

you, and will show that in these vitally important departments of the Church's activity much earnest and faithful work has been done.

The thanks of the congregation are again due to the lady visitors for distributing the *Record*, and receiving your contributions to the Schemes of the Church, and also to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. M. McKinnon, for his persistent and vigilant supervision of the work. The Session are gratified to know that your contributions last year are larger than in any previous year, and it is hoped that the year upon which we have entered will make a still further advance.

The needs of those in the congregation requiring aid to secure necessary comforts, have been met by private effort, so that no demands were made on the Session Fund during the year.

The Session cannot close this brief review of the past year without expressing the conviction that it does not record as satisfactory a condition as we should desire, and that there is ample room for improvement. In some respects we have scarcely neld our ovm. We need more of the Spirit of the Master, more consecration to his service. "A prosperous congregation," as one of our Church papers wisely says, "depends, no dcubt, largely upon Pastor, Elders and other office-bearers. They can do much to inspire the people with lofty aims and desires for spiritual advancement ; but, however devoted they may be, they cannot do everything. Unless the people co-operate, progress will be slow and difficult. When the religious zeal of a congregation loses its warm glow, progress is impossible until the mass becomes fused under the influence of the Holy Spirit. This is the baptism the congregation needs." Is this greatly needed blessing available ? Jesus says, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those that ask Him?" "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

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