

The session have strictly regarded the wishes of contributors, where specified on their schedules, in apportioning the sums received by them. Wherever no such wishes were expressed the Session have exercised their discretion in dividing contributions among the various purposes indicated in the schedules.

Since our last annual meeting God has removed by death the Rev. Dr. Spence, who for many years was minister of this Congregation. The Session, expressing, as they believe, the sentiments of the Congregation, recorded the following minute regarding Dr. Spence's death:—

"The Kirk Session, having received intelligence of the death, on the 4th September, of the Rev. Alexander Spence, D.D., for nineteen years—from 1848 till 1867—minister of this Congregation, desire to record the high regard in which he was held by them. Faithful and considerate towards those who required his counsel, diligent and devoted in the public and private services of his ministry, and ever anxious to promote the welfare of the Congregation, he was esteemed and respected by all who knew him. A valuable counsellor in the Courts of the Church, he received, in recognition of his services, the highest honours that the Church could bestow. The Kirk Session recognize in his munificent bequests the clearest evidence of his deep and continued interest in the welfare of the Church in Canada, and in the poor, the sick and the orphans of Ottawa. They respectfully offer their fervent sympathy to Mrs. Spence in her bereavement and commit her to the compassion and the tender mercy of our Father in Heaven."

It has been proposed that two memorial windows be placed in rear of the pulpit, one to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Spence, the other to the memory of the Rev. Wm. Durie. Plans for this purpose have been prepared, and, should the Temporal Committee concur in this proposal, it is the desire of the Session that the work should be proceeded with as soon as the means are procured.

The Statements of the Treasurer of the Kirk Session are herewith submitted.

Presented on behalf of the Kirk Session.

DANIEL M. GORDON, B.D., *Moderator*
WILLIAM HAMILTON, *Clerk*.

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