

*ANNUAL REPORT of the Deacon's Court of Knox's Church, presented at the Annual Meeting on the 27th January, 1851.*

The DEACONS in presenting the Accounts to the Annual Meeting now assembled, would beg permission to accompany them with a few remarks.

The *Resolution* of the last Annual Meeting, directing early steps to be taken for the erection of Galleries in Knox's Church, comes first to be noticed.

The work then recommended was taken up with due expedition; the Galleries were completed, and the Church re-opened in June. The accompanying Account headed "Building Fund," will shew the transactions connected therewith; and it now only remains for this meeting, having fully approved of the erection, to make, at the proper time, suitable provision for the unpaid balance of £120 10 4, which will be due in July with one year's interest thereon.

The Stipend Fund shows a larger sum collected than in any previous year, which has been expended in paying the Stipend during that part of the year in which the Congregation has been permitted to enjoy the services of a stated Pastor; the payment of a half-year's annuity to the bereaved family of our late lamented Minister, as directed by a public meeting of this Congregation in the month of July last, and the sum of Forty-six pounds. sixteen shillings and three pence, due our late Minister on the years 1848 and 1849, there remains still the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to be paid to bring up the dividend from the Sustentation Fund of 1848, to the late Rev. R. Robb, to the full sum promised, (i. e.) £250.

Should the present happy circumstances of this Congregation continue, there can be no reasonable doubt but the Pew Rents will exceed the present demands upon that fund.

The Local Fund being the proceeds of the Sabbath day collections, has also been gradually improving from the increase of the Congregation.

In anticipation of the Installment of £75 maturing on the 10th April, proximo, the Ladies' Association has kindly placed at the disposal of the Deacon's Court the sum of £50, at present deposited in the Savings Bank, towards that liability; with this aid the Deacons have full confidence in being able, during the first six months of the ensuing year, to meet all liabilities on the fund, from which the Installment on Mortgage, Interest of debt, Salaries and Incidental expenses fall to be paid.

The Deacons recommend that the outlay for Communion purposes, and the Travelling expenses of all Pulpit supplies, be paid by the Treasurer of the Local Fund on the application of the Elder or Deacon in charge.

All which is respectfully submitted