

## KIRK SESSION REPORT.

In presenting their annual report the Session desire to recognize the goodness and forbearance of God in continuing to bless the Congregation with the quiet enjoyment of many privileges and much apparent prosperity in most of the departments of our Church life and work, notwithstanding our great lack of diligence in the use of them.

The absence of our Pastor during the first half of our church year, and the consequent interruption in the discharge of his pulpit and pastoral duties, was, at first, a source of anxiety to the congregation and its office-bearers; but this solicitude, in so far as it concerned the securing of ministerial supply, was soon dispelled by the expressed sympathy and promised assistance of prominent ministers of the Church. The Session are especially indebted to the Rev. Principal Grant of Queen's University, not only for the Sunday services which he conducted, but also for the valuable assistance which he so cheerfully rendered in securing acceptable pulpit supply; the thanks of the Session are also due to Messrs. Rollins, Peck, and Laird, graduates of Queen's University; and to the Rev. Prof. Ross, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal; Rev. Dr. Barclay, Prof. MacAdam, of Montreal; the Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Knox College, Toronto, and to the Rev. Thomas J. Thompson and Rev. T. W. Winfield, who were entrusted with the pastoral oversight of the congregation for the greater part of the time that the Rev. Mr. Herridge was absent from his charge. The Sunday and other services of these ministers were highly appreciated, and it is matter of congratulation that the attendance at all our public diets of worship, has been at least equal to that of any previous year in the history of this Church.

Towards the end of September last our pastor was restored to his flock so much improved in health that he was enabled to resume and continue his ministerial duties with renewed energy. This has been a source of satisfaction to the congregation generally, and the Session would heartily unite with them on this occasion in expressing the pleasure which his return has afforded, and in recording their thankfulness that the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to restore him to such measure of health as has permitted him to continue his pulpit and pastoral work with his wonted vigour. Their prayer is, that he may be spared for many years of Christian service, and that his work in the ministry may be blessed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit,