

The Session would call upon the Congregation gratefully to acknowledge the kindness of God in the general good health with which we, as families and individuals, have been favoured during the year. None of the members in full communion have been removed by death, loved members of some of the families have been taken away, parents among us have been called to mourn the death of their children, some in early infancy, others entering upon manhood and womanhood; and while grateful for the grace with which such bereaved ones have been enabled to bear their sore trials, we also tender to them our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and pray that our Heavenly Father would make their sorrows an abundant blessing to their souls, and help us all to hear through their bereavements the voice of the Master, saying, "Be ye also ready."

As foreshadowed in the report of last year, an election of Elders was held in due form, which resulted in an addition to the Session of two esteemed brethren, Mr. John Shearer and Mr. James Campbell.

The Session would again call the attention of the members and adherents of the Congregation to the duty of being punctual and regular in their attendance upon public worship on the Sabbath, and at the weekly Prayer Meeting. They feel that if this duty to God and this responsibility to the cause of Christ and to their brethren in the Lord were more fully realised, there would be a much more regular, and as a consequence, a much larger attendance upon these services.

The ladies appointed have made as usual their monthly collection of contributions to the "Schemes of the Church," for which we would tender them our cordial thanks. We regret to observe a decrease in the amount collected as compared with that of last year, and would express the hope that the year upon which we are now entering will show a more encouraging result. It is very desirable that the delivery of the "*Record*," which now forms part of the work assigned to the Collectors, be made (so as to prevent disappointment to the members of the Church) not later than during the first week of each month, and this the Session hope the ladies may be able to accomplish without inconvenience to themselves.

The balance on hand of the Session Fund for the relief of the poor at the beginning of the year was \$2.57. There has been added to it

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