

That 4534 square feet of ground have been sold during the year. the purchase money of which has amounted to £85 7s. ; that 26 single graves have been used, and £7 17s. 6d. realized therefrom.

That 66 interments have taken place in the Union Cemetery, and 7 in the St. George's Cemetery, the fees amounting to £29 8s. 9d. for grave-digging, in addition to 1s. 3d. for each burial on the latter ground, paid as an equivalent for fencing and cultivating that portion of the grounds.

That the crops put in during 1854 were sold in July last, and realized £64 8s., in addition to £10 for rails rendered useless to the Cemetery by the erection of the board fence.

That as the back portion of the ground will not be required to be laid out for some years hence, your Committee deemed it advantageous to lease the same for three years to Mr John Horning, at an annual rent of £10.

That in considering the future management of the Cemetery, your Committee deemed it advisable to block out the Grounds and number the Lots consecutively, whereby more order will be secured, and the land turned to the best account; and as the work will prove one of some expense, it was deemed advisable to employ Mr Haskins for that purpose, who is also charged with the general management and oversight of the Grounds, and performs the duties of Secretary.

That your Committee venture to express a hope that their successors will feel it incumbent on them to carry out the improvements of the Grounds, by planting the same as soon as plotted out.

That the accompanying statement of the Receipts and Disbursements for the past year will show that the Salary of the Keeper has exceeded the payments for grave-digging and re-interments by £30 2s. 6d. ; that the permanent improvements have cost £84 0s. 1½d. ; the general management £116 14s. 3d. ; and a demand having been made on the Town of Guelph for £30 to equalize the advances of the two Municipalities, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer is £31 12s. 6½d., from which some claims have to be paid. This balance, it is hoped, will be much increased on the opening of the Spring by the rapid sale of Lots, induced partly by the fencing and cultivation of the Grounds presenting a more inviting aspect than hitherto has been the case.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Guelph, Jan., 1856.

*Chairman.*