

REPORT OF SESSION.

The Session in making its annual report trusts that it has occasion to ask the Congregation to look back upon the past year with gratitude. Under the Divine blessing there has been nothing during the past year to occasion pain for the past or fear for the future. That is nothing of a special nature. There are, of course, those occasions for regret, arising from the consciousness of duty imperfectly fulfilled of which it is well to be sensible, in order that the future may improve on the past. But happily of special causes of regret there is none, but somewhat to be thankful for. We have reason to be thankful that there is upon the whole an appearance of congregational prosperity that must be gratifying to every well wisher of the congregation.

The indications of prosperity to which the Session refers are the possession by the congregation of a Church property so creditable to its enterprise and so admirably suited to carry on with efficiency the work of the congregation; the admirable spirit of harmony reigning in the congregation for which the Session desires to make special acknowledgement to the Great God of Peace, the encouraging nature of the attendance at the various services of the church, and the encouraging fact that the somewhat large number of 20 new members, all of them by profession, were added to the roll. The Session is anxious in making these references to do so in the spirit which says "not unto us, not unto us but unto thy name be all the glory."

The removals from the roll have been six, making in the year a gain of fourteen. The various Sabbath Schools were in operation as usual, and the Session desires to record its gratitude to those who, as Superintendents and Teachers, carried on the work, and to express the hope that in their self-denying labors they have found that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The Session is glad to know that in one of the district schools liberal collections were made for Mission purposes, and it recommends the example to all the schools.

The Prayer Meetings in the country and the Pastor's Bible Class in the village have been resumed with the beginning of the year, having been delayed partly for reasons connected with the opening of the church and partly from other causes and give promise of all the success of the past.