

Moved by Mr. Geo. A. Campbell, seconded by Mr. A. E. Taylor, and agreed to :—

“That as the efficient assistance of the Choir in leading the praise services of the church requires much training and assiduity on the part of its members, the thanks of this meeting are now tendered to all the members of the Choir for their continued devotion to the praise services of the church during the past year.”

Moved by Mr. J. M. Farquhar, seconded by Mr. A. McNaughton, and agreed to :—

“That whereas the thorough education of the children and young people of the congregation in Bible knowledge and in the privileges of the religious life is one of the utmost importance to the welfare of the church, therefore this congregation would encourage the Superintendent and Teachers of our Sabbath School by a vote of thanks for their valuable services, and further requests the Board of Trustees to provide for the usual necessary expenses of the Sabbath School during the current year.”

Moved by Mr. John Loughead, seconded by Mr. Thomas Stewart, and carried :—

“That this meeting records its appreciation of the onerousness of the duties of the Treasurer and of the Secretary, and passes a hearty vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Mr. John Henderson, and the Secretary, Mr. Andrew McAllister, for their careful fulfillment of their respective duties during the year 1897.”

Moved by Mr. J. D. MacIntosh, seconded by Mr. A. E. Taylor, and carried :—

“That in accordance with Article III of the By-Laws this meeting does now elect John Henderson, Thomas Sonne, John MacTavish and J. M. Farquhar to be members of the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancies occurring by rotation at this time.”

Moved by Mr. J. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Andrew McAllister, and agreed to :—

“That the Purchase and Interest Fund Committee be continued in the same members as during the past year, and that they are specially requested to call up the balance of the original subscriptions, as the nine years limit of time for this fund has now expired.”

On motion of Mr. Farquhar, a special vote of thanks was passed to Mr. McNaughton, chairman of the committee.

On motion of Mr. J. MacTavish, duly seconded, Messrs. Alex. C. Abernethy and Jas. Henry were appointed Auditors for the year 1898.

At this stage in the proceedings, Mr. Byrd, on behalf of the Session and Trustees, presented Mr. J. R. Bain with a bible and new book of praise all bound together, to commemorate his having been Choir Master for twenty-five years. Mr. Bain made a suitable reply.

Moved by Mr. J. R. Bain, seconded by Mr. Geo. A. Campbell, and carried :

“That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Trustees for the able manner in which they have done their duty, as well as for the successful statement submitted, shewing a balance on the correct side, and that the names of the Board of Trustees for 1897 be inserted in the minutes in honour of the event.” The names are as follows :—W. Arnott, J. Beckingham, C. Byrd, J. M. Farquhar, J. Harper,