

16. Mr. H. W. Walker, the Secretary, presented a report of the proceedings of the Building Fund Union during the past year, and submitted the Treasurer's Statement, which was received.

17. On motion, it was *Resolved* :—That a Church Directory be published, as heretofore, with the report of the Church Board in full, under the care of the Church Secretary.

18. The above minutes were read, and confirmed.

After prayer by Mr. C. R. Black, the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE CORNISH,
Church Secretary.

THE PASTOR'S LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS ;—

Another year of our church life has passed away, and carried with it many thoughts and feelings, and some work also done for the Master. It has taken, moreover, some whom we had known and loved for years into the world hidden from us by the veil of death. The year itself is gone, but its results remain, and have become unalterable. They are what they are, and no desire or regret of ours can any longer change their character.

So it is with every year as it passes ; so therefore it will be with the one that now opens before us. This is what gives its meaning to reflection on the past, which, but for its influence on the future, would be idle and futile.

As to those who are gone, we have every comfort in thinking of their assured entrance upon the higher and better world. They are gone to be rid of much weakness and pain, and to serve the Master in purer forms and greater measure. Some had served him already for many years, growing venerable and honoured in His service ; and the younger life that has been taken was so full of gentle and growing goodness as to make us feel that his removal is only the call of the Master's voice, saying " Friend, come up higher."