

Report of Kirk-Session.

It is a good thing to review the past and to sketch the future. No Church can do so seriously without being a gainer. The undone things and the poorly done things haunt us into contrition and humiliation, while the things attempted and effected in God's name, are as healing balms to our spirits.

The Session whose obligations and privileges bring them into touch with every part of the congregation's life enter into these mingled feelings of confession and hope that are the peculiar property of every society and organization of the congregation. May what is now in the past be forgotten, save what will be a warning and a guide for the future, and what we can gratefully bring and leave at the feet of our Master.

Sincere has been the joy of the Session, at every indication of increasing power in the various agencies of the Church. They would thankfully record the increase in the Sabbath-School and the zeal and fidelity of the teachers, the reaching out of loving hands in behalf of the poor and helpless by the Ladies Aid, the Mission Band and Christian Endeavour Society,—witnessing that Christ is still on earth and going about doing good. Nor would they fail to note the commendable regularity with which the "Record" was distributed, and the sanctuary brightened with flowers, and the unflinching devotion of the Choir to their ministry of love, and last but not least the arduous services of the Managers as month by month they regulated the more material interests of the congregation.

The Session this year has had deep joy in seeing a goodly number of these fresh with the dew of youth devoting their young lives to Christ, and entering into fellowship with Him at his own table, and among them several pupils of the Mackay Institute, whose very helplessness made us feel that Jesus gave them a special welcome as was His wont on earth. The average attendance of the congregation has been very gratifying especially at our last season. This goes far to alleviate the pain, the Session experienced in being obliged to discipline several members for neglect of ordinances, and they trust it is sign of the future faithfulness of all our members.