

It is to be hoped that before many months the Congregation will obtain the services of a worthy successor of Dr. Jenkins. While the stipend to be paid cannot now be defined, it will be at once apparent that to provide for it, as well as for Dr. Jenkins' annuity, somewhat more than the surplus of the year will be required, and this without taking account of those expenditures on the furnaces and other extra items which may be expected. The pew-rents will not on the present basis of rents allow of much increase, as the small number (51) unlet shows. It must therefore be in a liberal increase in the contributions by the plate-collections that the maintenance of equilibrium between revenue and expenditure must be looked for.

The Trustees have, in concert with the Kirk Session, been glad to secure a renewal for a term of the services of Mr. Herridge, which are rendered by him with so much acceptability to the Congregation.

During the year the tower of the church, which was undertaken by special subscription at last annual meeting, has been erected, and it is a satisfaction to the Congregation to see this beautiful completion of their church at last attained. The collection of the contributions for this purpose and the superintendence and payment of the work has been ably conducted by Mr. Alexander Mitchell, to whom the thanks of the Congregation are due for his great services. His accounts herewith submitted show that the subscriptions amounted to \$11,175.13, all of which has been paid, and that when the balances due the contractors are settled, he expects to have a surplus of about \$450. The pleasure of seeing the long desired tower erected, an ornament to the church and to the city, is thus increased by the fact that it has been accomplished by the liberality of the subscribers without the creation of any new debt.

In the course of time the erection of the contemplated stone and iron railing will have to be considered. This will cost between \$2000 and \$3000. So soon after the large subscriptions for the tower, the Trustees make no suggestion for the immediate undertaking of the work, leaving it to the Congregation to assume, when found convenient, the duty of providing by another special subscription the needed sum, so that the Church may still remain free from the burden of debt.

The Trustees who retire by rotation are Messrs. John Rankin and R. A. Ramsay.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ANDREW ALLAN, *Chairman.*

Montreal, 5 Jan'y, 1882.

ALEX. MOFFAT, Auditor.

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