

## Report of the Trustees, 1887.

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It is again the pleasing duty of the Trustees of St. Paul's Church to present to the congregation the annual financial report, and in doing so to express their satisfaction at the continued progress that has been made, largely owing to the faithful services of the Pastor of the Church, the REV. JAMES BARCLAY, M.A., of whose energetic work in all the varied interests of the Church, the Trustees wish to express their cordial appreciation.

The attendance during the year at both the Sunday services has been very large, the pews have been all rented, and the members of the Church have every reason to be thankful for the past and hopeful for the future.

It is with no ordinary feeling of regret that the Board expresses its deep sense of the very great loss it has sustained in the death of Mr. R. A. RAMSAY, who for many years acted as its secretary, and was one of its most active and valued members. His services and advice were always available, and ungrudgingly given, and the Trustees feel that they have each lost a personal friend, and the Church one of its warmest adherents.

The Treasurer's statement is submitted with this report. The amount collected from pew rents is \$7698.60 against \$7801.80 last year, a falling off of \$103.20. The members of the Church are particularly requested to pay their pew rents to the treasurer in January. It is not right that the treasurer whose office is of a purely honorary nature, should be put to the very great trouble of sending for the rent of the pews as often as he has had to do in some cases this year. The Trustees feel sure that it is only want of thought on the part of a portion of the congregation, and trust, their attention having been directed to the matter, that it will not be necessary to recur to it again.

The ordinary plate collections for the year were \$4140.45 against \$2659.82 last year. This increase of over fifty per cent. is largely owing to the adoption of the envelope system, recommended in last year's report and is very gratifying. One hundred and sixteen members have regularly contributed in this way, and it is hoped that this number will be largely increased during the present year. Seeing that