

Report of Session

ON account of the progress which has been made by the congregation during the year, it is a pleasant task for the Session to make their annual report.

Having, during the year, watched with approval the working of the different organizations of the church, we are now glad of the opportunity to express our gratitude to all who have faithfully worked in the interests of the congregation. While so doing, we do not forget that the Great Master, who has given salvation to the world, is entitled to all praise for every blessing which has been given to this congregation in 1896.

Early in the year, after an election by the congregation, seven elders were ordained. They have performed the duties of the eldership during the greater part of the year.

With this addition to the eldership, the members of Session will endeavor to perform the duties which devolve upon them, and that they may do so most efficiently, they request the members of the congregation to render them every assistance possible in their work. There are many ways in which assistance may be given to the Session. Any member who knows that a Presbyterian family has moved into a certain district will do well to notify the elder of that district. Information in regard to sickness in families may be given to the Session by those who have heard of such sickness on account of their acquaintance with those families. When a change of residence is made by a family of the congregation the Session are always glad to be informed of the change, that the family may not be overlooked. Often the Session would not be aware of distress among the poor of the congregation if the members of the church did not send such information to the Session. It will be seen that there are many ways of aiding the elders in the performance of their duties, and we request the members and adherents to afford all the assistance possible.

During the year there were not so many additions to the membership by certificate as usual, and fewer names of members were removed from the communion roll by certificate than during any previous year for a considerable period. The roll has been carefully revised and there has been a slight gain in membership.

While there have been many deaths among the adherents of the