

## CHURCH MISCELLANY.

If the New Year's Morning Prayer Meeting was an indication of what our meetings during the year are to be, then we may all rejoice; for its spirit was excellent and its influence deep and we trust abiding. Nothing can be more appropriate than to begin a New Year by unitedly waiting upon God, and committing our ways to him, who only can direct our paths. As a motto for the year upon which we have entered, what can be more appropriate than the promise of our Lord: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Shall we not all live in the realization of this promise; for then we will have light and joy, and abounding blessings, both as individuals and as a church, throughout the year.

The Week of Prayer, as observed in this city, in concert with the Church throughout the world, was more than usually interesting this year. The *seven* churches of Kingston, including St. John's Church at Portsmouth, representing as many denominations of the one church, held it in their respective places of worship, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance. The attendance was invariably large and the interest fervent. The United Communion Service, held in the Queen Street Methodist Church on the following Monday evening, in which representatives, both clerical and lay, of all the Protestant Churches took part, was a fitting close of the weeks services. The collections made each evening in behalf of the poor of the city amounted to between fifty and sixty dollars.

The annual collection for the Congregational Provident Fund, which was the last Quarterly Collection for the past year, amounted to \$49.50.