

ing, and the public services of the sanctuary. And, preceding, accompanying and following all, have many earnest prayers been offered for the quickening, saving influences of the Holy Spirit. It is amid such scenes and experiences as we here encounter, that we can far more fully than ever realize the truth, "Paul may plant, Apollos water, but God giveth the increase." While meeting with much in various ways that is disheartening, we may on taking a cheerful and conjunct view of the whole, thank God, and take courage. His word shall not return to Him void. He will not forsake those who put their trust in him.

I enclose the Committee's report, for the past year, printed in full. It speaks for itself. As a recognition on the part of congregation of the kindness of the Church in Canada, a collection was taken up yesterday for Knox College. The amount was \$21.00. I should state that the children are doing remarkably well in the Sabbath School; we give out small cards (with a motto and verse) printed on them every Sabbath, and when twenty-six are returned we give a prize book. This greatly stimulates. In the Bible class three young women and five young men, have committed very accurately to memory the Sermon on the Mount. I also follow Mr. Topp's excellent scheme of lessons for the Bible classes in Knox's Church, Toronto. I wish we had a dozen more copies of it. But *the great want* with us is a good congregational library, especially during the winter.

In conclusion:—for all that we have done, or can do, to God be the praise and glory. Wherein we have come short, may He forgive for His name's sake. Time rapidly fleeth. Years and ages now future hasten on to meet us. In our day the power, and energy, and daring of man in the material and scientific world almost border on the miraculous. To day the wires of the great American and Russian telegraph line have been stretched across the Fraser River opposite the Manse, and in a few days we shall have space annihilated, and the news for which we had hitherto to wait weeks and months, flashed with lightening speed to our very doors! May the friends of the Redeemer, too, devise liberal things, and energetically labour for the speedy promulgation of the good news—the glad tidings, of salvation for a ruined world, throughout every land; that His large and great dominion may extend from sea to sea, and from the river unto the utmost ends of the earth. And as it is in the material, so may it be in the moral world—the wilderness and the solitary place, shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. Awake, awake; put on thy strength O Zion; for the little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation; *I the Lord will hasten it in his time.*

Yours fraternally,

R. JAMIESON.

LETTER FROM REV. J. NISBET—YEARLY REVIEW.

REV. R. F. BURNS, ST. CATHARINES, C. W.—

My Dear Brother : The time has come when I should send you a brief review of the work in this place during the past year.

From letters sent to you during the year, you have learned that it has been to the people of this settlement very much a year of suffering. The great drought frustrated the hopes of the people in respect to their crops, and the immense multitude of grasshoppers that visited the settlement helped to forward the destruction. The result has been a great scarcity of provisions so that a large quantity of flour has been imported from Minnesota, the price in the settlement being three pounds sterling per barrel. The people moreover were obliged to gather hay for their cattle and horses about forty or forty-five miles from their homes, and there they wintered their stock which rendered it necessary for a portion of every family to be away from home during the winter months, together with the additional expense of keeping up two establish-