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Report of the Kirk-Session,
1882.

In submitting a brief report of the state of the congregation for the past year, the Session has pleasure in stating that substantial and encouraging work has been done. This may well be regarded as just ground for thankfulness; and it is earnestly hoped that God will grant us more substantial progress in His work among us during the year on which we have just entered. The Session believes that the facts stated in this brief report fully justify the congregation in entertaining this hope.

Early in the year it was felt desirable that the Session should be enlarged so as to meet more efficiently the growing needs of the congregation. A field so large, and in the country portions of it so scattered as this, could not possibly be overtaken by four or five men however zealous and devoted. Accordingly the Session was increased to eleven members; and with this staff it is believed the spiritual work of the Church may be adequately overtaken.

In the course of the year Mr. Duncan McNee, a member of the Session, tendered his resignation, on the ground that the state of his health at times seriously interfered, as he believed, with the efficient discharge of his duty. In parting with him as a member of the Session, his brethren put on record an expression of their high appreciation of his christian worth, faithfulness, and courtesy.

The number on the roll of membership is 276. The number added during the year is 46; the majority of these by profession, the others by certificate. There were four removals by certificate, and three by death. The total number of deaths was six; of these, three were members: Mr. James Templeton, Mrs. Walter Ferrier, and Mr. Nicholas Andison; and two were adherents: Mr. John McPherson and Mr. Robert Scott. The sixth removed by death was Master Clarence Templeton. The number of baptisms was 14.

The interest shown in the Sabbath services is fairly encouraging. A large majority attend most regularly, and this fact testifies

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