

Minutes of Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the basement of the church on Wednesday afternoon, 29th December at 2 o'clock. The Pastor occupied the chair and the meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer then presented his report and it was found to be most encouraging. The revenue of the church was far in excess of the preceding year, although there was a large falling off in the plate collection. All the Societies of the Sabbath School presented their reports and were highly satisfactory. Mr. Sinclair presented his report in behalf of the fence-building fund and showed that he had collected sufficient to pay for all the work done. The auditors reported the books of the Treasurer are neatly and correctly kept. The same auditors were re-appointed for another year. Messrs Allan Watt, Wm. Duncan and George Caldwell were added to the Board of Managers for three years. Mr. R. Robertson was appointed Sec-Treasurer for another year and Mr. Norman Campbell was appointed his assistant. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Report of Session.

The Session of Guthrie Church has very great pleasure in presenting again the annual report in printed form and in doing so calls upon the Congregation to join with it in thanking the great King and Head of the church for His manifold blessings bestowed so freely upon us all during the year 1897. The year has been one of continual prosperity to the Congregation and there is no lack of interest shown in the work of the church. The services have been largely and regularly attended. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed three times during the year. The attendance was most encouraging to the Session. The accession to the membership of the church was not so large as in previous years, but this is no sign of decay in the spiritual life of the church. Seven new names were added to the roll, and six removed. The membership is now 95.

The Session also rejoices to note the unanimity with which the Congregation received the new book of praise into the church and is pleased to see the heartiness of spirit of the singing. We owe very much to the choir and especially to the organist for their diligence and their great help to the services of the church. All the reports presented were hopeful and a note of progress sounded forth from each of these. There is a hopeful and encouraging outlook for the future of the church. We note with pleasure the large attendance at the Sabbath School and the large average attendance for the year. The teachers have done good work and faithful service will be awarded. We trust the parents will do all they can to encourage their children in the Sabbath School lessons and see that they are sent regularly with their lessons prepared. In closing our report we again call upon the congregation to enter heartily upon the work for the coming year, we cannot afford to slacken the ropes. The work is the Lord's and he will award every man according to his work. Time is short, so that we must be up and doing while it is day for the night. Cometh when no man can labor. May He abundantly bless you.