

Report of the Session for 1893.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Session in presenting their annual report would express their deep sense of the goodness of God and his abiding mercies continued to them through the many changes incident to the year.

The removal to another sphere of labor of a much loved, energetic, and gifted pastor, and the vacancy following with its ever changing supply, were not calculated to develop the spiritual life of the Congregation. Yet the Lord has not been unmindful of His people, and after several months of a vacancy another pastor was sent to us and before the year closed the regular work of the pastorate was again begun and we sincerely hope that it may be abundantly blessed.

The public services have been well attended despite the vacancy; but the Bible Class, Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting have all suffered during the interval between pastor and pastor, and the attention of the Congregation is specially directed to them so that these services, so essential for the building up and maintenance of the spiritual life of the Congregation, may be not only sustained but largely increased.

The Communion has been observed as formerly, three times during the year, with fairly satisfactory attendances. During the year 8 have been added by certificate and 1 by profession. We have lost by removal beyond the bounds 7, who have not yet applied for certificates, 16 have been duly certified to other congregations, and 7 have been removed by death, leaving an actual membership still of 275.

We would express our deep sense of the losses sustained by death during the year, not only of the aged saints who have joyfully accepted their release, but of those still in the prime of their life and usefulness, and especially of Mrs. J. Featherstone, who was such an energetic, willing worker in every department of Church life.