

REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

The Kirk Session desire to recognize with gratitude the signs of prosperity by which the life of the Congregation has been marked during the past year. The various departments of christian work have been maintained with vigour, and with a degree of success which encourages the hope of still further growth and increase in the future.

Since the last Report, the Session have added three new names to their number, viz., Lt.-Col. Macpherson, F. H. Chrysler and F. P. Bronson, and a slight re-adjustment of Elders' Districts has been made in accordance with this change. It is hoped that the members will become more and more thoroughly acquainted with the Elders, and the Elders with them.

The Session record with pleasure the marked increase in the membership of the Church during the year. Fifty-four names have been added to the Roll, twenty-six by certificate, twenty-six by profession of faith, and two by re-admission to membership. Fifteen names have been withdrawn, twelve by removal, and three by death. Among the latter the Session desire to make special mention of Mr. Edward McGillivray who was one of the oldest members of the Church, and whose name is closely identified with every department of its progress and work.

During the year there have been fourteen Baptisms, and twenty deaths in the Congregation.

The large attendance at the Sabbath Services has been fully maintained, and in spite of the prompt response made to the appeal for further accommodation, there are still a few families not provided with seats. It is hoped that by a careful utilizing of all available space through the further concessions of present pew-holders, the remaining applicants, together with those who from time to time may be added to our number, will secure as speedily as possible a fixed position in the Church.

The Wednesday evening Service continues to grow in point of interest and numbers, but still leaves room for further improvement, and the Session desire to commend this hour of worship to the attention of the Congregation. Recently a short practice of Hymns has been inaugurated at the close of this service, with a view to securing better Congregational singing on the Sabbath day.

The three Sabbath Schools continue to prosper, and the Session desire to recognize with much satisfaction the devoted service which is being rendered in this department of Church-work.

The Pastor having found it impossible on account of his other duties to continue the Congregational Bible Class of last winter, its place has been supplied by a distribution of the work, a class for young men being constructed by Mr. Falconer, and one for ladies by Mr. S. Woods. It is hoped that a still larger number, especially among the