

Report of the Kirk-Session.

As a Session we humbly and thankfully acknowledge God's goodness vouchsafed to us during another year. We may well say that more of God's favor has been ours as a congregation than we deserved, and our poor faith hoped for! To God alone be all the praise.

Although we know that numbers do not always indicate a real advance, still in some respects they do; we therefore gladly mention the increased attendance at all our Sabbath services this year. Our membership roll also, fully corrected and purged, now stands at 140, being a net gain of 46 for the year. Of the 54 additions to our roll, it is specially gratifying to note that 26 were received on profession of faith. Further, it may be stated generally, that every organization in connection with the congregation has encouragingly increased in attendance—and better still—in interest and efficiency. The Session would acknowledge its indebtedness to each and all of these organizations as important auxiliaries to the work over which it bears control.

Without wishing to be invidious the Session would record its pleasure in observing the excellent success of the Society of Christian Endeavor. The Society seems peculiarly fitted to bring our young men and women into more intimate connection with the work of the Church and train up a body of young workers for carrying on God's work in the future.

Only twice has the membership roll of the congregation been broken by death—in '86, and again this year when Mr. Robert Brodie—an honored elder for many years in a sister congregation and who with his family united with us at our May communion season—was very suddenly called to his rest. To his sorrowing wife and children we once again bear our tenderest sympathy while commending them to the loving care of our God and Father.

While prayerfully grateful for many signs of revived interest in the cause of God in our midst, the Session would pray and hope for a yet wider and deeper interest this year. There is room for a larger prayer meeting. May no family this year be known and counted as absent from this meeting. There is room for more family altars. May no family miss the blessing of such an altar. There is room for every member doing some work in the congregation. May all become workers for Christ! By united prayer followed by earnest work the year before us may be memorably crowned with the goodness of our Lord.

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