

Report of the Session of St. David's Church for the year ending June 30th, 1875.

STATE OF THE CONGREGATION.

The Session have much pleasure in presenting a brief statement regarding the state of the Congregation, and of those interests more immediately under their care. About the beginning of the last Congregational year Messrs. Robert Cruikshank, D. M. Sterns, James Manson, D. Willet, William Welsh and W. C. Watson were elected to the office of the Eldership. Of these all except Mr. Watson, who did not see his way clear to accept the office, were ordained and their names added to the Session Roll. There was thus a large and important addition made to the working staff of office bearers. The Congregation was then divided into eleven districts, to each of which an Elder was assigned. Each Elder visits the whole of his district at least once a quarter, and leaves with the communicants under his care, tickets bearing the name of the District Elder as well as the member's own name. The ticket is used as a communion token, and the plan adopted has been found to work exceedingly well.

During the year thirty-seven (37) names have been added to the COMMUNION ROLL—nineteen (19) on a profession of faith, and eighteen (18) by certificate from other Churches. To set against this, twenty-two (22) names were removed from the roll—eight (8) by death, nine (9) by certificate given to those who removed from the bounds of the Congregation, and five (5) who had removed from the place without applying for certificates, or those whose names were removed for other causes. The actual number of communicants on the roll on the 30th June, 1875, was two hundred and fifty-four (254).

A severe loss has been sustained by the removal of Mr. Wm. Welsh to Liverpool, England, and of Mr. John Douglas to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. These gentlemen had proved to be most efficient and faithful members of Session.

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS.

During the greater part the year the Pastor has conducted a Bible Class which met on Tuesday evening. The number on the Class Roll was one hundred and seventeen (117), with an average attendance of between seventy (70) and eighty