

The year has been one of severe affliction to many of us. Blow after blow has fallen upon us. In the beginning of the year news reached us from Glasgow, Scotland of the sudden death of James Court, our venerable senior elder. Like Enoch, it was his one aim in life to walk with God, and he is not, for God has taken him. Then further on in the year one whole household, which has had an honoured place in the Church during all its history, was removed by death. The manly form of Edward Mackay is seen no more, and with the death of his niece, Miss H. Mackay Gordon, disappeared the last of the household of Kildonan. And just as the year was closing, James Davison, who has been connected with the Church for 30 years as member, deacon and elder, was called to his rest. What shall we say to these things? "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." God help us to lay these things to heart, so that though no chastisement for the present seemeth joyous but grievous, nevertheless our hearts being rightly exercised thereby, may produce abundantly the peaceable fruits of righteousness to the praise of His glorious grace.

In name of the Session,

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