

REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

In accordance with the practice of the past few years the Kirk Session submit to the annual meeting of the Congregation their statement regarding those interests of the Congregation more immediately under their direction; and, in doing so, they have to acknowledge the continued goodness of the Great Head of the Church and the inadequate use made of His mercies.

During the past year the numerical strength of the Congregation has not been greatly changed. Twenty-eight communicants have been added to the roll, and twenty-nine have been removed. At present there are in connection with the Congregation 373 communicants and 272 families. There have been entered on the Records of the Congregation during the year 34 baptisms and 17 deaths.

The Sabbath Schools continue to be well attended and efficiently conducted. Upper Town School, formerly under the superintendence of Mr. G. L. Orme, is now superintended by Mr. Jas. Gibson; Lower Town School by Mr. Larmonth, and Stewarton School by Mr. Elliot. There are upon the Roll of Upper Town School 26 office-bearers and 236 scholars; Lower Town School, 10 office-bearers and 70 scholars; Stewarton School, 9 office-bearers and 75 scholars, making a total of 381 under instruction in connection with the Sunday Schools of the Congregation, and 45 office-bearers engaged in the important work. This number includes the Bible Class formerly conducted by the Pastor, now conducted by Mr. Hamilton.

The contributions of the Sabbath Schools during the year amounted to \$229.72. These contributions have been devoted, as in previous years, to the support and education of the orphans in India, to the purchase of Sunday School papers, etc., and to incidental expenses incurred in the maintenance of the schools.

The Session have frequently drawn the attention of the congregation to the propriety of securing a larger attendance at the weekly prayer meeting. Efforts are made, by devoting one evening each month, to missionary