

arrears at the close of the year; we regret to report, however, that the open plate collections seem to be falling off.

As the system of financing in our congregation is solely maintained by voluntary offerings, it behooves every one to ask himself or herself am I doing my duty? As a people we have much to be thankful for, and there is no better way in which we can show our appreciation than by each one placing a certain amount every week to the support of ordinances in old St. Gabriel's. It is far from the desire of the Board to make it a burden on any one, but in order to make it light on all, each should give as the Lord has prospered him, and by so doing relieve the Treasurer of much anxiety.

The Purchase and Interest Fund account has as usual been made out in detail and will be submitted. As the limit fixed for the payment of all subscriptions terminates this year, the Trustees hope that all those who have not as yet fulfilled their obligation will see to it at their earliest convenience.

As the year was drawing to a close it was thought advisable to make a special appeal to the congregation for assistance in order to enable the Board to close the year without carrying over any liabilities which had accumulated during the past year. In this we were very successful, the desired result being achieved by the generous donations of a few, and we trust that the congregation will fully appreciate and follow their good example.

In conclusion we would return our thanks to the members who so generously responded to the special appeal, also to Mr. Bain and the committee who carried out the Scotch Concert so successfully on St Andrew's Night. It is hoped that the congregation will make it a subject for serious consideration and devise some way of showing more generous and regular interest in the welfare of the cause of Christ, so that it will be unnecessary to have to appeal at the end of each year for a special effort.

The retiring Trustees at this time are Messrs. John Henderson, Thomas Sonne, John M. Farquhar and John MacTavish, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JOHN MACTAVISH, *Chairman.*

ANDREW MCALLISTER, *Secretary.*