

In addition to the above, we submit the following comparative statement of receipts for the last six years, from our two principal sources of revenue :—

	1878	1879	1880
Weekly Contributions	\$4,067 30	\$3,628 45	\$4,076 03
Ordinary Collections	574 78	583 09	501 35
Total.....	\$4,642 08	\$4,211 54	\$4,577 38
	1881	1882	1883
Weekly Contributions	\$4,052 28	\$4,341 70	\$3,370 82
Ordinary Collections	542 03	619 94	665 17
Total	\$4,594 31	\$4,961 64	\$4,335 99

From this comparative statement it will be seen that we received less from the two sources under consideration, during the past year, than during any of the others, except during 1879, when the depression which had been for a long time so severely felt had not yet passed away.

The Ladies' Association, as usual, handed over to the Treasurer a handsome sum at the close of the year. For this they have our hearty acknowledgements.

The matter of most importance, and of greatest interest, financially, to the congregation, which your Committee have had under consideration during the year, was the effort to reduce our debt by the amount of \$12,000. The congregation is aware that several of its members, when the existing financial arrangements were entered into with Mr. MacLaren, became personally responsible, under certain conditions, for the payment of \$12,000, as collateral security, in addition to the mortgage on the Church. Early in January last, a letter was received by Mr. Farries from Dr. Henderson, who voluntarily offered to pay the sum of \$1,000 whenever the others, whose names, like his own, were attached to the personal bond, were ready to pay their share of the amount. This offer, made to Mr. Farries in writing, was subsequently repeated through Mr. McKellar, who was authorized to make a similar offer to the congregation, at its annual meeting, held on the 11th of January last.

Your Committee, soon after they were made aware of this voluntary offer, appointed a sub-Committee, consisting of those

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