

We would desire again to render thanks to God for His kindness to us in sparing the life and services of our beloved Pastor, and in restoring his health so far as to enable him to perform so much Pastoral work, and other important duties. In consequence of the difficulty of obtaining a suitable assistant, he had, during the past year, to accept of such casual aid as he could secure, and consequently was sometimes overworked, which we fear has been too much for his health and strength. Your Committee would be glad, if some suitable arrangement could be made which would relieve him of part of his heavy and responsible duties.

In a financial point of view, we have to report that the ordinary receipts and expenditure of the Congregation are in a satisfactory condition; the books of the Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Begg, have been audited and found correct; an abstract of the receipts and disbursements for the year 1868, will be found annexed to this Report which will show the financial position of the Congregation.

#### THE NEW CHURCH.

At a special congregational meeting, held on the 4th of Dec., 1867, the Deacons' Court and Managing Committee was constituted also a Building Committee, and instructed to accept of the tenders of Messrs. Elliott & Denham, for the erection of a new church; the amount of the contract was \$19,608, not including lighting or heating.

Your Committee regret to have to report the melancholy and sudden death of Mr. William Elliott, one of the contractors, which took place before the corner stone of the edifice was laid; but his brother, acting as his administrator, made arrangements for the brickwork with Mr. Samuel Flory, and Messrs. Denham & Flory deserve much credit for the manner in which they have pushed forward the work.

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