

than removed when we compare the items of expenditure for the two years. In 1884, the total annual expenditure was \$5,516.54, while that for 1885 is reduced to \$5,422.52, in which there is included the unusual sum of \$135 for pulpit supply, caused by Rev. Mr. Farries' prolonged illness.

This reduced expenditure is chiefly caused by the fact that, last year, for the first time, we began to reap the good fruit of diminishing our debt, inasmuch as we paid for interest in 1885 only \$920.80, and even of this sum \$20.80 represents interest on interest, while in 1884 we paid for interest \$1618.48, so that our annual expenditure has been by this single item reduced by the large sum of \$697.68.

Balance.

The total receipts for the past year, as given above, were \$5,427.20, and the total expenditure, \$5,422.52, leaving a balance in the hands of our Treasurer of \$4.68.

Next Year's Work.

In our report for 1884, we placed in our estimates an item to meet a note, given by the Chairman of your Committee. This note, now representing \$645.68, was given to meet promised, but, at the time, unpaid subscriptions to the recent debt fund. During the last two years, your Committee have been unable to cancel this note, but the Congregation must resolutely set its face towards the payment of this amount during the now current year, and so prevent, what may, if now neglected, result, in the immediate future, in forming the nucleus of an unpleasant floating debt.

Another matter, now to be noticed, must be undertaken by the Temporal Committee of 1886. The Church is in imperative need of a new covering for the roof, and of fresh painting and tinting, and recent experiences during public worship show that this work cannot be safely delayed beyond the coming spring. The special means by which these necessary improvements may be carried out, we leave to the judgment and tact of our successors in office.