

REPORT OF SESSION.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS :

The record of another year, with its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures has closed, reminding us as a congregation that another year of privilege and opportunity has gone, crowding the great business of life into a narrow space for us. In presenting our annual statement the Session gratefully makes acknowledgment to the Great King and head of the Church for the many manifestations of His goodness, conscious that in His sight both in our individual and spiritual life and in our fellowship one with another we have sadly failed. Therefore it is with feelings of devout thankfulness that we look back upon the year that is past with some degree of satisfaction and encouragement.

As in the past death has been reminding us that "Here we have no continuing city." Mr. James Galbraith was called away while busily engaged in the active duties of life, the sun going down at noon. Then our esteemed brother and co-worker Mr. John McKessock, for many years a faithful member of this Session, has at a ripe age passed to his reward. "And he will be missed for his seat will be empty." Then Miss Marion Ferguson, a member of our choir, has gone from us to join the choir above. The home of another member of the Session has been bereft of a daughter in the person of Miss Gordon. All of which we trust have entered upon "The inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved ones. May the God of all comfort make up by His own abiding presence, the loss of loved ones out of our homes.

It is the earnest prayer of the Session that the year we have just entered, may be one of faithful service in connection with every department of the church work, and that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon all our labors. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

In the name of the Session,

JOHN LITTLE, Moderator.

MANAGERS' REPORT.

In submitting the Annual Report of the Managers this year, we congratulate the members of the congregation on their having the most encouraging report this year of any for the past few years. Stipend has been paid in full, and \$125 paid on arrears of 1897. All current accounts and some arrears of 1897 have been paid, with a balance on hand of \$84.18. \$100 of principal has been paid on church building account, and there are still sufficient funds on hand to pay all interest accruing during the past year. While