

ADDRESS BY THE SESSION.

The Session is again called in Providence to lay its Annual Report before the Congregation, and does so with the hope that altho' there has been no unusual manifestations during the year that has now passed, the year has not been devoid of good work done, a hope which it feels all the world at liberty to entertain, remembering that the Kingdom of God cometh not with observation. During the past year fifteen members have been removed from the Congregation, two by death the rest by removal to other parts of the Country. The two deceased are Mr. John McKay, of Sullivan, and Mrs. Edgar, wife of our late respected Elder. In both cases our hope is that the consolations which are neither few nor small, may be richly enjoyed by the bereaved relatives. Our best wishes follow those who are removed, desiring their prosperity in the fullest sense.

The additions made to the Church during the year past were sixteen, eleven by profession and five by certificate, and the Session desires earnestly to say that if the eleven joining by profession or any proportion of them indicate an actual gain to the cause of Christ, it has indeed reason for gratefully recognizing that the year is not without fruit.

The various Sabbath Schools were resumed in summer time and continued during the ordinary period, with the exception of Rockford, which remains in operation throughout the year, and the Session would hereby, in its own name and in the name of the Congregation and in the name of the families more immediately connected with them, express its gratitude to those who took upon them the honorable and responsible post of teachers, and its hope that their labours were not in vain, neither with regard to themselves nor those under their charge.

The various district prayer meetings and visitations have been maintained with such regularity as weather and other engagements have permitted. The Session finds itself called upon to express regret that the Congregation has this year come much short in its contributions to the Missionary Schemes of the Church.