

REPORT OF THE SESSION.

On behalf of the Session I beg to report that numerically little change took place in the membership during the year—twenty-five new names being entered on the roll, while fifteen were removed by change of residence, and five by death, two of the latter being elders, thus leaving an increase of only five. The total number of members now on the roll is two hundred and seventy, to which we expect a considerable addition from the recent accessions to the congregation. The number of families is about 125. The death of two elders and the removal of a third, made it necessary that some effort should be made to add to the Session. Accordingly steps were taken in the usual way last November, with that view, and seven gentlemen were elected by the congregation to that office. These gentlemen, however, have so far declined to accept office. It is hoped that some of them, if not all, may yet see their way clear to respond favorably to the call of their fellow christians. It is impossible for the Minister, now advanced in years, with the assistance of only three elders, to take the spiritual oversight of so large a congregation, spread over a country to the extent of twenty miles. The weekly prayer meeting has been regularly held, as also the Bible class, but neither of them has been attended as fully as it should be. On the whole there is much cause for thankfulness to the Head of the church for the uninterrupted peace and gradual prosperity of the congregation.

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