

REPORT OF SESSION.

THE necessity for presenting its annual report reminds the Session and the congregation alike that another large portion of the allotted earthly term has come to an end. That another milestone in the pilgrimage, which will so soon be terminated, has been reached, conveying with renewed force the solemn admonition to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. It is our hope and prayer that the year upon which we have entered will show that the admonition has not been remembered in vain.

The ordinary work of the congregation has been maintained this year as in years past. The Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings and Bible Classes have all been in operation, and it is hoped not without some fruit; and the Session would again, as on former occasions, express its gratitude to those who helped in the work of faith and labor of love, and it recommends them to the blessing of Him who will not allow the smallest service, done truly for Him, to remain unrewarded, but will, on the contrary, richly reward even so slight a service as a cup of cold water given for His sake.

The number of removals from the congregation to be reported this year is fourteen; of these seven have been by change of place and seven by death. Of the former some might have been reported before as removed, only their certificates were not applied for till this year. With regard to the latter the Session desires to express its profound sympathy with those who have been called upon to part with dear relations, and to hope that the sore affliction may produce in each case such a reaping of the peaceable fruits of righteousness as will issue in the old and happy acknowledgement, "It was good for me that I was afflicted. I know that in truth and faithfulness has thou afflicted me."

The baptisms this year have been nine in number. Those received into church membership have been eight, of whom five were by profession and three by certificate.

The Session would ask the attention of the congregation to two things which it is believed could be improved. One is the Sabbath evening service, which it is thought could, without much inconvenience to the congregation, be increased, greatly to the encouragement of those who attend and it is hoped not without the profit of those who may give it their countenance.

The other is the contributions to the schemes of the church. The Session would call the particular attention of the congregation to the fact that from the change of method they have considerably decreased. This has arisen from the congregation not being called upon as formerly, but each individual being left to give of their own free will. Should the congregation see fit to adhere to this method the ensuing year, it is hoped that the annual result will be more to our honor.