

and thirty-four infants; thirty-five in all. The number of families claiming connection with the congregation, entered on the pastor's Visiting List, is three hundred and seventy.

Twenty-two persons, in all, connected with this congregation, have been removed by death, during the past year. The roll of our blessed dead is, this year, specially remarkable by the large number of men and women prominent in society and in the Church, for their Christian activity, which it includes. Here is occasion, amid universal sorrow, for that mutual sympathy and consolation enjoined in the Word of God: "Whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it." We weep, as a congregation, with those amongst us who weep over their dead.

The Session have, in this connection, to record their profound regret at the removal, by death, of Mr. Duff Cameron, one of their number, and their sense of the great loss which they, and the whole congregation, have sustained in his decease. They desire to bear affectionate testimony to his many excellencies as a Christian and Office-bearer in the Church. They always found him instant in duty, wise in counsel, constant in zeal, and tireless in effort for the prosperity of the congregation, whose interests, both spiritual and temporal, were dear to his heart.

In consequence of the death of some of their number, the change of residence of others, the increasing infirmities of not a few, venerable for long years of worthy service, and the acceptance of the resignations of Messrs. Robert Scott and Wm. Bain, the Session are convinced that the spiritual interests of the Congregation urgently demand an adequate addition of suitable elders to the present staff. Arrangements will therefore be made at as early a date as possible, to give effect to this demand in the constitutional way.

To all who love the extension of Christ's Kingdom, one unusual and unpleasant fact must be noted in the Report of the Missionary Association—a decrease in the Contributions to the Schemes of the Church. Slight as this decrease may be, taking it into consideration along with the importance of these grand schemes, the least decrease in support of them must be noticed with very great regret. We confidently hope that