

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of St. Gabriel Church, the Trustees have again to submit for the consideration of the congregation a Report of the general management and financial position of the church for the twelve months ending 31st January, 1882

The Treasurer's Statement about to be laid before you shows that of the total amount received during the year from all sources, there have been contributed as Weekly Offerings, \$1550.70; Pew Rents, \$200.00; Ordinary Collections, \$351.09.

On the Pew Rents still held under the old system, there remains unpaid about \$40.00, but on the Weekly Offerings arrears amounting to about \$250.00 have already accumulated.

This falling off under the new system of the anticipated and promised revenue is naturally producing some anxiety to the Trustees. At intervals the Treasurer has issued arrear notices on a form prepared for the purpose, and though involving additional labour expected to be useful as a check upon contributions which from various causes may at times be overlooked. Lately the church officer, after due notification from the pulpit, has been employed to call on all those to whom such notices have been sent, but so far we regret to report he has had but little success.

It is true we have contrived to meet our current obligations for the past year by the exercise of a rigid economy, but have had nothing to spare for improvements or even on some repairs, which it must be evident to all are very much needed.

The Seminary has a claim for commutation on the church property now past due which has to be met.

The city corporation notified us some time ago that if we wished to retain the strip of ground on St. James Street, some kind of boundary fence would have to be erected, and the Board has not succeeded in making up the whole of the stipend arrears so often alluded to though praiseworthy liberality has been shown in this matter by many members of the congregation.

At the beginning of another financial year the Trustees consider it their duty to place these facts before the congregation, asking their co-operation in devising some plan for putting the Temporalities of the church on a more satisfactory footing, and it is now the desire of the Board that the members and adherents would give the affairs of the church their earnest consideration and express their opinion how this can best be accomplished.

The punctuality with which so many keep up their weekly offerings is very gratifying, and to those who have increased their contributions the thanks of the management are now tendered.