

Address from the Session.

To the Members of Knox Church Congregation.

DEAR BRETHEREN,—In addressing you through the pages of your Annual Reports, we desire to present you with some figures shewing the position of the congregation numerically during the past two years. In 1877 we admitted to the fellowship of the Church by profession of their faith, and by certificates from other Churches, 68, and in 1878, 67, making a total of admissions for the two years, 135.

When the Communicant's Roll was purged on 10th July, 1877, it was found that since January there had been disjoined by certificate and death, 18. As at 22nd January, 1878, there had been disjoined 14, and as at 19th December last, by certificate and death, 36, and 1 suspended; making a total from January 1877, till 19th December 1878, of 69, and shewing a net increase of admissions over dismissals of 66. Whilst there has thus been a small *actual* increase in the membership during these two years, we have to state that there has been a large *nominal* decrease. For many years our Communicant's Roll has been burdened with a great many names of parties whom the session suspected had long since removed from the City or left the Church, and regarding whom we had no means of ascertaining, until we obtained an increase of Elders. After careful examination we have dropped (during the past two years) the names of 123, and now our Roll, which as at 10th July 1877, contained 564 names, is reduced to a bona-fide membership of 483, in full communion as at 19th December last.

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