

of revenue can be counted on, for it must be confessed that the average of Sunday collections of past years has not been what in this Church it should be. It has been in the past only about forty dollars per Sunday, and the Board, thinking that this should be doubled, recommends increased liberality in this matter most strongly to the members.

The Congregation has, at the special meetings held during the year, been made aware of and sanctioned the increased permanent expenditure assumed by the Board in the way of stipend, and has also been informed of the provisions devised for meeting that liability with regularity, by the means of a Supplementing Fund. To this many members of the Church have contributed, some of them very liberally. It is intended during the present year to bring this matter in different forms before the members more generally, in order that all may have the opportunity of assuming such share of the common responsibility as their feelings and abilities may justify. Meantime the Trustees confidently believe that they see their way to carry on the financial affairs successfully, with the assistance of this fund, relying upon all to contribute liberally and cheerfully in some of the various ways indicated to the common liability. It was one which the Congregation undertook with confidence founded on well authenticated reports. These our own experience of the last three months has amply justified, and the Congregation enters upon a year full of hope.

The Trustees have received during the year, from the executors of the late Mr. David J. Greenshields, the sum of one thousand dollars, which that gentleman, so long known as a zealous and liberal member of the Church, thoughtfully bequeathed, as his will expressed it, "to St. Paul's Church, of which I am a member, to be invested safely, and the interest paid annually to the minister for the time being, to be by him disposed of by helping the deserving poor of the Congregation, who may have too much honest pride to permit of their applying to the Session of the Church, or the many city charities for relief. The minister to give no account of his disbursements."

The long continued and liberal services of Mr. S. Greenshields as organist were terminated in the early part of the year by his resignation, and the Trustees desire to place on record in this report their thanks for the aid so long and ably rendered by him to the Church.

The Trustees who now retire by rotation are Messrs. John Hope and Alexander Ewan, who are, however, eligible for re-election.

ANDREW ALLAN, *Chairman.*