

also be named, for though his name is not now on our Communion Roll, he worships with us as often as he is able.

At a meeting of Session held on 31st December, the following resolution was unanimously and cordially passed:

"The attention of the Session was called to the pastoral necessities of the congregation. It was felt that if in the earlier years of the Church's history there was need of a congregational missionary, there was ample room for such a labourer in its present circumstances. It was therefore unanimously agreed to bring the matter before the Deacons' Court with the view of arranging for such an appointment. In doing, so the Session have also much pleasure in mentioning the name of Mr. James Ross, as one in every way qualified to fill this office. From his long and faithful services in connection with the congregation, it is felt that no one could be better fitted to engage in this work. It was agreed, therefore, if the Deacons' Court saw its way to make the necessary arrangements, that Mr. Ross should be appointed Congregational Missionary, and that in addition to his work in the congregation, he should continue the supervision of the work in Nazareth Street."

The Deacons' Court were as hearty in their endorsement of this resolution as the Session, and made such arrangements that Mr. Ross was able to commence his duties in the beginning of 1895. Mr. Ross requires no introduction to the congregation. An elder in the church for twenty-eight years, he has been conspicuous for the faithful discharge of all the duties of his office, and specially welcome in visiting the sick. The work to which he is now to devote himself is therefore not new to him, and we know that he will receive a cordial welcome into every home, and every help in prosecuting his important work. As Mr. Ross has also been appointed Treasurer, and Secretary of the Weekly Offering, he will be in attendance every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Library from 9 to 10, and on Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 8, to give any information required, and to be informed of any visits that should be made.

At the Annual Meeting some statistics were given which it may be of interest to preserve. The number of communicants on the roll at the end of 1878 was 348. At the end of 1893 they had risen to 630. There was added