

The Treasurer has 147 names on his books as contributors, which number of course includes many of the young people, while we are informed that there are 451 names on the roll. With this showing before them the Trustees are naturally anxious that this apparent discrepancy between the contributors and the members connected with the church should be accounted for.

At this the business meeting of the church, it is absolutely necessary that the congregation should express their opinions on this and all matters pertaining to the welfare of the church if they expect the Board placed by their vote in charge of the finances, to carry out their wishes in the handling of the same.

It is respectfully submitted that less indifference to the management of affairs on the part of the people, honest criticism—with suggestions and advice for the guidance of the Board could not but result in lasting benefit to the work of the church.

If any reasonable objections to the registration asked for should be offered, they would have the respectful attention of the Trustees who are only actuated by a desire to simplify the proceedings between the contributors and the Board, and at the same time to help the Treasurer who in his arduous work should be guarded against the possibility of unseemly disputes.

Those among us who look into the Reports will observe that the weekly amount needed to cover ordinary requirements as estimated when the church was first occupied, has not yet been reached—a closer scrutiny will show what a very small increase in the offerings might accomplish this, as for instance—five cents [5] additional weekly from each of the communicants on the late revised roll, will give us \$1170.00 more revenue; with that, not only would the interest on the debt be easily provided for, but the money loaned under interest by the Building Fund could be returned to that account at an early date.

The bequest of \$500.00 from the late Wm. Kerr, of Longue Pointe, to St. Gabriel Church, without any formal stipulation, has been paid by the Notary of the Estate, the Board of Trustees granting the receipt customary in such cases and paying Notary's fees.