

The Session, as always in the years past, so this year also, feel constrained to render thanks to God for His manifold blessings to our congregation.

The large and devout attendance, at public worship, on the Lord's Day, and other stated and special occasions, has been a cause of great encouragement and hope.

A reference to the Reports of the various organizations for christian work, herewith published, furnishes evidence that a commendable degree of activity and success has marked every one of those departments. No doubt greater results are attainable; yet the experience of Divine blessings on past efforts, together with faith in the Divine promises, must encourage us for the future *"to consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works."*

The number of deaths during the year, recently closed, has been unusually large. Sorrow has thus, by the ordinary and extraordinary dispensations of Providence, entered many a happy home. Those stricken households have the sympathy of the whole congregation; and affliction has taught many among us to say: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

Let us enter upon and prosecute the duties of the current year in the spirit of the Master's admonition: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

The following, as correctly as can be ascertained, are the statistics of the congregation for 1881:—

Members on Roll, 1st Jan., 1881.....	573
Removed during year { By death.....	9
{ By change of residence.....	6— 15
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	558
Added during year { By profession.....	29
{ By certificate.....	58— 87
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Number of members, 1st Jan., 1882.....	645
Number of families connected with the congregation.....	355
" Baptisms during the year.....	70
" Deaths.....	39