

We record, with sorrow, the loss sustained by the Church on earth through the death of our well beloved senior elder, Mr. William Stevely, whose long and unselfish service for the congregation can never be forgotten; that service was to himself a delight and to us a blessing. The Session has further suffered during the year by the loss, for a time, of the services of our efficient Clerk, Mr. C. R. Somerville, whose long illness caused sorrow in the whole congregation; we rejoice with him in the prospect of recovery and of his early return to us.

To all the families of the congregation, into which sorrow and bereavement have come, we offer tenderest sympathy, commending them to the grace of the God of all comfort, whose mercies fail not.

The statistics of the membership of the congregation will appear in an appended statement. We take this opportunity of appealing to Church members for a still more evident and earnest appreciation of the sacraments of the Church; carelessness with regard to the Lord's supper and the sacrament of Baptism can only be a sign of spiritual declension.

At the beginning of a new year we summon you, with ourselves, to prayer. The Spirit of the Lord is not straitened; let us cry for the early and the latter rain, and let us purify ourselves from every uncleanness; God shall yet be enquired of by us. Brethren, pray! "The Church converteth the whole world by blood and prayer."

On behalf of the Session,

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