

fullest measure our confidence in God, whose "goodness stands approved, down to the present day."

The general health of the Congregation has been good. No epidemic has prevailed, and yet, reminding us of our frailty, and of the uncertainty of life, there have been not a few cases of severe sickness, and some beloved friends have been called away from us. We unite our gratitude and praise with theirs, who were brought low and whom the Lord hath raised up again; and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who are still tried by afflictions, and to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. We commend them all to the God of covenant love and grace, who says to each of His tried and suffering children, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

The following are the names of the members in full communion who were removed during the year by death:—

Mrs. Alexander Kennedy, January 17th, 1890.

Mrs. Hogg, April 20th, 1890.

Mrs. McArthur, July 14th, 1890.

Mr. William Lawson, October 27th, 1890.

Mr. James Sieveright, November 25th, 1890.

Of these Mrs. A. Kennedy and Mr. James Sieveright have been members of the Congregation from the date of its organization. They came to their graves "in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

With regard to Mr. Sieveright, the Session gratefully note that he left a generous bequest to the Congregation, but the conditions of the bequest are such that it is not now available.

The number of communicants on the roll at the last annual meeting was 402. During the year 19 have been removed—5 by death, and 14 by certificate to other churches. The number added to the roll was 37—by certificate 14, and on profession 23, making the number now on the roll 420. The baptisms were 19, including one adult.

The financial position of the Congregation will be laid before you in the Report of the Temporal Committee, to which, we trust, you will give your earnest attention. The past year was one of deepening financial depression, and, therefore, it need not be a matter of surprise or discouragement that there has been a slight falling off in the contributions to the sustentation funds of the Congregation. But the fact that the Lord permits such seasons to visit us, should remind us that we are but stewards of the things which we possess, and are required to use them for His glory.

The Reports of the Sabbath School and Bible Class, and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, to be submitted to you, will