

has been removed during the past two years. So marked was the good hand of God in this effort, that the Session deemed it proper to appoint a public meeting of the Congregation for thanksgiving and praise to God for the manifest tokens of His favour; and the large and joyous meeting, which was held in accordance with their appointment on the evening of March the 27th, indicated how fully the minds and hearts of the people responded to, and accorded with, the judgment of the Session. A full statement respecting this great and successful effort to reduce our burden of indebtedness, and of the present financial position of the Congregation, will be laid before you by the Temporal Committee.

But while there has been very much that was bright and cheering in the year that is past, yet dark shadows were cast upon us by the sorrows which have fallen upon some of our homes and hearts. During the year we have been called to mourn the loss of an esteemed and faithful Elder and beloved brother, Mr. James Campbell, who "having served his generation, by the will of God, fell on sleep" on the morning of the 14th day of June. Mr. Campbell had been connected with the Congregation since the spring of 1875, and early in the year 1880, he was duly elected to the office of the eldership, and inducted on the 25th of April of that year. His gentle, meek and loving spirit, and faithfulness to duty, won the esteem of all, and eminently qualified him for his office. His end was peace. Another, Mrs. George Hay, long identified with the Congregation, and ever seeking to promote its welfare, has been called from our midst, and the blank she has left in the Congregation is only exceeded by that which she left in the home in which for so many years she discharged the duties of wife and mother with Christian tenderness and fidelity. In all there have been three removed by death from the Communion Roll:—

Mrs. Green, who died February 6th, 1884.

Jas. Campbell. " January 14th, "

Mrs. Geo. Hay, " July 5th, "

Loved members have been removed from other homes. One of them, Margaret Taylor, a Sabbath School scholar, whose peace and hope and triumph revealed the tenderness with which Jesus cares for the lambs of His fold. To all the stricken hearts in all the bereaved families the Session presents their sincere sympathy, and pray that they

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