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The New Year.

ANOTHER year is over, with its toils and rewards, its joys and sorrows, its sowing and reaping, its smiles and tears—another year, with all its great burdens, has gone before the judgment seat of God. No time could be more suitable for a review of the past with its triumphs and failures, its defeats and victories, its springtides of hope and its harvests of tears. As a Church, we have tried to extend our borders wherever fields of usefulness were pressed upon our attention, and when the means were within our reach. We have been consolidating the happy union consummated eleven years ago. God has greatly blest all our enterprises, so that the Church as a whole may well sing her songs of thanksgiving to her glorious Head. In all the years, He is leading us in paths of peace and usefulness,—removing obstructions, taking down barriers, flinging open doors of unlimited usefulness. And year by year He is giving more grace to enable His people to live up to their privileges. From Newfoundland to Vancouver's Island, the voice of discord has been hushed. The happiest dream of our fathers and of our own earlier years has been fulfilled. No war nor battle sound is heard within the walls of our Pres-

byterian Zion. Surely this is something to live and work for! Our Foreign Missions are now for the first time unified, so that we have an equal interest in all our five missions. And all the five missions are enjoying abundantly the blessing of Heaven. We need not here dilate on the progress made in our Home Missions. It is felt everywhere that the permanent growth and welfare of the Church largely depend on the prosperity of our Home Missions, hence all our Presbyteries are paying increased attention to the work. Equally promising for good is another year's success of the Augmentation Fund. Never may we have to record a year of falling away, of backsliding, in regard to this part of the Church's work!

We think it will be shewn by the next table of statistical returns, that the additions to the church in 1886 have been unprecedentedly large. This is what we have been toiling and praying for. As the past is ever the seed of the future, let us hope that the progress of the past year shall be an incentive and a stepping-stone to larger progress during the coming year. Have we not passed out of a period of comparative deadness and dearth into a period of warmer life, larger hope and fuller fruition?

Our columns have recorded the mournful fact, that one and another of our stand-