

Report of The Kirk-Session.

1884.

The Kirk-Session invites the attention of the Congregation to the accompanying reports of the Board of Trustees, the Committee in charge of the Missionary and Benevolent schemes of the Church, the Statements relating to the Sabbath-Schools, the Minister's Bible-Class and the Young Men's Association. These are better fitted to convey an adequate idea of the life and work of the congregation during the past year, than anything that can be advanced by the Kirk-Session. There is cause for congratulation that the various agencies of the Church are working together harmoniously.

Since the date of last report no less than twenty-two members and adherents of St. Paul's Church have been removed by death—some in youth, some in the prime of life, others in old age. To some, wearisome days and months were appointed; to others, the summons came suddenly. Mr. James Rose, a member of the kirk-session, and for many years an active and useful member of the congregation, died on the 25th of April, after a long and painful illness. The Rev. Thomas Fraser, who since his retirement from the active duties of the ministry has been a member of this congregation, was taken away in his 93rd year, "like as a shock of corn cometh in his season." Let us who remain lay to heart that to each of us, even as to them, the night cometh when none can work.

The attendance at the public services on the Lord's day has been gratifying. Although fewer have hitherto availed themselves of the week-day services than might reasonably be expected, there has been improvement in this respect, also, especially within the last few months. The service of praise continues to be efficiently conducted by Mr. Robinson, who has also given a good deal of time to the instruction of the young in vocal music. A number of the Sabbath-School scholars now regularly assist the choir on the Wednesday evenings. They have also on other occasions added interest to the public services. The new Sunday-School Hymnal has been adopted for use in the week-day meetings and is highly appreciated.

The Minister's Bible-Class now meets on Tuesday afternoon, at half-past four o'clock, instead of Sunday afternoon. Besides being more convenient for the minister, the Sunday-School teachers are thus enabled to attend the class, in which the consecutive study of certain

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