

That difficulties should surround such a task should not be wondered at, when its magnitude was considered ; and they even had to contend with uncharitable misrepresentations which were employed to discredit the undertaking.

In carrying out the wishes of the Congregation and removing from their old place of worship, it could hardly be expected but that some expense should be incurred in making so great a change, which no foresight could provide for ; but any such expense, though bearing heavily on the church just at this time, is for improvements which are permanent additions to the value of the Church property and fully represent the money laid out.

In the estimate made with a view to adjust revenue and expenditure, it is just possible that the few months' occupation from which the estimate was drawn was not a fair criterion of what the congregation could do ; a longer time being probably required for the people thoroughly to realise their position with its increased responsibilities.

The needs of the Church for the ensuing year have been very fairly set forth in the statement submitted to the Special Meeting of the Congregation and printed for reference, and with this information before them they ought to be able to give very valuable aid to the management by their counsel and co-operation, which is most earnestly solicited at this time, especially in view of the near approach of the date when the half-yearly interest is due and which we need hardly say must be met promptly.

The Board respectfully submits that it is the duty of every member and adherent who has the welfare of the church at heart, to carefully examine the various statements and reports which may be laid before them from time to time, and thus render great service to the management by intelligent criticism and advice, which will at all times receive the respectful attention of the Trustees.

During these somewhat trying times, the Trustees have received much kindly consideration from the people of St. Gabriel Church, for which they feel very grateful, fully realising as they do that if any measure of success in building up a prosperous church is to be attained, they must have the strong moral support of the congregation.

At this time they would recommend that to the ordinary schemes of the Church for which collectors are annually appointed, there should be added one as a Building Fund, to which all would have an opportunity of contributing as a special object. This system is said to have worked well and been favorably received in other churches where it was adopted.

The Trustees have much pleasure in reporting that their recommendation has the approval of the Young People of the Church, who give substantial token of the same by voting a handsome donation from the funds of their Association.