

REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

1885.

In submitting to the Congregation its report for 1885, the Session would gratefully acknowledge the favors and mercies shown us as a people by the Head of the Church, in the past, and earnestly renew the hope that He may continue to bless and prosper us in the future. On our part, let us see that there is no abatement of our faith in Jesus, or of consecrated energy in His service. His own words are: "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples."

Every item in the reports of Session and Managers has its own special interest and instruction, and should receive the earnest attention of every member and adherent of the congregation. The Session has pleasure in issuing with this report an exceedingly suggestive and valuable little tract— "HELPFUL HINTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH"—and entertains the hope that every "Hint" in it will bear fruit in more godly life and labors in our midst.

MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

The number on the Roll of the congregation is 365. Members added during the year, 54. (Total membership added during the past four years, 217.) Baptisms 20, including 5 adults. Deaths 11: Mrs. D. McTavish, Mrs. Jas. Macdonald, Mrs. Wm. Riddick, Miss Mary Walker, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Wm. Oatway, Mrs. Robert Croskery, Mrs. James Waddell, Mrs. Gordon, and two children.

WORSHIP, ETC.

1. The Sabbath services have been well attended. The Session would be glad to see a larger proportion of the children at public worship morning and evening when season and weather are suitable. "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." And parents are counselled to discourage any tendency on the part of members of the family to absent themselves from their own church and service, no matter what the novelties which may tempt them away. Little good has ever come to young or old in "going the rounds of the churches." It is too often a mere waste of spiritual power.

2. The Session notes with pleasure the excellent attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting. And the pleasure would be en-

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