

- District No. 13. Mr. A. W. Ault—Gilmour south to Gladstone north, Bank to Canal.
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THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

In Presbyterian churches, the Managing Committee possesses the same powers and performs the same functions as the Deacon's Court, the difference between them being that the Managers are annually or tri-ennially elected, whereas the Deacons are elected for life and formally ordained. The reason why Managers are in most congregations preferred to Deacons is probably because they are more immediately amenable to the opinions of the people. This in a democratic community counts for much.

It is the duty of the Managing Committee to receive and disburse all moneys collected for church purposes, and generally to care for the property and to provide for the stipends or salaries of all church officers. It is needless to say, that these duties are often of a very onerous character and require a good measure of skill in financial affairs.

While there has been a very great diversity of gifts and experience among the members of the Committee, it is no ordinary satisfaction to be able to say that all who have filled this responsible office in the past forty-five years have been men of sterling character, who have acquitted themselves honorably, and generally to the satisfaction of their constituents. The first members of the Committee were as already noted, Messrs. Donald Kennedy, Wm. Taylor, Wm. Hutchison, George Cocker, Nathaniel Robertson, Wm. Porter, Thomas McKay and Robert Whyte.

In 1868, the annual congregational meeting resolved that the Managing Committee should consist of not less than ten members, and that the elders should be members of the Committee *ex-officio*.

Five years later—1873—it was agreed that the Committee should consist of fifteen members, of whom five should retire each year in the order of their election. The retiring members were to be eligible for re-election, and might be immediately replaced upon the Committee