

trated for some days by fever. Mr. and Mrs. Murray had the heartfelt sympathy of the congregation in their bereavement and trials.

3. Your Committee are glad to be able to announce some improvement in the finances, showing, as per Appendix A of the report, an increase in the Sabbath day collections of \$391.68, and an increase in the pew rents of \$340.04 over the previous year, being also a considerable increase over the years 1873 and 1874. This increase would have been much greater had we been able to supply the large demand for additional sittings in the body of the church.

The minister's stipend has been paid to the 1st of April next, and the insurance of the church for the next three years.

4. In consequence of the depressed state of all kinds of business, we deferred taking steps to pay off the church debt, but would earnestly recommend our successors in office to mature and put into execution a scheme for that purpose at an early date.

And as there seems to be a very general desire in the congregation to have the remains of those buried many years ago removed from the lots adjoining the manse, to some cemetery, we unanimously recommend that this should be undertaken in the early spring; and we sincerely hope that the whole congregation may approve of this removal, and heartily assist in its being carried out. The general public, especially those resident in the neighborhood, are petitioning for it; our financial circumstances urge it; the city's interests will ere long demand it. By the sale of these valuable lots our debt would, with a little additional effort, be soon liquidated.