

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH,

For the year ending 31st January, 1887.

The Trustees have now in accordance with the Bye-Laws, at this the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church, to present a Report of their proceedings for the past year, and to submit the accounts of revenue and expenditure for inspection.

Weekly Offerings	-	-	\$1838	38	
Pew Rents, (old system,)	-		314	20	
Ordinary Collections,	-		472	57	2625 15
Donation,	-	-			145 00
					\$2770 15

There remained uncollected for the year, when the Treasurer had to close his books, about \$60, the greater part of which may be confidently expected to come in at an early date, as the ending of the year has probably been overlooked.

The Board would recommend that if possible, for the future, the accounts should be closed on the 31st December in each year, as at one time was the custom.

By a reference to the Revenue furnished to the Congregation at the Meeting on the 18th November, which was based on the returns then at the disposal of the Trustees it appears that though this total \$2770.15 is in excess of the receipts of last year the average of said estimate has not been maintained, especially in the Ordinary Collections, which have fallen off considerably, while no material increase has appeared in the Weekly Offerings.

The Members and Adherents of St. Gabriel Church have long been aware that sooner or later they would have to make a change, forced on them by the expansion of the City and the consequent shifting of the centres of population; so, in spite of the attachment which to their honour it may be recorded they felt towards the venerable edifice on St. Gabriel Street with its hallowed associations, recognising the absolute necessity of action, when the opportunity arrived they have set themselves resolutely to work to build up a new St. Gabriel in a wider field.