



## ADDRESS FROM THE SESSION.

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DEAR BRETHREN,—The Session had earnestly hoped that the close of another congregational year would not have found us without a pastor; but since the declination of our call by the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Berwick, no movement has been made in favour of another. We do not doubt, however, that in answer to many supplications the Great Head of the Church will send us a man after His own heart. May the time, if it please Him, not be distant.

We cannot be ignorant of the fact that in many ways, especially in regard to the visitation of the sick, the congregation suffers by vacancy; yet we have an abundant reason for gratitude in the continued good attendance upon Sabbath services, and the acceptable pulpit supply secured; in the success which has attended the Sabbath School and Bible Classes during the year; and in the unimpaired liberality with which the schemes of the Church have been supported. It is very pleasing to find that the Sabbath School and Mission Band show increasing zeal in working for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The Session hope that the statement of contributions for purposes not congregational contained in this Report will be prayerfully pondered. What is expended on strictly congregational objects is not necessarily any criterion of interest in the Kingdom of God; though the proper maintenance of ordinances among ourselves is certainly an important duty.

During the past twelve months death has made many breaches among us, and we mourn the absence of beloved brethren and earnest and efficient labourers in the Master's vineyard. In no previous year of our history, perhaps, has the obituary list of members in full communion been so large. It is impossible in these few