

Annual Meeting of James Church.

NEW GLASGOW, 15TH JANUARY, 1895.

The Annual Meeting of James Church congregation was held in the hall on the evening of the 15th January. The attendance was large.

On motion Mr. Harvey Graham was appointed Chairman. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the pastor.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Session was read by Mr. Carruthers, who, in addition called special attention to the report of the Ladies' Aid Society as printed.

The report of the Managers, coupled with the Treasurer's statement, was read, and the latter after some explanatory remarks by Mr S A. Fraser and Mr Carruthers was adopted.

Some considerable discussion then took place on that part of the report which refers to the method of raising the revenue. A number of the members expressed the opinion that it might be advisable to resort to the envelope system instead of taking up the general collection as present.

It was finally resolved that the matter lay over till the next annual meeting, and the Managers' Report was then adopted.

On resolution it was agreed that as all the other reports were printed in pamphlet form it was unnecessary for them to be read.

The following officers were then elected :

Secretary, J. H. Cavanagh.

Treasurer, J. W. Fraser.

Managers, James W. Fraser, Joseph Stewart, John Craig.

Ushers, Marshall Graham, George R. Craig, Lewis Ruthford, Daniel Smith, Vernon Kerr, Warren Fraser.

A letter was read from Mr Thomas Cantley, who expressed himself as unable to be present, and called attention to the illness of Mr. J. W. Fraser, Basin.

The following resolution was then moved by J. H. Cavanagh and seconded by John Underwood :

"Whereas it has pleased an all-wise Providence to detain upon a bed of suffering our well beloved brother, James W. Fraser, and whereas we are deeply conscious of the immeasurable loss which we, as a congregation, sustain by reason of his continued absence ; therefore resolved that this congregation tender him their heartfelt sympathy and pray that it may please God speedily to restore him to health and strength."