

Report of Kirk - Session.

The Moderator of the Session having, this year, issued a pastoral letter, little remains to be said in this report. It may be mentioned that the Rev. James Mackie, M. A., who, at the publication of the last report, was acting as assistant minister, returned to Scotland in June last. Mr. Mackie has been lately inducted as minister of the Scotch Church in the city of Carlisle, England. In the month of October last, arrangements were made, by the Session and Trustees, with Mr. W. T. Herridge, B. A., now a student in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, to act as a missionary within the bounds of the Congregation. It is sufficient to state that this arrangement has proved eminently satisfactory to our Pastor and his office-bearers, and of great benefit to the Congregation.

The average attendance at the Communion during the year has been		343
The number of communicants reported to the General Assembly 1880		556
" "	at present on the roll is	510
" "	added to the roll during 1880 is	42
" "	of deaths	8
" "	of removals	80
Net decrease		46
Present roll.....		510

The number of baptisms during the last year has been		30
" "	" marriages	4
" "	" burials	18

The decrease in the members on the roll is accounted for : 1st. By an unusually large number of removals from the city to other portions of the Dominion ; 2nd. By removals to remote parts of the city and to the surrounding municipalities ; 3rd. By marriages and deaths ; but chiefly by a more careful scrutiny of the communicants' roll than it had received for many years past.

The contributions to missions and other benevolent schemes of the Church will be found, in detail, in the report of the Congregational Committee. The Kirk-Session would express the earnest hope that the year 1881 will chronicle a more general support by the Congregation of these Christian objects, so important, whether viewed in the light of the interests of our country, or in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world. If every member were found contributing to this work of the Lord, even in small measure, it could not fail to react upon the prosperity of the Congregation in all its interests.

The Kirk-Session unite with the Board of Trustees in the satisfaction which they express in their report at the removal, during the year, of the whole of the debt reported at the annual meeting last year ; as well as at the provision which has been made for completing the Church edifice during the coming year.

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