

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, 14TH SEPT., 1881.

The Managers regret that they have not a more favourable report to submit to the congregation for the year ending 31st August, 1881.

The Premiums of Insurance falling due this year, together with necessary repairs to property, represent a sum over and above ordinary expenditure of \$540.96, and, in addition to this, the revenue has fallen off, as compared with last year, \$85 24.

At the last annual meeting two special collections were appointed for repairs to property and to meet the Insurance premiums, but the sum of both together only amounted to \$68.41, not sufficient to meet the smallest item, viz.: repairs to Manse. This was very discouraging and disappointing, but probably the object of these collections was not properly understood.

In addition to the items of Repairs to Property and Premiums of Insurance, referred to above, the Minister's travelling expenses for several years to Church Courts were paid this year, viz.: \$64.25, and on account of the severity of last winter the fuel account was larger than usual, say \$93.75, as against \$63.00, which is the average amount. Again, the Temporalities' Board having ceased to pay Dr. Smith his usual allowance, an item which was guaranteed him by the congregation, the Board of Managers were obliged to advance this sum, \$94.00, for half year ending 31st July, 1881, pending the decision of the Court, when it is expected this amount will be refunded.

The statement herewith submitted shows a deficiency of \$482.26 for this year; of this amount the Temporalities' may refund \$94.00, but the balance must be provided for in some way, the Managers can suggest no other than by an increase of revenue.

It must be borne in mind that this deficiency is in addition to what is known to the congregation as old debt, which is now \$810, showing the total liabilities of the Church to date to be \$1292.26.