

Clerk and Louisa T. Brocke for Assistant Clerk, which being separately considered were united with, and they are appointed to these positions for the ensuing year.

The Clerks presented a draft of a summary of the exercises of our last meeting it was approved and directed to be entered in our minutes it is as follows.

The meeting opened with earnest prayer that we might be given more power for service, that we might realize the deficiencies in ourselves & be brought into close contact and sympathy with those we try to help.

"Let us rejoice in hope of attaining God's glorious ideals" (Twenty Century Bible). As these ideals come to us from time to time, through the scriptures, or through our Church, which has ever held before us high standards: we feel keenly the gulf between our practice & these ideals, let us not dwell in discouragement upon the shortcomings, whether in our individual lives or

in ^{the} Church, but rather look upon these things as encouragements, in the sense of their being reasons to seek & expect grace and help to overcome.

Paul when he wrote these words was speaking to a Church that had many shortcomings, and outward difficulties, and he knew he was not speaking to them of that which was not attainable, but of a glorious possibility, so the purpose of the message is to lift us up, & give us courage to attain to God's will for us.

It is not so much a change of Machinery that will meet the need, we must go deeper and realize a change in us. The will of God should not mean to us loss and renunciation but gain and wonderful blessing. We should ask what am I doing towards advancing or hindering this glorious will of God: shall we not lay aside every weight & the sin that doth so easily beset us & run with patience the race set before us looking unto Jesus the