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This resolution was unanimously passed by the congregation standing, during which time the pastor led the meeting in prayer on behalf of Mr. Fraser.

After spending a short time in social intercourse, interspersed with music furnished by the choir, and recitations by Mr. Joseph Keay, during which refreshments were handed around, it was resolved that next year the annual social be held in connection with the annual meeting.

The meeting then adjourned by singing the doxology.

(Signed) HARVEY GRAHAM, *Chairman.*
JOHN UNDERWOOD, *Secretary.*

Report of the Session.

To the congregation of James Church :

DEAR BRETHREN.—We congratulate you in that you have been spared to begin another year of work in the vineyard of the Lord.

It is true that the small and uncertain fortune of time which we have inherited is being rapidly expended, and to have lived implies that the end is much nearer.

We began the year with many good resolutions, unfortunately many of the best of them have been broken, and many of our best plans have failed. But the New Year calls upon us to forget the things that are behind, and reach forward to those things that are before.

The New Year is the time of all others when we should gird our loins with holy purposes, and set out afresh on the Christian pilgrimage. If anything is to be done in the world; if anything is to be gained; any enriching of the mind and experience; any treasure to be laid up in heaven; any advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, now is the time to set about it with resolute determination.

It is with this in view that we desire at the beginning of another year of christian work, to lay before you, for your information and encouragement, a statement of the affairs of the congregation.

STATISTICS.

It may be helpful at the outset, to furnish you a statement of the *numerical strength* of the congregation. We are better able to do this, because the General Assembly having called for "the number of persons" under our care, the Minister has prepared a tabulated statement from which we gather the following :—