

**Address by the Chairman of the Trustees  
delivered at the First Meeting, held on  
28th August 1903.**

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GENTLEMEN,

My first duty is to extend, on the part of the nominated members, a hearty welcome to those who have been elected by the Town Council and the School Board. The Trust Deed bears that these representatives are expected to add strength to the nominated members, and to help to preserve that accord which should always exist between us as Trustees and these public bodies. I feel sure that this expectation will be realised. We are now met for the purpose of entering upon our duties, and it may be fitting that I should say a few introductory words by way of expressing what I conceive to be the scope of these duties, and the means by which we may best carry them into effect. I feel assured that we are all fully conscious of the responsibility attached to the office which we hold. The monetary value of the property entrusted to us is of itself sufficient to impress us, but that feature pales before the high purpose which the Truster had in view, and which he has committed to us to realise. The purpose has been aptly expressed in the letter, which must always form the rule of our conduct, and which we shall do well ever to have in view. It calls on us to act on behalf of the masses of Dunfermline. It is the masses who have the claims upon us, and amongst these, pre-eminently those who