

Seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of St. Gabriel Church.

At this, the seventh annual meeting of the congregation of St. Gabriel Church, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, your Trustees beg to submit for your consideration a report of their proceedings and operations for the past year, to which they invite your careful attention.

It will be remembered that by a resolution of last annual meeting, the recommendation of your Trustees (made with some hesitation), that the system of fixed pew rents should be substituted for voluntary contributions, was adopted. This has been carried out during the past year, and your Trustees are pleased to find that it gave general satisfaction. An increase of revenue is eventually looked for as a result of the change, though no great augmentation of our resources could be expected for the first year. The ready acquiescence of the Congregation in the method was, however, very gratifying.

The expectation of greater punctuality in the payment of pew-rents which was one of the results hoped for under the new arrangement, has not, however, been realized, the arrears being still too large, \$464 remaining unpaid on the 31st Decr. The Treasurer's statement, now submitted, while shewing an increase in the amount collected from pew rents over previous years, exhibits a falling off in our ordinary collections, which from the experience of past years was not anticipated.

An examination of the account will show that had the system of paying quarterly, as resolved upon at last annual meeting, been carried out, and the pew rents all collected, our receipts would have covered all our liabilities, but in consequence of the non-payment of the seat-rents, your Trustees have again had to draw on the interest received from the Manse property, which it was hoped they would not have had occasion to use for ordinary expenses.

At the close of the year they expected, from the rates at which the pews were rented, to present a statement showing that the receipts from pew rents and collections in the Church were sufficient to meet all disbursements; and this hope would