

Report of the Kirk-Session.

1885.

The Kirk-Session unite with the Trustees and other Boards and Committees of the Church, in devout acknowledgement to God for the continuance of His goodness and mercy during another year. The work of the Congregation in its various branches has been carried on vigourously, and with such tokens of success as encourage us to look for higher attainments in the future. The number of young men now connected with the congregation, and taking an intelligent and active interest in its affairs is, to the Kirk-Session, one of the most satisfactory and hopeful evidences that the work of the Lord, is prospering among us.

Important changes have taken place in the *personnel* of the Kirk-Session during the past year. Two of our number resigned—Messrs. David Morrison and James Moore, the former owing to his removal to Toronto, the latter for family reasons, connecting himself with another congregation; both these esteemed brethren carried away with them the best wishes of every member of the Kirk-Session. Another name disappears this year from the printed list of Elders, that of Mr. Neil J. McGillivray, for many years an active and influential member of the congregation, who has taken up his residence in Scotland. Nine Elders were added during the year, five of these had already served in other congregations, namely, Messrs John L. Morris, Rev. Dr. J. Clarke Murray, George M. Kinghorn, Philip S. Ross, and William Walker. Four were ordained to the office of the eldership, Messrs. John Taylor, Colin McArthur, John Larmonth and Alexander McFee. The number of acting Elders is now seventeen. A careful re-adjustment of the districts has been made and it is hoped that the members will soon become acquainted with the Elders of their respective districts, and the Elders with the families.

In the course of the year, the balance of the late Mr. William Christie's legacy, was paid over to the Treasurer of the Kirk-Session. The bequest, amounting to \$1,000, has been invested at six per cent. per annum, and thus has been secured an annual income of \$60, which in accordance with the testator's suggestion, will be available in the form of a bursary, to assist some deserving candidate for the

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