

formed, being tastefully painted and carpeted. It is now an exceedingly comfortable apartment in which to teach the youngest members of the School. The names of 34 new scholars were added to the School Register during the year.

ATTENDANCE AT THE PUBLIC SERVICES.

In this respect, the Session believe the congregation have every reason to feel gratified. On Sabbath days, the attendance at the house of prayer,—particularly at the forenoon services,—is exceedingly good; and the attendance is steadily increasing. Many strangers continue to worship with us; these we are ever ready to greet with a cordial welcome. Our Pastor's stated monthly sermons to young men are very highly appreciated, and are not failing to reach those for whom they are specially intended. The Prayer Meeting service continues to be well maintained, but there is abundant room for improvement in this particular. The average number present is 150; but, although occasionally 200 are found in their places on Wednesday evenings, our *average* might easily be brought up to that figure. The importance of this service for securing growth and strength in the Christian life cannot possibly be over-estimated. Hence the Session very strongly commend it to the thoughtful attention of the whole congregation.

REMOVALS BY DEATH.

Death has been busy amongst us during the past year. Eight of our membership have in this way been removed from us: we shall miss them sorely, and yet we shall ever rejoice because of them, when we assemble to "remember" Christ around His table. In addition, our Pastor has conducted seven burials in connection with families which belong to the congregation. Those who have been called away represent both the very young and the very aged. The youngest was less than four years old: another, spared through many days, was able to look back over a period of seventy-five years. One of the number, the late John B. Smith, was the oldest surviving member of the congregation, his name having