

Report of Kirk-Session.

Beyond the changes which have taken place in the Congregation during the past year, by deaths and removals, there is little calling for remark from the Kirk-Session at this time. By these changes, however, we are reminded that time is short and life uncertain, and we are admonished to greater diligence and faithfulness in the discharge of duty.

In our last report it was mentioned that the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank was associated with Dr. Jenkins as assistant-minister. Mr. Cruikshank's connection with St. Paul's Church ceased in the month of April, in consequence of his receiving a call to St. Matthew's congregation in this city, where, we are happy to learn, his ministry is highly appreciated and has been eminently successful. During the summer vacation the pulpit was supplied for two Sabbaths by the Rev. Dr. Taylor of Wooster, Ohio, and by the Rev. Robert Campbell of Renfrew for two Sabbaths. For three Sabbaths the Church was closed, for cleaning and repairs. At the invitation of the office-bearers, the Rev. James Mackie, M.A., a minister of the Church of Scotland, entered upon an engagement for six months as assistant-minister on the 1st October last, since which time he has discharged the duties of his office with great faithfulness and assiduity. Excepting the months of June, July, and August, when many of the families remove to summer quarters, the average attendance of the Congregation at the Sabbath morning services has been very satisfactory; but the Kirk-Session have still to complain of too many vacant seats at the Sabbath evening services, and also at the Wednesday evening prayer-meetings. At the three Communion seasons the attendance of members was as follows:—

In January, 370 ; in June, 352 ; in October, 352.

The number added to the Communion roll during 1879 was	57
The number removed by death	10
Removed by change of residence or otherwise	37
The net increase of communicants in 1879	10
The number at present on the roll is	556
“ of baptisms was	30
“ of marriages	7
“ of burials	20

The alterations made last year in the interior of the Church, especially the lowering of the organ and the erection of a screen at the entrance have added much to the beauty and comfort of the edifice.

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