

W. Haviland for assistant clerk: which being separately considered are united with and they are appointed to the service for the ensuing year.

The minutes of last year were read and approved.

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: -

While we gather with a sense of loss because of the removal of valued members by the hand of death; we are reminded that the work of the Lord still goes on; let us be faithful and willing to accept whatever He gives us to do. The command to Israel to go forward came after the death of Moses, a new leader being raised up to meet the new conditions.

It is but natural to feel discouragement in the face of difficulty and opposition, but we may be overcomers by the power of God

working in us. To seek to follow the lines of least resistance will cause a spiritual flabbiness, that can lead to no victory for ourselves nor to God's glory. If we "endure hardness as good soldiers" and are willing to stand and fight against iniquity not counting the loss of popularity or even of friendship as a thing to keep us back from the service into which God leads, we will be able to accomplish the work that is given us to do as a church. The example of our forefathers, who went to prison and to death for the sake of their testimony should inspire us to like devotion in this time of our opportunity. We need to be concerned for the place and work of our Society. It has a corporate responsibility that differs from that of the individual and a capacity and influence that far transcends that of the separate individual composing it. "One shall chase a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight" God has called us out and maintained us that we might do our own work, and