

CHALMERS' CHURCH.

Collections for Missionary Purposes, 1886	\$113 50
There has been paid on Manse Debt Subscription	\$ 15 00
Balance on hand from last year	153 81
Proceeds of sale of Manse	3000 00
There has been paid on Debt Subscription List.....	208 00
Donation from R. Forbes, Esq., Feb., 1887.....	500 00
	<u>\$3874 81</u>

There has been paid on Manse Mortgage, in full.....	\$1132 67
On Church Mortgage	1867 33
	<u>\$3000 00</u>

Donation from R. Forbes, Esq.....	500 00
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Balance on hand to apply on Mortgage	\$ 374 81
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The foregoing comparative statement shows an increase of \$396.07 in gross revenue in 1886 over the year 1885, which is altogether in the Sustentation Fund; the Ordinary and Poor Collections showing a slight decrease; the deficit carried from last year, \$446.11, together with the ordinary current expenses, have all been met, and there is a deficit of only \$11.09, together with an account for coal of \$78.00, (since paid,) making a total deficit of only \$89.09, which is much more than covered by amounts paid since on last year's accounts, and a considerable sum still considered good on books. This result is gratifying to the managers and no doubt will be equally so to the congregation.

During the year the manse has been disposed of for the sum of \$3,000, which amount has been applied in liquidating mortgages on manse and church. Robert Forbes, Esq., has again very generously donated the handsome sum of \$500, which has likewise been applied on mortgage on church. The managers desire to thank Mr. Forbes for his continued liberality, and feel sure that in this they are heartily joined by the congregation.

The total indebtedness now on church property is only \$3432.67. with the sum of \$374.81 on hand, which if applied on mortgage would reduce it to \$3057.86; a sum which we feel satisfied will be entirely wiped out within the next eighteen months, as a large proportion has already been promised, and when those of the Congregation who have not yet subscribed, have been waited on, this debt which has so much weighed on us for many years will be a thing of the past.

In consequence of the old wood furnaces wearing out it was found necessary to replace them with two new coal burning ones of the latest and most approved construction, which has been done at a cost of \$415, exclusive of carpenter work, the bill for which has not yet been received. These furnaces so far have realized our expectations. These liabilities have not yet been paid or provided for, and now that new furnaces are provided it will be necessary this year that the church be thoroughly cleaned and repainted, as at present it stands badly in need of both.

It is with unfeigned gratitude to God that we record the continued increase in the membership of the church as evidenced by the following

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