

REPORT OF SESSION

THE bountiful mercies which have been vouchsafed to us and the many blessings bestowed upon us as a congregation, during the past year, are causes for much gratitude and thankfulness to the giver of all good and perfect gifts. It is very gratifying to learn that there has been unbroken harmony among the workers in the various departments of Church work, and this, while affording pleasure in our humble efforts to follow in the footsteps of our blessed Master, is a mark of acceptance by Him, who through His servant, the great Apostle, has said, "Rejoice and again I say rejoice."

During the year the membership roll has had the names of 76 members added, 48 being by certificate and 28 by profession of faith. The removals by certificate were 40, and by death 8, leaving the number of 718 on December 31st, 1898. Seventeen children and adults have received the rite of Baptism.

Mr. Hewish and Mr. Telfer, members of the Session for many years, and who have given valuable services to the congregation, have removed, the former going to Philadelphia, and the latter to Mimico. We regret to learn that Mr. Telfer has lately been sadly bereaved by the death of his wife, and he has the heartfelt sympathy of the congregation in his loss.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Hunter, Rev. R. Leask, Major Carlaw, and Rev. D. C. Hossack, were appointed delegates to the General Assembly in Montreal in June last, to represent this congregation in what they have contended to be its rights in relation to the Cowan Avenue congregation, and we are happy to be able to state that the decision was favorable to this congregation, and we trust that with God's blessing it will also prove beneficial to the sister Church. The General Assembly, after a careful consideration of the entire subject, arrived at the following finding :

"It was moved by Mr. President Forrest, seconded by Mr. F. M. Dewey : 'Dismiss the appeal of the Presbytery of Toronto and instruct them to carry out their original resolution of April, 1895, with the understanding however, that in the peculiar circumstances of the Cowan Avenue congregation, it be allowed an additional period of two years