

Attention is also called to the necessity of immediate notice being given whenever any person has occasion to vacate sittings. It is not unusual that the only intimation of the removal of such parties is through the secretary reporting that no envelope contributions are being received. It would be of great advantage to the congregation if a definite, limited time of not less than three months were fixed, at the end of which sittings that have not been occupied, and whose holders have ceased to contribute, should be at the disposal of the Pew Committee.

On the retirement of Messrs. Jas. Gillean and Donald McDonald, who for so many years, and with such great and universal satisfaction, acted as ushers, the following were appointed in their stead: Messrs. Walter Laidlaw, Jas. Davis, Ralph Gillespie, Fred. Nelles, Alex. Calder, B. Glover, O. Leslie, John Harvey, R. McDermid, A. McPherson, Jas. Waters, C. Campbell and H. McDougall.

Our organist, Mr. C. E. Wheeler, asked and obtained leave of absence for one year from August 15th, in order to pursue his studies in Germany. In his absence the services as organist are being very acceptably performed by Mr. Wm. Ellis.

IMPROVEMENT AND CEMETERY.

The Improvement and Cemetery Committee has kept your property in the best possible state of repair with the strictest regard to economy. The chief items of expense were: Drain from manse which had become blocked up with roots of trees; relaying the walks on the west side of the church; levelling of the