

What may be the best means to adopt in order to pay of this amount, is a matter which must be left to the careful and prayerful consideration of those to whom you, this night, may entrust the management of your financial affairs for 1887. We are, however, sure that our successors will be greatly encouraged to devise and execute liberal things in your interest, by the conviction that, although the cost of these improvements is much greater than any of us anticipated it would be, the Congregation is already reaping, and will in the near future more largely reap, the benefits arising from these improvements, in an increased attendance upon our church services, and in a corresponding increase in the contributing power of the church. Assured of your unfailing liberality, and of your hearty sympathy and active co-operation with them in their endeavour to administer well the trust committed to them, they will not fail in grappling successfully with this large unpaid amount.

Our pathway, as a Congregation, for 1887, may not be, throughout its whole course, strewn with flowers, nor may it be lit up by the sunshine of comfort and repose, but with God's all-conquering grace in our hearts, and Christ's love constraining us, and the Spirit's power impelling us, that pathway must lead us to victory. Bating not one jot of hope or courage, resting not upon the attainments or achievements of the past, united in social and spiritual fellowship, let us bend our energies towards a better and higher and more devoted service in our Master's vineyard, until the faithful service shall give place to the unmerited reward.

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