

REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

In the survey of the past year the Kirk Session find continued cause for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church. Although the regular services of public worship have been held in Gowan's Hall,—an apartment in many ways inadequate to the purpose,—and although, on this account, the Christian life and work of the Congregation have been to some extent affected, yet it has been gratifying to observe the large and well sustained attendance, and the continued prosperity of the Congregation.

The Session have to record their satisfaction at the regular presence of a more than ordinary proportion of strangers during the services of the past year. It has, however, been one of the inconveniences connected with the place of public worship,—where the seats were all free, and where the members of the Congregation seldom occupied the same seats on two consecutive Sabbaths,—that, in several cases, neither minister nor elders have been able to form the acquaintance of such strangers, or to welcome them to the fellowship of the Congregation. The Session expect to obviate this, now that Divine Service has been commenced in the basement of the new Church; but yet, on this account, the statement of the strength of the Congregation, herewith submitted, does not include the names of some who, by their regular attendance at the services of the Church, apparently desire to be regarded as members of the Congregation. The number of families at present connected with the Congregation is 215. During the year twenty-nine families have been added, while nineteen families have been removed, eight of these having left the city, two having been broken up by death, five having joined the newly-formed Presbyterian Congregation at Hull, and four having been otherwise removed, thus leaving a total increase during the past year of ten families.