

Report of the Kirk-Session.

We acknowledge, we trust, in no formal way, the goodness of God vouchsafed during the past year to the work assigned to our care and supervision. Whichever of its many aspects we view, we see causes for deep gratitude. The different organizations have been true auxiliaries to us in our work. We feel that the Societies, whether conducted by the older or younger members, have been striving according to their measure for one common end—the advance of Christ's Kingdom in our midst. Our members also have been quietly increasing, twenty-four new names having been added to our communion-roll during the year.

While thus gratefully recording signs of advance, we would be earnest in indicating certain features of our work that might be more earnestly considered. Our Missionary contributions show this year a falling off. This should hardly have been, seeing that our numbers have increased. May our hearts be more and more enlarged towards the great and good cause of Missions. Again, our Sabbath evening attendance, of late, has been far too uncertain. When more direct effort is made to preach Christ to the unsaved, we need the presence and prayers of God's children. Our weekly prayer meeting still marks the absence of the majority of our Church members. If this meeting be, as is often said, the pulse of a congregation's spirituality, then ours has not been beating as healthy as it might during the year just closed. Then, there are some homes yet unbled by family prayers. We earnestly pray that soon from every home in our congregation morning and evening incense shall arise to the God of families. Laying these matters to heart before our God, may we all continue to labor so faithfully this year that it may be truly said of us as a people:—"They go from strength to strength."

During the year our membership-roll was twice broken by death—Miss Harriot Gall Martin and John Imrie Ashcroft, Principal of the Mackay Institute—passing onward to their reward. From a