

Mr. Henderson read the financial statement, from which it appeared that during the past year the expenditure, including the balance due the treasurer at last meeting, had been £3401, and the income £708, leaving a balance due to the treasurer of £2693.

Dr. Taylor submitted the annual report of the committee. It commenced with noticing the church in Canon Street, which had been pretty successful during the past year. The membership of the church had increased to 180; and the contributions to its support had amounted to £104, exclusive of a donation of £40 from the Ferguson Bequest Fund. The report from Gorbals Church showed that the prospect made last year of its being self-supporting had been more than realised. Last year the number of members on the communion-roll had been 363, while this year it was 468. The contributions of the church amounted in all to £8320, and besides offering a donation of £400 to the committee, steps were in progress for the erection, at a cost of £400, of a session-house, and other buildings necessary for carrying on the work of the mission. In addition to this a female missionary, or Bible woman, was about to be appointed. The whole expense connected with this new agency was to be defrayed by a generous friend who had proposed its establishment. The day-school in connection with the mission was attended by 330 pupils of both sexes, and the Sabbath-school numbered an average attendance of 250 scholars, and 24 teachers. The report from the New City Road Church commenced with a feeling-tribute to the memory of their deceased minister, Mr. McLaren, and noticing the appointment of the Rev. D. Pirret, who promised to prove in every respect a worthy successor. It then proceeded to state that notwithstanding the vacancy, the membership had increased by 3—the number being now 366. The total sum collected during the year was £436. A Dorcas society had been established in connection with the mission during the past year. Blackfriars Street Church report showed that the membership had during the year been increased by 26, making the total number 160. The contributions had amounted to £109. The total membership of the four churches last year had been 1035; this year it was 1168; showing an increase of 131. The total contributions this year was £970, showing an increase of £107. The churches in St. Rollox, Maryhill, Langside Road, which had been established by the Mission, but which were now self-supporting, were noticed to be in a satisfactory condition.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION IN LONDON, ENGLAND.

The Bishop of London has just issued an address to the laity, in which it is stated that there are in the diocese of London three parishes with populations exceeding 35,000; four with between 30,000 and 35,000; five with between 25,000 and 30,000; six with between 20,000 and 25,000; sixteen with between 15,000 and 20,000; and thirty-two with between 10,000 and 15,000. The Bishop says—Since I came to the see of London I have consecrated twenty nine new Churches, whereby a new parochial organization has been supplied, capable of reaching the wants of at most 90,000 persons; but according to the Registrar-General's calculation the population of the diocese has meanwhile increased by 140,000. Allowing, for argument's sake, that the Dissenters and Roman Catholics have been as active in this matter as ourselves, and that we should be justified in considering their efforts, it will be found that we have but kept pace with the increase of the population, without applying any remedy for the fearful aggregate of neglect accumulated during past years.

#### RIGHT OF PRIVATE JUDGMENT.

It was very far from Luther's intention, even after he had entered on his contest with the Church of Rome, to assert what has been called the *right of private judgment* in matters of religion. Even in the end he did not fully understand or admit the validity of this principle; and yet, so far, there was no other rest-