

It was ordered that the President employ all requisite clerical help in type-writing, and charge same to general account.

With regard to a mechanic who shall go out to the field for training purposes, this was left in the hands of the President to find out and interview the suitable man.

The meeting was brought to a close by prayer, in which the following took part: Revs. J. McKillican, M. S. Grey, T. B. Hyde, and Mr. G. Pim.

Adjourned till 1899.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary craves the indulgence of the Society in giving a less full report than usual. A bountiful Providence has crowded his life of late with duties of a different character that have made it well nigh impossible to meet the expectation of claimants on his time.

Always the best part of a year's work in this Society is to stand by our missionaries at the front, with constant and effectual prayer and financial support. Our churches have done this. During the week of Prayer at the beginning of the year, especial prayer was offered; and we have constantly heard how the missionaries have felt the sustaining hand of God; they have been given the power of the Holy Spirit, and have been preserved in a good measure of health.

To develop the spirit of prayer and secure its continued offering, the Executive Committee organized a Prayer Union. A beautiful card was prepared for the members to sign and retain as a reminder. To cover the added expense, a membership fee of fifteen cents was charged. Nearly a hundred have joined already, and we would like to enroll all the constituency of the Society.

We have not ceased to regret that Dr. R. O. Ross found circumstances that prevented his going as our medical missionary to recruit the Chisamba field. The call for another man has been out all the year, without definite results. One man offered, but afterwards withdrew, because he felt that he could