

own Province and our own Church have not been altogether unblessed in this respect. In the earlier part of the year there were symptoms of awakening and revival in some congregations in the eastern part of the Province. And more recently there has been in the city of Hamilton a movement of so extensive a character as to be justly regarded as presenting many symptoms of a genuine revival. Let us trust that these spiritual movements may go on until they extend over the whole land. We need a revival. Let us earnestly seek it. All may not be able to concur in every measure that may be employed. But let all God's people strive for a revival and increase of true religion in their hearts, their homes, their congregations, their neighborhoods. The power of the Spirit is able to accomplish what they seek. The influences of God's grace can make the parched desert to be as a well-watered garden.

In looking back upon the past year it become us gratefully to acknowledge God's goodness in enabling us as a Church to enter on the mission work by sending out two of our ministers to scatter in distant corners of this great continent the good seed of the kingdom. We have to thank God for carrying them safely to their several fields of labor, and opening up to them doors of usefulness. May the Great Head of the Church be with them, and bless their work and sustain their hearts and their hands amidst all their labors and anxieties. And may each new year find us more thoroughly and extensively engaged in the work of missions. As a Church we can only hope to prosper in proportion as we are working for God and acting as a witness for Him, not only in our own immediate field, but even amidst the dark gloom of heathenism.

We have reason, when we look back upon the past, to thank God for His goodness and for His wonderful works and gracious dealings. When we look forward we may well take courage. God in whom we trust is "the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." "The Lord hath been mindful of us; He will bless us." Let us commit our way to Him. Let us make sure of being for Him, and He will be for us. Let us begin the year by a renewed and more solemn dedication of ourselves to the Lord, and seek that we may be enabled more and more to live unto Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Let us cast all our cares on Him who careth for us. Let us cast on Him all our cares, our family cares, our public cares, our cares connected with our country, our cares connected with His own cause. Let us cast upon Him all our personal cares, for what heart is without its burden? We cannot look forward to the future without dismay, while we rely only on our own power and wisdom and ability to buffet with the cares and trials of life. But we can look forward with perfect confidence when we realize our interest in Christ, and think of His great and precious promises which are all yea and amen. We need Him at all times; and what a sense of comfort and of strength to know that in Him we can find all that we require; that His grace can be sufficient for us, and His strength be made perfect in our weakness.

"Jesus, I need Thee all my life,
Through childhood's glee and manhood's strife,
In cloud or sunshine, joy or woe,
In wealth and power, or station low.