

E.U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ARDROSSAN.

DEAR BRETHREN,---

The Managers have deemed it wise to give a printed statement, showing how the Church stands financially at the present time, hoping each member will take a warm and intelligent interest in all the affairs of the Church, and in the business connected with its proper management and prosperity.

It is our duty to give as the Lord hath prospered us towards the support of Christian ordinances, and of the various schemes undertaken by the Church, and to do so, not grudgingly, but in the spirit of generous liberality, remembering the debt due to Him who "though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." Nor should the discharge of this duty be left to fitful impulse. It should be conducted on some regular, systematic plan; and a deliberate effort should be made to set apart for Christ's cause a definite and fair proportion of the means enjoyed.

It is also our duty to promote the spirit of harmony and brotherliness within the Church. There may be differences in point of social rank and class among the members; but the manifestation of anything savouring of caste feeling should be studiously shunned, as a violation of the sacred bond which unites believers together. "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." Or there may be differences of opinion on questions of order, details of business, methods of work; but in all such cases it is everyone's duty to exercise forbearance, to restrain undue irritation of feeling, and to endeavour to accommodate himself to the judgment of the majority, when no vital principle is at stake.

INCOME.

1900. Income from Bazaar	£725 4 4
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1901. Balance	£11 9 8
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1902. Balance	£8 14 7½
1903. Unconditional Gifts	1338 15 0
1904. Conditional Gift	1000 0 0
Loan from Manse and Chapel Fund	250 0 0
Do. Refuge Assurance Co.	1500 0 0
Temporary Loan	300 0 0
Overdraft from Bank	29 18 6
	<u>£4327 8 1½</u>
1905. Balance	£1 9 2½
Income	121 10 5½
From Sale of Old Church	300 0 0
	<u>£432 19 8¼</u>
	<u>£570 0 0</u>
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MANSE.

Paid of Manse	£220 0 0
Bond on Manse	300 0 0
	<u>£570 0 0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

1900. Purchase of Hall and Site for Church	£549 0 0
Expenses connected with Purchasing Hall, Site, Furnishings, &c.	173 14 8
Balance	11 9 8
	<u>£725 4 4</u>
1901. Expenditure—General	£2 15 0½
Balance	8 14 7½
	<u>£11 9 8</u>
1902. Cost of Building Church	£4325 18 11
1903. Balance on hand	1 9 2½
1904.	
	<u>£4327 8 1½</u>
1905. Repayment of Temporary Loan	£200 0 0
Paid to Church General Purposes Fund	50 0 0
Overdraft Paid	29 18 6
Bank Interest	£7 10 3
Collecting Boxes and Books	4 6 8
Repaying Manse Fund	12 10 0
Messrs Kinsie & Guthrie	14 14 8
	<u>39 1 7</u>
Deposit Receipt	30 0 0
Do. do.	70 0 0
Balance in Bank	2 17 2
Do. hand	1 2 5¼
	<u>£432 19 8¼</u>
	<u>£570 0 0</u>
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MANSE.

Paid for Manse	£570 0 0
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Interest on Conditional Gift of £1000, 3% per annum	£30 0 0
Interest on Loan of £1500 from Refuge Assurance Co., 4% per annum	60 0 0
Interest on £350 Bond over Manse, 3½% per annum	13 2 6
Repayment of Principal of £250, Manse and Chapel Loan, per annum (terminable in 1924)	12 10 0
To be raised annually	<u>£115 12 6</u>

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