

been good, yet not a few changes have taken place. Some esteemed by us for their spiritual graces, and endeared to us by years of Christian fellowship, have heard the call of the Master and have gone up to meet Him, and others have moved beyond our bounds

Three were taken from us by the hand of death. These were

Mr. Wm. Gardner, who died February 27th, 1882.

Mrs. Thomas Clarke, " April 9th, "

Mrs. John S. Durie, " May 3rd, "

From other families loved members have been taken, whilst other have passed through seasons of severe sickness and sore trials. But whilst deep shadows have darkened some of our homes, God's grace has been signally displayed in sustaining and cheering the dying, in helping and raising up those who were brought low, and in consoling and comforting the bereaved. So that in the midst of afflictions and under the pressure of sorrow, many have been enabled to discern and understand the loving kindness of the Lord; and while commending all the bereaved and afflicted to the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, the Session at the same time tender to them all their sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

When this Session submitted their last statement, the number on the communion roll was 231. During the year there have been received 29—13 by certificate and 16 by profession of faith. The removals have been 19—3 by death and 16 chiefly by certificate to other churches or removing from the city. The net gain has been 10, and the number on the Roll, 241.

The number of Baptisms have been 12.

By the report of the Temporal Committee, the financial affairs of the congregation will be fully laid before you.

The attendance upon all the services of the Church on the Sabbath, the Prayer-meeting, the Sabbath-school and Bible-class has been regular and marked by an encouraging increase in numbers.