

REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

A faithful survey of our Congregation's record for the last twelve months cannot but stir up feelings of sincere gratitude. God has richly proved to us that He loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob, and that it is pleasant to go into His tabernacles and to worship at His footstool. Many of God's people have been edified, and some who were far off have been brought nigh by the faithful preaching of Christ and Him crucified.

The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to seventeen children. We note with pleasure the high and holy esteem in which this ordinance is held by the parents of the Congregation. Except in cases of sickness this sacred rite is always dispensed publicly in the House of Prayer.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered quarterly to large and devout assemblies of communicants. Ten of our fellow-members have been, during the year, removed to the Eternal Feast of Love in Heaven; thirty-six by change of residence, and thirteen by change of connection have been translated. The gain is sixty-four, and the present number on the roll, which was corrected one year ago, is 754.

The number of contributing families is 335, and the number under pastoral oversight 364.

The In Memoriam list is unusually striking on account of the large number of tried old friends, eminent Christian workers and liberal contributors it contains. In many of them the whole Congregation, as well as the families to which they belonged, realize a painful sense of bereavement. The tenderest dews of grace fall in blessings from the Lord on all