

the final results of which will undoubtedly appear in the due order of events, either in our weal or in our woe. We would deprecate our faults, our omissions, and our short-comings, in humble confidence that they are, through the merits of our Saviour, Christ, forgiven. We cherish the hope that our sincere, though imperfect, labors will not be in vain in the Lord. Should it appear, in the great day of accounts, that precious souls have been brought to God, or his glory promoted by our humble instrumentality; how rich will then be our reward—how sweet our consolations—how triumphant our rejoicings!

With this "recompense of our reward" before us, we feel stimulated to fresh exertions and renewed labors; and the patient endurance of whatever hardships or privations may be attendant on the life of an itinerant minister. We would, did occasion call for it, even emulate the example and cherish the devotion of him, who, in view of certain approaching conflicts and sufferings in his master's cause, could exclaim, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God." May He who has said, "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy day, so shall thy strength be," continue with us in our journeyings, then shall not our hearts fear, nor our hands hang down, nor our knees grow feeble; but rather will we say, "Let us go up at once and possess the land, for we are able to overcome it."—"Brethren, pray for us."

It hath pleased the Lord, in His inscrutable wisdom, to make an inroad in the ranks of our ministry during the past year. Two of our number, Brother J. Huston and A. R. Roy, have fallen under the stroke of death—the latter in the vigor of matured manhood, and while actively and successfully prosecuting his labors in the itinerant field; the other in the infirmities of advanced life and the retirement of a superannuated relation; yet both, we trust, prepared for the event—though fallen, not vanquished—though departed from us, yet present with the Lord, and to appear again, as we trust, with him in glory; therefore, will we not "mourn without hope;" but rather anticipate the joyful re-union which awaits the faithful at the "resurrection of the just."

The past year has not been marked with any extraordinary revival within the bounds of our labors; nevertheless, we are warranted to say that there is a manifest improvement in the condition of our church—in the union and stability of her members, the amount of her resources, the extension of the field of operation, especially in the missionary department; the number of her edifices, and the financial state of the printing estab-