

There have also been admitted as members of the Church, by the ordinance of Baptism, in 1877-26, and in 1878-32 children of members of this congregation, and 1 adult, in all 59. From the foregoing it appears that during the past two years we have had a slight actual increase.

Regarding spiritual progress it is not our province to speak so definitely, seeing we can only judge by the outward profession and conduct, which are sometimes deceptive. We have cause however to thank God and take courage. Our Moderator has from time to time reported very favorably regarding the spiritual state of many of those whom he has examined and we have admitted during these two years; as for example on 25th April last, when he reported regarding thirteen applicants by profession, "that he had received especial encouragement from the conversations held with them." As to the spiritual advancement of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the congregation, we feel it to be our duty to refer to the very able teachings and expositions of Scripture from the pulpit by our beloved and devoted Pastor, and to say that we know they have been blessed for the growth and expansion of vital christianity in the souls of many. As to the conversion of sinners, we would hope that the many faithful and earnest appeals, also made from the pulpit, have not been in vain, but have been carried home, by the effectual working of God's Spirit, to the heart's of some, causing them to flee from the wrath to come. We long however to see signs of greater spiritual vitality in the congregation, and to be the recipients of a more copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that God's people amongst us may be revived and quickened, and many more may be added to the Church of such as shall be saved.