

employment for the ordinary labourer, and secures augmented resources to the whole. If piety then keeps pace with our temporal prosperity, the future to us is big with hope of abundant success. In view of this prosperity, could not each of our contributors advance at least ten cents on their last year's subscriptions? this small advance would enable the Committee this year to meet its entire claims and wipe off their past liabilities. Try it! Friends of Jesus, *try it!* In our membership there has been an actual advance on last year of 631. But 833 removals and 88 deaths have thinned our ranks, so as to make our numbers slightly less. There has been during the year an increase to the Chapel Fund of \$16.20. To the Paternal Fund of \$30.39, and of \$20.17 to our Beneficent Fund, with an advance of some thousands of dollars in the estimate value of our chapel and parsonage property. During the year we have also built three parsonages, and three chapels, with seven more in building. Thus, we "thank God and take courage," for if in the midst of comparative adversity such results are produced by patient perseverance, what may we not expect from increased labor in the midst of the most unparalleled prosperity. Thus, while on the whole our progress has been encouraging, we rejoice, not as yet, in a completed work, but in the fact, that while life shall last our work is never done. The demands upon your agents multiply: their labors still increase, while the cry of perishing souls on every hand calls for action—prompt, immediate, efficient action. This work being beyond our power, friends of Jesus, we appeal to you for help; on behalf of perishing humanity we appeal. Shall we appeal in vain? Your past sympathy, devotion and liberality answer no. Your present generous Christian impulses answer no. Your recognition of the augmented claims of God, arising out of present prosperity—all, all answer no. Then help, Brethren in Jesus, help until the angels sing: "The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."