

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE period for submitting the Annual Report having again come round, it is with some degree of satisfaction that we submit the Financial Statement for the year just ended, shewing, as it does, a balance, although small, on the Credit side of the Ledger.

At the same time it is to be regretted that this balance is not owing to a surplus in the regular revenue of the Church, although that revenue has had a small increase during the year, both in the amount of Pew Rents, and of the Offertory, but to the sale of Pews, and the collection of old arrears of Pew Rents. This will at once shew that the appeal of the Church Wardens at the commencement of the last financial year, for increased aid at the Offertory, was not only justifiable, but was then, and is now, absolutely necessary.

During the past year, every care has been taken of its funds, but there has been a considerable additional expense, occasioned by the high price of fuel, and an increased demand for aid to the poor. These items, it may be assumed, will continue to increase the Annual Expenditure. We therefore hope that the appeal made for increased aid, will be responded to by the members of the Church, with their usual liberality.

As an additional inducement, it may be stated, that our Ecclesiastical authorities deem it very desirable that there should be an additional service in the Cathedral in the evening; at which all the Pews should be free, chiefly for the accommodation of many who cannot afford to take pews, and who consequently either go to places of worship not in connexion with the Church, or do not go to Church at all. As, however, this cannot be accomplished without a second Assistant Minister, and that additional aid cannot be had in the present state of the finances of the Cathedral,