

REPORT OF THE TEMPORAL COMMITTEE.

To the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

The Temporal Committee beg respectfully to submit the various accounts for the financial year ending on the 15th February, 1879.

From a careful perusal of such accounts, it will be seen that the actual receipts which your Committee had at their disposal during the year, with the exception of the moneys received from the Kirk Session, for the purpose of meeting the liabilities of the Congregation, amounted to \$4,206.40; that the actual claims upon the Committee, which they should have been prepared to meet in full, amounted to about \$6,419.77; and that the amount paid by your Committee on account of these claims was \$5,594.77. Unless, therefore, the Kirk Session had come to the assistance of your Committee, they would have been out of pocket to the extent of \$1,388.37, with a liability in addition of \$825.00.

The figures have been put in this way to shew the Congregation that the liability of your Committee exceeded the receipts, the collection of which were under their immediate control, by \$2,213.40. The Kirk Session, however, paid your Committee out of the moneys received under the schedule system, \$1,650.00, leaving them, notwithstanding such assistance, with a liability which should have been wiped off during the past year of \$563.37. Now, your Committee would call attention to the fact, that if the total pew rents had been paid your Committee, with the assistance of \$816.79 from the Kirk Session, would have been able to pay all their liabilities.

Your Committee are aware that this matter of arrearages of pew rent is a standing grievance. Report after report has called attention to it without any apparent effect; for, out of 187 pew holders in this Church, 75 are in arrear for the year '78-'9, representing the large sum of \$1,396.35; while there is still a balance of old arrears, after wiping out a considerable sum as *bad*, of \$598.83. That your Committee have done their utmost

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