

ARDROSSAN E. U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A business and special meeting of the members of the above Church was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 23rd May 1928 at o'clock. The meeting had been called by an intimation made from the pulpit at Divine Service on the two previous Sundays, namely, 13th and 20th May 1928. Rev. N. Johnston, Chairman.

After tea had been served, the usual business of the Church was dealt with. The special business was then introduced. The Chairman explained to the meeting that since 1920 the Church had received a good deal of financial assistance both for the Church and the Manse from the funds of the Congregational Union of Scotland, comprising the Evangelical Union and Congregational Union as existing at 1896. According to the rule of the Chapel Building and Manse Committee of the Union, it was provided (No. 7) "In all ordinary cases the Committee shall advance no money either on loan or grant unless the Chapel or Manse be put in trust agreeably to the principles and usages of the Churches in connection with the Union, and secured in reversion to the said Union in the event of a dissolution of the Church or its secession from the Union". There was no special clause in the Church or Manse Deeds providing for this requirement, and in terms of the rules governing them the said Committee of the Union made it a condition of the loans granted that effect was to be given to this rule by the Church adopting as one of the purposes for which the Church and

Manse Trustees held the subjects such a reversionary clause. The condition on which the Trustees hold these subjects, and buildings that may be erected thereon are the terms and conditions specified in the Constitution and Byelaws of the said Church or which may be specified in any Constitution or Rules and Byelaws that might, after the date of the Conveyance, be duly adopted, modified or altered, and the Trustees should use and exercise their powers for and on the instructions of the Church.

The clause which the said Committee of the Congregational Union require to be inserted as one of the purposes and conditions specified in the Constitution and Byelaws of the Church was as follows:- "If at any time the male members of the Church should be reduced to six, or the members of the Church cease to meet for the period of one year or definitely resolve to dissolve the Church, the subjects held in trust shall ipso facto devolve on the General Committee or Commission for the time being of the said Congregational Union of Scotland or any other body formed by the amalgamation of the said Congregational Union with any other body or denomination of Christians, and the said General Committee or Commission shall hold the subjects, comprising both the Church and the Manse, or subjects then held in lieu thereof with all the powers and immunities conferred in the title deeds, but subject to none of the trust purposes therein mentioned, and with absolute and unqualified power as to the disposal of the said

"subjects or the price which may be obtained therefor if sold". The Chairman, having explained the above provision to the meeting, then put this question to the meeting for their consideration and resolution. Thereupon and after hearing the Chairman's explanations, it was moved by Mrs. Jane Kay that the above mentioned reversionary clause be adopted as one of the terms and conditions on which the Trustees of the Church and of the Manse hold these subjects. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Janet Muir, and there being no amendment, it was unanimously adopted by the meeting by a show of hands.

H. Johnstone
Chairman