

The service of praise is under the direction of the Session and subject to its control ; but due provision for it should be made by the congregation. The precentor or the conductor of the service of praise may, if the Session sees fit, be chosen by the congregation ; but his appointment must, in all cases, be approved by the Session to whose authority he is subject and whose orders he is bound to obey.

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

In congregations where there is not a Deacons' Court, the management of the financial affairs of the congregation is intrusted to a Board of Managers. In this case the following regulations are recommended for the guidance of the Board :

(1.) The managers shall be chosen by the congregation from among the members of the Church in full communion, at the annual meeting of the congregation, or at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

(2.) One-third of the Board shall retire each year by rotation, and their places, as also the places of any who die or vacate their office during the year, shall be filled at the annual meeting. The retiring managers may be re-elected.

(3.) If any manager is cut off from Church privileges by process of discipline or leaves the congregation, he shall forthwith cease to act as manager, and another shall, as soon as convenient, be appointed in his place.

(4.) The duties of managers are substantially the same as those of deacons, as follows : The duties of deacons have special regard to the temporal and financial affairs of the congregation. More particularly it is their duty to obtain from the people contributions for the sustentation of the ministry and the schemes of the Church, and to disburse all moneys received for these purposes, subject to the approval of the congregation ; to attend to the wants of the poor ; to take care of the property of the congregation ; to provide for the payment of the minister's stipend and other salaries, and generally to administer all matters committed to their charge as the congregation may from time to time direct.

(5.) Meetings of the Board shall be held at stated times, at least once in three months, for the transaction of business ; but a meeting may be held at any time on the call of the chairman, by notice given from the pulpit or addressed personally to the members of the Board.

(6.) Three members present constitute a quorum. Every meeting should be opened and closed with prayer.