



Address of the Session.

The Session, in issuing their annual address to the congregation, thankfully express their recognition of many evidences during the past year that the presence and working of the Holy Spirit has not been withheld from us. While we must all with humiliation confess the presence and working of sin, we thus again record our testimony to God's long-suffering, and pardoning grace and mercy.

The whole number admitted to the fellowship of the Church during 1890 was 87, against 69 the year before. Of these, 36 were received on profession of their faith, against 24 the previous year; the remainder were received on certificate from other congregations. If things had been as they were two or three years ago, we should thus have recorded a very considerable increase in our membership. But the organization of four new congregations within the part of the city in which our members reside has occasioned the removal of a very considerable number, as was to be expected, to one or other of these new organizations, as being so much more convenient to their homes. Among these, many, on taking leave, have expressed in warm terms their attachment to this congregation, and deep and sincere regret at the separation; sentiments which are most heartily reciprocated by the Session and all who have known them. The whole number of those who have taken from us certificates of membership to unite with other churches, since our last Annual Report, has been 76. To this loss must be added 8 who have been removed from us by death, also 4 students who have

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