

minister ; in the afternoon, by the venerable Dr. Mathieson, of St. Andrew's Church ; and in the evening by the Very Reverend Principal Snodgrass, D.D.

On the following Sabbath, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 318 communicants. The roll now numbers 546, of whom 398 were present at the last Communion.

The Church was built at a cost of \$100,000, including the organ ; of this sum, \$24,000 was realized from the sale of the old property. During the last ten years the congregation has contributed, for all Church purposes, the sum of \$171,500, exclusive, of course, of the sum obtained from the sale of the St. Helen Street Church.

It affords the Kirk-Session much pleasure to notice the marked increase in the amounts contributed for the missionary and other purposes under the direction of the General Assembly, as well as for benevolent objects of a local character. This is mainly due to the introduction of "the Schedule System" of collection, which was adopted by the congregation towards the close of last year, by means of which, together with two special collections included in the report of the Trustees, and the missionary collections of the Sabbath-school, the total sum of \$3,623.40 was contributed during the year for strictly missionary purposes. Compared with the givings of former years, this is a creditable amount ; but, in proportion to the ability of the congregation, and the urgent requirements of our vast mission fields, at home and abroad, it is regarded by the Kirk-Session rather as indicating the beginning of a better *regime*, and a higher appreciation of privilege and responsibility, than as a subject of boasting, "as though we had already attained" the requisite and reasonable measure of Christian liberality that should be expected from such a congregation as St. Paul's.

The results of the past year in this regard furnish reasons for profound thankfulness. By them let us be encouraged to faithfulness in well-doing, feeling assured that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." And let us not rest satisfied until it be said of every one of us—the richest and the poorest in the congregation : *He* hath done what he could,—"*She* hath done what she could" for the promotion of the cause and Kingdom of THE REDEEMER.