

REPORT OF SESSION.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS:

In presenting to your notice the Annual Report of the Session for '96, we do so with a feeling of deep gratitude to Almighty God for his goodness to us as a people during the past year. It has been a year of quiet, though we hope, progressive work. Something has been done in the Master's name, though when we compare our achievements with our best ideals, we have to regret with honest humility that we have been such sluggards in Christ's service. During the year the sharp sickle of death has been busy. Some of our best have been promoted from the church militant to the church triumphant. The Moderator and Members of Session miss with sad hearts the fellowship of Mr. James Mitchell. Others who are not really dead, but sleeping, are Thomas Chisholm, Mrs. Little, Christina McDonald, Neil McEachern, W. B. Simpson, Matthew Rogers, Mrs. Pringle, James Duff. We commend all bereaved to the God of all comfort. We are pleased to report additions to the membership. By profession 10, by certificate 6. We have lost, by certificate 15, by death 8, making a decrease of 7. Total membership at present 241. Baptisms 12. The public services have been well attended, though there are some who might come oftener. Come! One, and sometimes two, prayer-meetings weekly have been kept up with much interest at country points. We solicit a better attendance at the prayer-meetings in the basement. The S. S. and B. C. have been well attended. Room for others. Great encouragement and much interest are the hopeful features in connection with the C. E. Progress still our aim. The hearty thanks of the Session and Congregation are due to Mrs. McCullough, Miss Ella Collins and Miss Agnes McGill, as well as the Members of the Choir, for their painstaking gratuitous work in the service of song. We would advise every family to take "The Record." You can't afford to do without it. A club of 20 have subscribed for the "Canada Presbyterian." We would also urge as generous a support as possible to the Schemes of the Church. All are highly commendable and all need our personal help. Though we have suffered from the general depression, we hope with zeal and consecration and God's blessing to make decided progress during '97. Let everyone do all they can towards this happy result.

ARCH. THOMPSON, Moderator.

MANAGERS' REPORT.

In submitting the Annual Report of the Managers this year, we are sorry to find a shortage of over Two Hundred Dollars of contributions to Stipend account. Church Schemes are up to the average, while the Congregation has done well towards Church Building Fund, having paid \$200 of principal and interest, with a balance of \$85.36 on hand. All of which is respectfully submitted in the name of the Managers.

T. M. MCGILL, Secretary-Treasurer.