

With regard to the Special Collections, it is impossible to make a fair comparative statement, as there are several schemes for which no collections were made last year. At the same time there were extraordinary demands made last year, for which we had no proper equivalent this year; such for example as the Church Repairs, the Fisheries, the Red River Relief Fund, &c. There was also the Building Fund last year, and as an offset to that we had this year, Mr. Wardrope's Testimonial Fund. Comparing total amounts however, we find that for special purposes we raised last year, more than this, \$48 79 deducting this from excess on ordinary revenue 392 57

leaves a total increase from all sources of \$343 78
A portion of this increase has been applied towards reducing out-
standing liabilities. The balance has been absorbed in increased
current expenses.

Before quitting this part of our subject your Committee would merely remark that if members would make a point of paying the amount subscribed by them, it would not be a difficult matter to free the Church from its present burden of debt. The following exhibit will show this clearly:

Amount subscribed to Church Fund in 1868	\$1649 56
Amount actually paid	1514 40
Deficiency	\$135 10
Amount subscribed to Church Fund in 1869	\$2120 52
Amount actually paid	1735 42
Deficiency	\$385 10
Total deficiency on two years ..	\$520 20

The year now drawing to a close is one which will be long remembered in the annals of this Congregation. After having enjoyed, for nearly twenty-five years, the valued pastoral services of the Rev. Thomas Wardrope, the connection between us and him was severed in the month of September last, by his removal to another sphere of labour. In that severance our Congregation

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