

four to their number, that the work devolving upon them might be more efficiently performed; and in response to their request you elected, in due form, Messrs. J. Winer Wardrope, John Kennedy, John McJanet, and Arthur Chisholm; and these brethren having accepted of your call, were duly inducted into the office of Elder, on Sabbath, June 16th, and their names added to the roll of the Session.

The year has been marked with a larger measure of sickness than we have ordinarily experienced; and among the number who have been called to endure the chastenings of the Father, are two of the older and much respected members of the Session. For quite a portion of the year they have been laid aside from active duty, while another, through the growing infirmities of an honored old age, has been unable to meet with us. And in many of its varied forms affliction has tried the faith and patience of many other families and individuals, and the following esteemed members in full communion have been removed from among us by the hand of death:—

Mrs. M. McKinnon, January 1st, 1889.

Mr. A. McKellar, January 12th, 1889.

Mr. George McAllen, January 20th, 1889.

Mr. James Hopkirk, May 25th, 1889.

Mrs. Mary McAllen, July 20th, 1889.

Mr. Thomas O'Neil, August 7th, 1889.

Besides these other families have had experience of the sorrows of bereavement. And to them all the Session extends their tenderest sympathies, and prays that God may grant to every bereaved and afflicted one among you the grace that not only comforts in sorrow, but which also sanctifies the sorrowing hearts, and makes "all things work together for good to them that love God."

The number of Communicants on the roll at the last annual meeting was 409. During the year 39 have been removed—6 by death and 33, chiefly by certificate, to other churches. And there have been added to the roll 32—by certificate 21, and on profession 11, leaving the number now on the roll 402.

There have been 29 baptisms.

The Report of the Temporal Committee will set before you the financial condition of the Congregation. It is very gratifying to know that your liberality has enabled the Committee to meet all their current liabilities and to place a satisfactory balance to your credit; and also that your Committee have negotiated a loan which reduces the annual expenditure of the Congregation by a considerable amount.

The reports of the Sabbath School and Bible Class, and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour to be submitted, will show that in these important departments of the Church's work diligence and

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