

REPORT OF KIRK SESSION.

It is not considered necessary that the Session should, this year, take up, as it did last year, all the items of congregational work. It ought to be sufficient to touch only on such matters of leading importance as come under the eye of the Session.

Considerable attention and hard work were given last year to the *training of the young at home and in the Sabbath Schools*. We give here a list of the Sabbath Schools, names of Superintendents, with the number of teachers in each school and the scholars on roll.

School.	Superintendent.	No. of Teachers.	Scholars on Roll.
Arnott	G. McInnis	4	31
N. Holland	John Wilson	3	20
S. Sydenham	John Sutherland	3	18
Rockford	Hugh Gordon	5	44
N. Sullivan	John Mitchell	3	32
M. Sullivan	Jas. Mitchell	2	12
Dunn's Mill	D. Dunn	2	11
Chatsworth	A. McGill	8	61
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Total.....		30	229

The work done in the Sabbath School consisted in making the children acquainted with the History of Christ as recorded in the Gospel by Mark, and getting them to commit to memory the golden text along with the Shorter Catechism. Over and above this, a good few children volunteered to commit to memory whole chapters in Mark. Several days of testing examination were held, and with the following results. Twelve of the Scholars repeated the whole gospel of Mark with admirable correctness. Their names deserve to be recorded and are here given: Janet Ferguson, Marion Ferguson, Jessie McGregor, Lizzie Gordon, Matthew Halcrow, Wm. Halcrow, Thos. Frost, Francis P. Beattie, Euphemia Cromar, John Cromar, Jeannie Gordon, and Mary Montgomery. Besides these there were twenty-two who repeated eight chapters, and thirty-five who repeated from one to four chapters. To the first group of twelve the Pastor, in name of the congregation, presented Bibles; to the second group of 22, New Testaments; and to the third group of 35, Hymn Books and Reward Cards.

It has been arranged that the work for this year (1883) shall be a thorough study of the lessons in Acts, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I and II Samuel, as given in *Westminster Question Book*, on which examinations shall be held in June and December, when 1st, 2nd and 3rd class certificates shall be issued to those answering 75, 50 and 25 per cent of the questions asked, no question to be asked which is not found in the Text-Book—the *Westminster Question Book*. In connection with our Sabbath School there is a Band of Hope of three Noes, pledged against tobacco, liquor and profane swearing. The Band is well nigh one hundred strong, and shall, we trust, ere long include all our young people. We commend to the congregation the care of its young as a matter of the weightiest importance in every aspect.

Three elders have been added to the Session, to fill the place of those made vacant by death. These elders are David Dunn, Peter Cromar, John Wilson. They were all taken from the Deacons' Court, which by this change and by losses from death and removal, is reduced from 14, its original number, to 8 its present number. For this reason the Deacons' Court has taken into consideration the necessity of seeking an addition to its numbers and have asked the Session to call a congregational meeting whereat a list of names may be furnished, from which