

Report of Session.

The Session in presenting its Annual Statement, would express unfeigned thankfulness to God for His continued goodness to the congregation and for all the tokens of divine favor which the various organizations connected with the church enjoyed during the year.

On Sabbath the 30th day of May, 1897, the Rev. John Gauld was inducted, and Mr. James Paterson was ordained and inducted as Elders in this congregation.

Mr. Davidson pressed on the Session, early in the year, his desire to be relieved of the duties of the Eldership. His resignation was reluctantly accepted recently, and the following minute put on record :

The members of Session in accepting the resignation of Mr. Alexander Davidson, who has rendered faithful service as Session Clerk for many years, desire to put upon record their sense of the high place, which by his uniform Christian conduct and brotherly courtesy, he obtained for himself and held with increasing strength in the estimation of the brethren. They would gratefully express their appreciation of the valuable and willing services which he has rendered during his connection with the Session by his wise counsel and regular attendance at its meetings. They desire also to express their earnest hope that their beloved brother may yet be spared for years to come to serve faithfully and diligently their common Lord and Master, and that he may enjoy abundant peace and spiritual comfort in the evening of his days. They would also assure their brother of their earnest prayers for the spiritual and temporal welfare of himself and family.

The Session, deeply sensible of the importance of instructing the young in religious knowledge, would recognize with thankfulness the faithful and efficient labours of the Sabbath School teachers and would affectionately urge the members of the congregation,