

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

For the year ending 31st December, 1891.

In accordance with the Bye-Laws it is now the duty of the Trustees to present to the Congregation a Report of the management and position of the finances for the year ending 31st December, 1891, to the various particulars of which the Board invites a thoughtful study on the part of every member and adherent of St. Gabriel Church.

The Treasurer's Statement about to be presented shews the amount received as revenue proper for the year to be \$3140.65—under the following heads :

Weekly Offerings,	\$2416.15	Arrears	\$171.15
Pew Rents,	220.00	"	80.00
Ordinary Collections,	504.50	"	

A comparison with previous years may be interesting at this time :

	WEEKLY OFFERINGS.	PEW RENTS.	COLLECTIONS.	TOTAL.
1888.	\$2215.90	\$188.00	\$626.67	\$3033.57
1889.	2275.00	88.00	679.32	3043.07
1890.	2301.30	163.35	546.13	3010.78
1891.	2416.15	220.00	504.50	3140.65

Though this shows a slight increase for the past year, it is hardly an indication of any great progress, the total contributions having apparently stood still for the three previous years.

The Trustees beg to submit that this is far from being a safe position for any society or institution to occupy, and has been for some time the source of grave anxiety on the part of the Trustees, who look to the congregation for the means of supporting ordinances in a manner creditable to the church, and who confidently expect that with better filled pews and increased membership, they would experience no difficulty in meeting easily all their engagements.

The refusal or neglect on the part of many to comply with the repeated requests of the Board that all should register their promised Weekly Offerings with the Treasurer, is a great hindrance to the management forming useful estimates of revenue, and to their endeavours to get at the reason why the contributions do not keep pace with the alleged increased membership of the church.