



Address of the Session.

THE history of the congregation for the past year has been marked in many ways by quiet prosperity ; and if in some ways the advance has not been as marked as in some recent years, this is not difficult to account for in a satisfactory manner, and, as the Session believe, indicates no diminution of interest in the congregation. During the year 45 have been added on certificate, and on profession of faith, 24, in all, 69. On the other hand, 39 have been dismissed to other congregations, 8 have been called away by death, and 16 names, either of students who have entered the ministry, or of a few of whom we have had no information for two years past, according to a standing rule of the Session, have been dropped from the roll. This leaves on our roll at the end of 1889 the names of 688 communicants, a number greater by six than was reported last year. The fact that as compared with the past three years so few have been received on certificate has its sufficient explanation in the fact that our sittings are about all taken ; so that we are able to receive very few from outside except as room from time to time is made by deaths or removals.

The Session are glad to see in the addition of the twenty-four on profession of faith, a large part of whom were from our Sabbath School, evidence that the blessing of the Head of the Church is not absent from us ; while, at the same time, when we observe that the number is smaller than for two or three years past, we shall all see call to renewed zeal in labor for souls, and prayer for larger blessing from the Lord in the year before us.

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