

## REPORT OF SESSION.

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### TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS :

In again submitting the Report of the Session, we would gratefully acknowledge the goodness of a gracious God to us as a people. "Ebenezer—Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" is our exclamation as we review the events of '97, and "Jehovah-jireh—The Lord will provide," should be our encouragement for '98. Again we have to report the loss of those who have been promoted to "the silent majority." Those removed by death from the Roll are: Donald Elder (19), Donald Elder (21), Mrs. McBride, Annie Elder and Henry Hogg. We commend all bereaved ones to the consolation of the God of all comfort. Eight new names have been added, 5 by profession and 3 by certificate; 3 have asked for certificates to other congregations. This leaves our roll as it was—230 members. Some others have moved but have not asked for certificates yet. There have been 19 baptisms during the year; one of these was an adult. The thanks of the congregation are due those who have acted as organists and to the other members of the choir who have so kindly and ably assisted in the service of praise. Thanks are also due to the faithful workers in S. S., C. E., W. F. M. S., etc., but the best approval in this respect is that of a good conscience. The general work of the congregation has been well sustained. Attendance upon ordinances has been fair. Prayer-meetings in the village might be better attended. The work in the Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor has been encouraging. The Pastor has aimed at visiting all the families twice during the year, and this aim has been well realized. It is hoped that with a true spirit of consecration and unanimity, the good work of building up Christ's cause will go on and prosper in the congregation during the year before us to even a greater degree than in the past.

A. THOMPSON, Moderator.

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## MANAGERS' REPORT.

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In submitting the Annual Report of the Managers this year, we feel grieved to find a shortage of nearly \$200 to Stipend account. This is the second year we have had to borrow to meet Stipend which is very discouraging to all who have an interest in the Congregation. The Church Schemes are considerable over what they have been for several years. There has been paid in Voluntary Contributions \$107, Talents \$34, so that we have been able to pay interest and \$200 on principal on the Church debt, which is now reduced to \$1300. All of which is respectfully submitted in the name of the Managers.

T. M. MCGILL, Secy.-Treas.