

STATEMENT BY THE SESSION.

The year covered by this report has been full of reminders to our congregation of the shortness of time and the transitoriness of all things earthly. There has been an unusual amount of sickness among our people. Many with whom we took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company, have removed to distant parts. Among those we have to regret the removal of two highly respected members of the Session, Messrs. James Bell and John Ferguson, men greatly beloved. Death has taken from our midst not a few, long tried and familiar friends whom we can ill spare.

Yet amid these and other subjects of regret, the Session feel constrained to bless the Lord for the light of his countenance and the manifold tokens of his favor, which, during the year, have been granted to us as a congregation. In the gracious arrangements of Providence, as one star sets another rises, as one source of usefulness is closed another opens; so that in increase of numbers, of liberality for the maintenance and furtherance of the gospel, and of Christian work, the year just closed is not without evidences of prosperity and progress.

With the understanding that the roll has not been revised and corrected for two years, except by the ordinary annual additions and withdrawals, the following are, at this date, the statistics of the congregation:

Communicants on the Roll, 1st January, 1882.....	645
Removed during year { By change of residence.....	40
By death	9—49
	596
Added during 1882 { By profession of faith.....	30
By certificate.....	68—98
Present membership.....	694
Number of families connected with congregation about.....	360
“ baptisms during year.....	33
Deaths during year.....	30

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