

Report of the Trustees

of St. Paul's Church for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

The Trustees of St. Paul's Church have, at the expiry of another year, the pleasure of laying before the members of the Church the Treasurer's financial statement, and of congratulating the congregation upon having had a prosperous year.

In doing so, they take the opportunity of expressing their complete satisfaction with the earnest and able manner in which the Rev. Mr. Barclay has conducted the services of the Church, and with the success which has attended his labours.

The pews are all rented, and the amount collected by the Treasurer is nearly the same as last year, being \$7,784.30 against \$7,800.56. This shows that the number of people attending the Church is fully as large as last year, but there is a considerable falling off in the contributions of the members to the ordinary plate collections. In 1888 they were \$4,388.14 while this year they are only \$3,517.64, a decrease of \$870.50. There was a loss in the subscriptions through the envelopes of \$612.93, and in the ordinary collections of \$257.57.

The Trustees regret that the appeal they made last year for more support to the collections has not been responded to. They hope that the members of the congregation will realize the necessity of increased liberality in this matter, and that the collections for the coming year will reach at least the sum of \$5000.00. Last year there were 109 subscribers by the envelopes, while this year there are only 94. It is hoped that there will be a general and liberal response to this appeal, and that there will be a large increase in the number of subscribers to the envelope system. If the members prefer to do so they can send to the Treasurer in one sum the amount each may wish to give for the year, in place of using the envelopes. This plan has been adopted by some, and the Trustees hope that those who do not like the envelope system may see their way to subscribe in this manner.

In speaking of the finances of the Church this year it must be remembered that during the year \$11,734.00 has been paid by the congregation for the Manse fund, and \$2495.15 for decorating the