

*To the Members of the "Church of Our Lord," Victoria, British Columbia.*

BELOVED BRETHREN :

We desire, at this season, to offer our most sincere and hearty congratulations to you all individually ; praying that Our Heavenly Father may be graciously pleased to vouchsafe to each one his richest blessing, from the fullness of His love, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

From our own experience of sickness we can earnestly sympathise with all the suffering and afflicted members of our congregation, and are truly grateful for every opportunity afforded us during the past year of ministering the consolations of God publicly, and from house to house, 'speaking all the words of this life,' and commending you to 'the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;' and we do fervently plead for a larger measure of divine grace to enable us yet more effectually to discharge the various duties of our pastoral office, that 'when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye may receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away.'

We cannot help marking with heart-felt gratitude to the Supreme Giver of all good, the grace of continued and ever-increasing liberality in sustaining the different funds of the congregation, as is evidenced in the financial statement now presented by our faithful church-wardens. This unflinching cheerfulness in giving for the support of the gospel is the more note-worthy in our young province, from the fact that, since the beginning (in 1874,) of our testimony for Reformation principles, the congregation has been self-sustaining—not having received extraneous aid in any form. "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

Your affectionate pastors,

E. CRIDGE.

J. REID.

Victoria, B. C., December 31st, 1887.