

REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

It is in a spirit of sincere gratitude to God that the Session desire to present a brief record of the congregational life during the year.

For some time the recent epidemic greatly reduced the numbers at the Sabbath services, but with that exception, they have been extremely well attended. The Session share the pleasure which the whole congregation must feel in welcoming the strangers who in such large numbers join our worship, and they are more than satisfied with the generous action of the pew-holders in declaring the seats free on Sabbath evenings.

The attendance at the Wednesday service still leaves room for improvement, and it is hoped that during the current year a more general effort will be made by members of the congregation to join in this hour of prayer and Bible study.

The Prayer Meetings conducted by the young men and young women on Sabbath morning and Wednesday evening respectively have been maintained with beneficial results throughout the year.

The three Sunday Schools under the care of the Session are in a healthy condition, and the whole Church has reason to be grateful to the earnest labourers in this important department of christian work.

During the year the Ladies' Aid Society, in addition to other useful services, has raised a goodly sum as the nucleus of a building fund for a new Sunday School Hall.

The Home Missionary Society has increased in numbers and liberality, and has decided this year to assume the entire responsibility for the support of a missionary in the North-west.

The thanks of the Session are due to the District Visitors for the valuable aid which they continue to render in pastoral work.

The success of the Institute has been marked, and its programmes uniformly of a high degree of excellence. The Session cordially commend the Institute to the young people of the congregation.

It was with sincere regret that the Session received the resignation of Mr. J. A. Seybold as organist of the Church, owing to business engagements. They take this opportunity of expressing their great