

18. It was moved by Mr. J. D. Dougall ; and seconded by Mr. Wilson ;—That at Sunday evening services all the sittings in the church be free to strangers after 6.55 o'clock.

19. It was moved in amendment by Messrs. Duff and Hague, and carried ;—That in order to give all seat-holders an opportunity for expressing their opinions thereupon, the question be not now put, but that the motion be taken up at the next Monthly Church Meeting, on February 28th.

20. The above minutes were taken as read, and confirmed.

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE CORNISH,

Church Secretary.

PASTOR'S LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—

I greet you with pleasure at the turning of another year in our history as a church. We have much to make us thankful. We have been preserved in peace amongst ourselves, and in kindly relations with all other churches. We have grown in the number of our congregations, and, I think, in the efficiency and interest of our services. Our financial position has never been so good, and the condition of our various church activities is healthy and encouraging. We have reason to look on the past with gratitude and on the future with hope.

The past year has not indeed been without its trials. Three of our members have been taken from us by death, some too who had for many years stood very high in the affection and esteem of all who knew them. They leave places vacant in our social as well as our church life from which they will long be missed, and in which they can scarcely find successors. We have to bow to the will of God, and it is a blessed reflec-