

Kirk-Session Report.

The Kirk-Session respectfully report to the congregation that the Sabbath Services have been regularly conducted all through the year and have been well attended.

The Wednesday evening Service has also been appreciated by increased numbers, the average attendance being eighty-five.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been celebrated three times during the year instead of four, as, owing to a new arrangement of dates of observance, it had been kept for the fifth time just at the close of the preceding year.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to 17 children, the administration in almost all instances taking place in the homes.

In the Church records 15 marriages have been registered, and 20 deaths.

During the year 42 persons have been added to the Communion Roll, 21 on profession of faith, and 21 by certificate.

The Kirk-Session has lost by death the valuable counsel of Mr. Alex. Ross. A record of their estimate of him has been placed in their minutes and is as follows:

"The Kirk-Session at this their first meeting since the death of Mr. Alex. Ross, resolve to place on record their sorrow at his removal and their sense of loss. They remember with gratitude to God his life-long attachment to the church; his valued services as teacher in the Sabbath School for nearly fifty years; his work as a manager, trustee, as an elder for the last six years of his life; and above all the gentleness and simplicity of his nature, his integrity of spirit, his life of faith, and his departure in confidence of a blessed immortality. They record also their sympathy with the widow and family, and commend them to the effectual consolation and abiding care of God."

The Session beholds with much satisfaction the increasing zeal that is animating the congregation and the peace and harmony that are its striking characteristics.

The Session desires to record their high sense of the services that have been voluntarily rendered the church by the members of the choir during the year, and return their very grateful thanks for the same.

The Session has examined the report of the Poor Fund, administered by the Home Association, and has ordered its publication as an appendix to their report.

Acknowledging God's goodness in all the way through the past and confidently trusting in Him for the future, the Session would exhort the congregation to all faithfulness and diligence in the work of the Lord.

In name of the Kirk-Session.

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