

The Trustees also append an interesting memorandum, regarding pew-rents, for the same ten years. This memorandum shows the number of sittings let and unlet, with the gross revenue and nett revenue during that period. The difference between the gross and the nett revenue consists of the pew-rents which the Treasurer has been unable to collect. The Trustees are sorry to observe, of late years, that the loss of revenue from this cause has been gradually increasing ; and that during the last year it amounted to over ten per cent. of the entire pew-rents.

Owing to the incompleteness of the accounts referring to the last four months, the Trustees are not able to state the exact amount of the debt at the present time ; but from the materials at their command, they estimate that the congregation commenced the year — beginning 1st January — with a debt of about \$6000.00, including the estimated cost of the late alterations. Of this sum \$1465.00 is, in great measure, covered by unpaid subscriptions to the old debt, and the balance of \$4500.00 is floating debt due to the Treasurer.

Before concluding this report, the Trustees desire to say that the building of the Church tower, and the erection of the stone fence and railing round the property, as provided by the original plans, have of late been repeatedly pressed upon their attention. These are objects which have their cordial sympathy, and for which they are even prepared to strain prudential considerations. But in view of the more important need which has come to the congregation of providing a permanent assistant, or an assistant and successor, to their much-esteemed Minister, and of a probable increase of yearly expenditure for this purpose, they hardly feel themselves in a position, at present, to deal with additional proposals, which would involve an estimated outlay of \$10,000 to \$12,000. It has been mentioned to them that there are some members of the congregation who have not yet availed themselves of opportunities of subscribing to the Building Fund, and others who have not had such opportunities, who would be willing to give assistance to these very desirable objects ; and that it is possible, also, that some who have already subscribed might be willing to do something more. The Trustees would heartily