

Report of the Trustees.

The Report which the Trustees of St. Paul's Church have now the pleasure of submitting cannot fail to be very satisfactory and gratifying to the Congregation.

Under the able and energetic ministry of the Rev. JAMES BARCLAY, M.A., the year which has just closed has been a very prosperous one, and the Church has made steady progress.

The attendance at the Sunday Services both in the morning and in the evening has been very large, and there are only six sittings unlet, except those reserved, as has always been the case, for free sittings.

During the year now closed and during the previous one, there have been several applications for pews which the Treasurer had great difficulty in satisfying. This led the Trustees to discuss the various plans proposed by which the accommodation of the church might be increased. These were carefully considered, but in view of the general commercial depression that exists and as the Treasurer has so far been able to supply all applicants with seats, the Trustees decided that it would not be advisable to make any alterations in the church in the meantime.

The ordinary plate collections for the year amount to \$2,815.53. This is somewhat less than last year, but the decrease \$206.69 is fully accounted for by the special circumstances of the Congregation during the summer months. The Trustees hope that in the year just entered on, the plate collections will be very much larger than they have hitherto been, and they would urge upon the members of the Congregation the careful consideration of this matter. They think the plan of having a special collection for the general funds of the Church, on the first Sunday of each month, is a good one, and they propose to continue it. The ordinary contributions through the plate collections are not sufficient, and the Trustees hope that the Congregation will support the monthly collections in a generous spirit.

The Trustees are pleased to report the successful working of the plan proposed in the last report, and adopted at the last general meeting, for increasing the amount derived from the pew rents, and