

which had previously received the careful consideration of the Board of Trustees and of your Board. At the same meeting it instructed these Boards to prepare and procure the passage of an Act of Incorporation, based on these Rules and Regulations. The Act was passed at the last Session of the Provincial Legislature and received the Royal assent. The Church is greatly indebted to the Hon. James Ferrier, Senator, and to the Hon. J. G. Robertson, M.P.P., for their kindness in introducing the bill and watching over it through its various stages. A special Resolution of thanks to these gentlemen will be submitted to you at this meeting.

At the Monthly Meeting, held Nov. 29th, 1876, the Church adopted the following resolutions respecting the allotment and occupancy of sittings, and contributions to the Current Expense Fund, which your Board deem it proper should have a place in this Report.

I. That in the support of the Church primary prominence be given to the *Voluntary Principle*.

II. That all the sittings in the Church be valued by the Trustees for an annual assessment, which, it is expected, shall be paid by the occupants thereof, as a minimum; except in special cases, which will be dealt with confidentially by the Trustees.

III. That, in addition to the said assessment, all the members of the Congregation will be expected to contribute *weekly* to the Current Expense Fund, as God has prospered them. (1 Cor. xvi. 2.)

IV. That the primary allotment of pews and sittings in the new Church be entrusted to the Deacons and Trustees; and, for this purpose, members of the Congregation, and others who desire to become such, are invited to send in their names, with a statement of the number of sittings required, and of the amount of their weekly contribution to the Current Expense Fund, according to a form which will be provided.

V. That all subsequent allotments of pews and sittings shall be made by the Trustees.

The Pastor and Deacons have reported that the choice of a new Hymn Book for use in the public services of the Church on the Lord's Day is a growing necessity. The book now in use is found to be too limited in its selection of hymns and in its range of subjects, being prepared rather for the week-evening service than for public worship on the Sunday. A recommendation will be laid before you on this matter ere long.

Your Board recommend that, in view of the exceptionally important character of the events of the past year in the history of this Church, a Year Book, on the plan of that for 1876, be published under the care of the Church Secretary.