

Report of the Board of Managers

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

In presenting to the congregation this, the third annual report as to the events that have taken place during the past year respecting the temporal interest of the Church and congregation, the Board of Management wish to express their acknowledgments to the Pastor and the different organizations connected with the Church in view of the hearty co-operation and assistance which the Board always received from them.

Since our last annual meeting, and in accordance with a resolution then adopted, the church building has been enlarged to its present dimensions to meet the growing wants of the increasing population. The result has been entirely satisfactory. The number now in attendance is much in excess of the attendance before the enlargement was made. And judging from the present rate of increase since the enlargement of the church, it is evident that it will soon be necessary to again take up the question of increased accommodation.

The report of the Building Committee will inform you what the cost of the enlargement has been. It will be noticed that there is a mortgage upon the property of \$5000.00, and that in addition there are some \$600.00 required, for the payment of which no provision has been made. It may perhaps be advisable to mention, however, that although the debt on the Church property seems large, yet the entire cost of the ground and building with the furniture and additions at the present time exceeds \$14000.00, so that it will be seen that the congregation with the aid given by members of City Churches has contributed within the last three years a sum exceeding \$8000.00 besides what was necessary for the ordinary expenses.

As to the \$600.00 of floating debt, which it is necessary to get rid of as speedily as possible, it should be borne in mind that the smallest sums will be gladly received, and any one in connection with the congregation who does not wish to subscribe a fixed sum, can contribute by placing any sum, however small, in an envelope and marking it "For Building Fund," and allowing it to be taken up with the ordinary collections.

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