

Since these matters imperatively demanded immediate action, we, at our first meeting in the year, appointed a sub-Committee to report upon the best means and the probable cost of securing a thoroughly good covering for the roof. A covering of shingles was at first recommended and adopted, but after more mature deliberation, we decided to adopt Canada plate instead of shingles. It was a question of long and earnest debate with us, whether the covering of the roof, and the painting and internal decoration of the church, should be undertaken in one year, but inasmuch as the erection of the organ would necessarily involve considerable change, we finally decided that both should go on concurrently, and in this way only one period of interruption to the worship of the Congregation in the body of the church would be found necessary. We feel confident that, although this action of ours involved an unusually large increase in our expenditure for the year, you will decide that we consulted the best interests of the Congregation, in not hesitating to incur, on your behalf, this increased financial obligation. A statement showing the cost of these needed improvements, will be found further on in this report.

We next submit a synopsis of the receipts of 1885 and of 1886, and also the items of expenditure for the present year, so that by a comparison instituted between the receipts of these two years, you may more easily see the financial advance or retrogression of the year.

	Receipts of 1885.	Receipts of 1886.
Balance on hand January 1st	\$ 55 54	\$ 4 68
Received from Weekly Contributions.....	3,807 49	3,755 39
“ “ Ordinary Collections.....	634 29	815 01
“ “ Thanksgiving Offering	280 59	725 58
“ “ Prayer-meeting Collection	23 29	30 26
“ “ Missionary Collections.....	340 00	361 53
“ “ Ladies' Association.....	95 00	350 00
“ “ Special Collections	170 00	72 58
“ “ Rent of Basement and Arrears	20 50	97 25
“ “ Organ Fund and Organ Recital		231 07
“ “ Sale of Shingles.....		240 00
Total receipts.....	<u>\$5,427 20</u>	<u>\$6,683 35</u>