?" May the answer unite us more closely in the fellowship of the Gospel! "We trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." "We desire that our love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that we may approve things which are excellent; that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." We would "do all things without murmurings and disputings." We would "keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." "And may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Many interesting topics present themselves which the limits of this address forbid us to discuss. It is less than a year since our last meeting, and yet what wonderful events have been crowded within its limits! We stand amazed and awed, as in the presence chamber of the Almighty, while with uplifted hands we exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" "Come behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth! He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth. He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire." "Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand." "The Lord is known by the judgments which He executeth; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands." "He made a pit and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief returns upon his own head, and his violent dealing comes down upon his own pate." "For the needy shall not always be forgotten, the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever." "The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed." "The Lord looseth the prisoners; the Lord raiseth them that be bowed down: the Lord preserveth the strangers; but the way of the wicked He turneth upside down."

But, thankful that our sympathies are with our fellow-men in their efforts to reach a better civilization,—thankful that it is our privilege to "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with them that weep;" thankful that we have been permitted to see the answer to many prayers, even by terrible things in righteousness—we withdraw our eyes from the wider field of God's operations, and turn to inspect that portion of the vineyard which is the sphere of our own labors, and to examine once more the work which God has given us to do. If we measure our field by the extent of territory over which we are scattered, or rather by the name which our Union bears, it contains 47,360 square miles. If we measure it by population, it embraces more than 550,000 souls. If we measure it by actual occupancy, we have but the Churches connected with the Union, or fourteen Churches, all told. Cape Canso, Falmouth, and Halifax, in Nova Scotia, and Florenceville and Grand Lake, in New Brunswick, are not included in this statement, although Congregational church buildings, and a few adherents, are to be found, we believe, in all of them. We have been in these Provinces as a denomination more than one hundred years; some of the earliest of the English speaking settlers bringing with them from New England the faith and church polity of the Pilgrim Fathers. In the face of these facts we are in no danger of wearing the smile of complacency, or of pluming ourselves on our progress. But it would be wrong to infer that Congregationalism has done nothing for these Provinces because of its numerical feebleness; that it would have been