

Sessional Statement.

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A review of our congregational work during the year just closed presents many causes of thanksgiving to God. The Sabbath and week day services have been largely attended. The reports of the various organizations show faithful service and encouraging results in each department. There is evidence of increasing liberality towards the schemes of the Church, resulting, let us trust, from a deepening interest in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

We feel thankful that the Lord has blessed us with so many, and with such faithful workers, but in a congregation as large as ours we need more men and women consecrated to service. The Session, in consequence of removals by death and change of residence, has been so reduced in numbers as to render an adequate addition thereto an immediate duty. Let every member pray the Lord to raise up men willing to serve in the Eldership who will be worthy successors of those that are gone, and are going from us, and who, when sent to us, will be a rich blessing to the congregation.

The list of deaths for the year is remarkable for its length, and the names of prominent men it contains among whom we notice as worthy of special reference :

(a) The Rev. Duncan McMillan, a man of God, venerable for his long and faithful service in the ministry, beloved and respected by all who had the honor of his acquaintance for his nobility of character, and his many sterling qualities of heart and mind.

(b) The Rev. A. W. McConechy, who in consequence of declining health resigned his charge of Port Stanley and came