

ADDRESS OF SESSION.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF KNOX CONGREGATION :

The year past, while witnessing many changes in the congregation, has been attended with marked growth and prosperity, calling for renewed praise and gratitude to God. The details of the work are given in the various reports herewith submitted. The Roll of the Church has been increased by the addition of 144 names, which, added to 980, the number on January 1st, 1888, would give 1,124 members. From this number, during the year, 122 names have been withdrawn, leaving on the roll, at the close of the year, 1,002 members. The resignation of their office by three members of Session, Messrs. Thomson, Sutherland, and McLeod, having been accepted, the members of the Church will be asked, at an early day, to make choice of others to fill their places. The Session have also accepted the retirement of three from the Deacon's Court,—Mr. George Duthie, Jun., by resignation, Mr. James M. Simpson, from continued ill health, and Mr. Wm. Boston, to enter the service of the China Inland Mission. An election of others to fill their places, will soon be required. The Mission at Duchess Street has been efficiently carried on, and prospered. The Session have appointed Mr. James Millar, of Knox College, to conduct the work through the winter. During the absence of the Pastor for three months in the summer, through the very generous and thoughtful kindness of the congregation, the pulpit was supplied by different Ministers, whose services were secured by the Session. We are gratified to know that they were acceptable to the congregation, as shown by their unabated fidelity in attendance upon ordinances, and fulfilling respective duties. Remembering that sorrow has been felt in many hearts by the removal of friends through death (twenty-six in all from the congregation, ten of whom were communing members), the Session would commend the bereaved to the tender and prayerful sympathy of fellow-members, praying that their afflictions may sanctify us all, more and more, for the glory of God.

Let us remember that the "time is short," and from these admonitions of Providence, receive a needed stimulus to greater self-denial, and more strenuous exertions to be found faithful in the ensuing year.

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H. M. PARSONS,
Moderator.

31st December, 1888.