

Report of the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers in presenting this, the first annual report of Melville Church, desire to record their gratitude to God for the measure of success and encouragement which has been vouchsafed to this congregation.

The financial statements now presented are for the period from the opening of the church till December 31st, 1886, and show the amount received as ordinary revenue and the ordinary expenditure, and also collections for special objects. Owing to the circumstances in which the congregation has been placed (having no settled pastor) the expenditure has not been so great as it would otherwise have been, so that there is a surplus of revenue of \$622.40. The disposal of this sum lies with the congregation at this meeting, and in this connection the Board would recommend that the claims of the Building Fund be considered.

The number of contributors to ordinary revenue is now 59, the amount of the Weekly offerings being \$30.50, and the plate collections \$5 per Sabbath, thus giving an income at the rate of \$1,840 per annum. While the Board has every reason to be satisfied with the liberality of the members and adherents so far, they consider that an ordinary revenue of at least \$2000.00 is required to suitably provide for a pastor, and maintain the church in an efficient manner in all departments.

Of the 204 sittings in the church all have been allocated excepting 10 or 12, and these would also have been taken but that they are nearly all in single sittings in different pews. The Board has applications for sittings which they are unable to grant, and it may be necessary in the near future to ask pew-holders to make a re-arrangement of sittings so as to obtain advantage of the full capacity of the building.

Referring to the attendance on the Sabbath services and the interest taken in congregational matters generally, your Board feels called upon to express their satisfaction therewith. Besides members and adherents of the congregation many brethren of other denominations attend more or less frequently on the services, some of them being seat-holders and regular contributors to the funds of the church. There are still some

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