

## STATEMENT BY THE SESSION.

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The Session feel constrained to bless the Lord for His manifold mercies bestowed upon our congregation and the abundance of His goodness, both in temporal and spiritual things, granted to us in the year 1883. Notwithstanding the great difficulties which attend any honest attempt to form a correct estimate of spiritual results, they are convinced that God has blessed our efforts for His glory in the conversion of some and the comfort and edification of many.

The diets of public worship, especially at the morning service, have been largely attended during the year. The weekly Prayer Meeting—taken as the pulse of the Church's life—has indicated increased interest in spiritual vitality and power. The Sunday School and Bible Classes have not been without manifestations of the Master's presence and blessing. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society, although not as well patronized as the great end it has in view deserves, has done good work. The Young Men's Sabbath Morning Fellowship Meeting has, amid some discouragements, kept the even tenor of its way; while our noble and devoted band of lady collectors have, amid much self-sacrifice, gone bravely on in their important work.

The Session note, with great satisfaction, that the commendable and successful effort made by the Board of Managers to liquidate the too-long standing debt on the Church property has in no way restricted the outflow of our people's liberality towards the great schemes of the Church. There is, notwithstanding, a small advance beyond last year's contributions thereto. From this state of matters we are furnished with another proof (if more were needed), that special efforts for a worthy cause in no way injure the ordinary liberality. The natural result of Christian liberality is increased desire to give more and increased means wherewith to do it.

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