

Managers' Annual Report

For the year ending 31st Dec, 1888.

The managers in presenting their report for the year 1888 beg to congratulate the congregation upon the degree of prosperity with which it has been favored during the year.

As you are aware the revenue has been from the 1st of January to the 14th of February raised by the envelope system, which had been in vogue for several years, and for a time worked very satisfactorily, but of late years the managers found that quite a number of contributors had greatly reduced their former subscription. The managers, therefore, in conjunction with the Session, resolved to adopt what is known as the pew rent system. The price of a sitting was placed at the nominal figure of four dollars with a supplementary subscription of such additional sum as each subscriber felt able or willing to give. Upon the adoption of this plan the congregation was canvassed by members of the Session and Board of Managers for the purpose of ascertaining the number of sittings required by each family and the amount of supplementary that could be obtained from the more wealthy members of the congregation. The amount subscribed, as a supplementary to the four dollars per sitting, was only \$375, while we were most sanguine of getting \$1,000 at least. When sittings were put at four dollars it was entirely with the view of placing them within the circumstances of any member of the congregation. We regret to have to report that many in easy and comparatively independent circumstances could not be prevailed upon to give a dollar beyond the nominal four dollars per sitting.

The managers are, however, enabled to present a report that will financially compare favorably with any year in the previous history of the church. We have to depend largely upon the Sabbath collections as an important source of revenue and we are pleased to find that under the pew rent system they have largely increased, amounting for the year to \$1,257 87, being an average of \$24.19 per Sabbath. Under the envelope system from the first of January to the fourteenth of February the average was \$14.09, and the average of the balance of the year was \$25.76 (10½ months.) The increase of the Sabbath collections compared with last year under the envelope system is very gratifying, but when divided by the

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