

CHURCH STATEMENT.

list a fit number of new deacons may be chosen. The Session agreed that this matter come before the annual meeting of the congregation, called for the 14th of March.

Since our last annual meeting no fewer than six of our communicants have been removed by death: Mr. John Dobie, for many years an esteemed elder in the congregation; Mrs. Mitchell, wife of the precentor; Mrs. McGill, mother of one of our elders; Mrs. Mitchell, wife of one of the deacons; Widow H. MacDonald, and Mr. George MacKay. Two of these were mothers of large families; cut down in their prime; but all the others had arrived at a good old age—all of the four indeed, being beyond 80 or bordering on this age. There have been seven of our communicants who have removed to other parts, and whose names are no longer on the roll. During the past year thirteen new names have been added to the roll, so that our losses and gains are equally balanced, leaving the number of communicants 243, the same as last year, while nine were added to the church by baptism, all infants.

In name of the Session,

JAMES CAMERON, MODERATOR AND CLERK.

BURSARY, FUND.

The Committee report state of Fund as follows:—

Stock in Building and Loan Association, par value.....	\$300 00
Notes bearing interest at 5 per cent.	120 00
Note bearing interest at 8 per cent.	49 76
In Savings Bank	18 35
	\$488 11

The usual collection was taken up on the first Sabbath of January. According to rule Mr. Thos. Mitchell retires this year. All of which is respectfully submitted in name of committee.

JAMES CAMERON.

LIBRARY.

The congregational library is doing good service in connection with the Bible Class and Teachers of Chatsworth Sabbath School; but so far no additions have been made to the books since last year.

REPORT OF DEACONS' COURT.

In submitting the annual report of the Deacons' Court this year, though most of the accounts are paid up, yet we cannot say our report is satisfactory. At the last Annual Congregational meeting, it was agreed that Mr. Cameron should receive all that could be collected on Stipend account over Eight hundred dollars. An effort was made by the Deacons to bring up the subscription toward stipend fund, which met with some measure of success, one Deacon alone getting the promise of an additional \$32.00 in his district, others getting the promise of more or less, when all put together it amounted up to about \$100.00, and yet we have been able only to collect \$7.00 on stipend account more than last year. Another thing we cannot but speak about with regret, notwithstanding that God has blessed our country and especially this neighborhood with a bountiful harvest, so that times are good and money plenty, yet our Congregation is paying Interest at the rate of Eight per cent. on about \$200.00 on land, while about 75 cents from each member would wipe it all off.

All of which is respectfully submitted in the name of the Deacons' Court,
ANDREW MCGILL, SEC.-TREASURER.