

The sympathies which unite us will have their full gratification only when we stand with you before the throne in our Father's Home above. The acknowledgment of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, we gladly bear in mind, is the pledge of our union hereafter in one undivided and eternal brotherhood in "a city which hath foundations." To this we again point you, for the mutual encouragement of our faith and hope, beseeching you, dear brethren, to receive our salutation as of those who in prospect of that day watch for your souls.

As we review the year we are devoutly thankful to Almighty God that our ranks have not been broken by death, in some of our homes affliction has been no stranger, whilst in others domestic bereavement has caused sorrow.

The year past has been a memorable one; scarcely had it commenced when the great fire at St. John's took place, which has indelibly placed itself on the pages of history, and the now old story of that fearful night and succeeding days will be associated with the loss of old Gower St. Church and Parsonage, as well as the total destruction of our well-equipped College and Home, together with the heavy personal losses sustained by some of our ministers and many of our people. But out of darkness comes the light, and one of the pleasant memories of the past year was the noble generosity displayed by our brethren of the Dominion who, in response to our appeal, have given upwards of ten thousand dollars to help to rebuild the College and Home. These gifts have been greatly appreciated, and have helped to weld more closely the link that bound us together. In referring to the loss of our College, we need scarcely remind you how much our work has been retarded for want of room, and whilst temporary provision has been made, yet not until the new college is built shall we regain our former position and hold upon the rising intelligence of our Church. To bring to completion an end so desirable will require the strenuous efforts of our people throughout the land. We are thankful to record the good work of education led on by the Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D., is making progress in every part of the island.

You will be glad to know that upon several of our Circuits and Missions after years of earnest and patient toil the joy of gathering precious fruit has been realized. While throughout the bounds of our Conference there have been manifest tokens of the presence of "Him who always causes His people to triumph." Still we are sad as we contemplate that upon many of our Stations the pruning knife has had to be used, and many names have been taken from our rolls who once bid fair to live, but alas are now spiritually dead.

The review of our Sabbath school work inspires us with hope. Never were our schools better equipped with devoted laborers, and never better filled with attentive learners than at present. The returns show an increase of eleven schools and 461 scholars, also an increase in the number learning our catechism, whilst 596 conversions have cheered the hearts of the toilers in this department of Christian service. Strongly do we urge all our teachers to retain their hold upon the senior scholars, they are the men and women of the near future, and the hope of the church and the country. Watch and foster their religious connections, and with the cords of love draw them to Christ and to His people. A constant accession of young life will invigorate the whole body of the Church.

The Epworth League movement is steadily gaining ground and offering facilities for mental and spiritual culture to our rising youth.

We hail with joy the desire of our people for a Holy Sabbath, and thankfully note the success of any effort in the way of Legislative enactment for the better observance of the Lord's Day. We beseech you on behalf of the Lord of the Sabbath to discountenance by the strongest expression of your disapproval any attempts by whomsoever sanctioned to tamper with the universal sanctification of the Lord's day. Your ability to promote the maintenance of Sabbath rights and the religious observance of them, will be in proportion to the consistency of your own practice and the example of your own home.

We rejoice to report a good increase in the circulation of our periodicals, but regret so few subscribe to our excellent connexional paper, "The Wesleyan," in view of the reduced rates of postage, we hope for a much wider circulation. Let our own "Methodist Greeting" have a place in every home; from its pages you will learn not only of