

Report of the Trustees.

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting to the Congregation their annual report of the finances of the Church.

They note with satisfaction that the year has been a very prosperous one, and that the Congregation has increased in numbers, and in activity under the able ministration of the Rev. JAMES BARCLAY, M.A., who has worked energetically and successfully for the welfare of the Church.

As will be seen, on reference to the Treasurer's statement, there are several items of an exceptional nature in the expenditure this year, which do not properly come under the head of annual expenses. These make the amount drawn by the Treasurer from the Guarantee Fund larger than it would otherwise have been.

The Trustees are glad to see that there is a considerable increase this year in the amounts received from pew rents and also from the plate collections. While this is very gratifying, it is evident that no additional income from the present pew rents can be expected for the ensuing year, as every seat in the Church is let except those retained for the free sittings. Last year the scheme of increasing the revenue of the Church by voluntary additions to the pew rents, was proposed, but although the plan was received in a favorable way, very little of a practical nature resulted.

As the Congregation has now had more than a year's experience of its increased responsibility, and as it is evidently necessary that the Church's revenue should be added to considerably, the Trustees have, after very careful consideration, decided upon raising the rents of the pews.

The Board hopes and feels confident, that, by adopting this means, and assisted by an increased liberality on the part of the members of the Church in the Sunday collections, to which their earnest attention is asked, the Congregation will have its financial affairs placed upon a permanently satisfactory footing.

The Trustees who now retire by rotation are Messrs. Alex. Mitchell and John C. Watson, both of whom are eligible for re-election.

ANDREW ALLAN,
Chairman.

MONTREAL, 12th Jan., 1885.