

## REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

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The time having come for presenting to the Congregation the Annual Reports of its Office-bearers, the Kirk Session, in submitting a statement concerning the matters entrusted to their oversight, find little that calls for special mention.

It is not easy to form an accurate estimate of the Christian life and work of a Congregation. The maintenance, from year to year, of the same membership and of the same contributions for Church purposes, may be an indication of indifference, or largely the result of habit, or the proof of faithful and well-sustained effort. In our own case, as compared with last year, there is no marked alteration in our numbers or in our finances.

Divine Service is well attended: the Sabbath Schools are in vigorous condition: the Bible Classes are pretty well sustained: and, in view of the large amount required for interest on our Church loan, the contributions of the Congregation towards the general work of the Church are encouraging, being somewhat in excess of those of last year. At the same time the Session have to regret that so large a proportion of the adult members of the Congregation are still non-communicants, and that many members are irregular in their attendance at Communion, the average during the past year having been only about 200, out of a Communion Roll of 369. They further regret that the Weekly Prayer-Meeting attracts so limited a number even of those within easy access of the Church, and that our contributions to the Missions of the Church are so small in proportion to the amount spent for purely Congregational purposes. In view of the signal blessing that God has bestowed upon the Foreign Missions of our Church, and of the urgent claims of our Home Missions, both in the destitute localities of our older Provinces and in the quickly increasing fields of our North-West Territories, the Session earnestly ask the Congregation to contribute to these objects according to the Apostolic standard,—“As God has prospered them.”

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