

very disappointing, none the less so, that it is manifestly the result of want of thought. The cause is not far to seek; it is to be found in the unreadiness of the people to adopt the plan of the Trustees, a thing which surely should not be. The Trustees are deserving of a unanimous loyalty. The Trustees are entitled to know from each one of us on what they can count weekly towards the necessary revenue; this would in no way infringe on the voluntariness of our gifts to God and God's work. I hope that this year each member and adherent will intimate to the Trustees a weekly sum on which they can rely for the absolutely necessary income. We can all of us supplement that voluntarily from Sunday to Sunday as God prospers us.

The Trustees ask for \$5,000 of ordinary collection. There are 642 members and I feel sure that no one who knows anything of the congregation will think that the Trustees are asking too much.

Those matters may seem largely external, but they are vital to the life, prosperity, and usefulness of the congregation.

Above all my prayer is that in our homes and in our hearts there may be more and more the spirit of true religion, the spirit of our Lord and Master, that the families and individuals of St. Paul's by their life may be increasingly witnesses for Christ and fellow-workers with Him.

Your affectionate Pastor,

JAMES BARCLAY.

Report of the Kirk-Session.

In presenting their usual annual report to the congregation, the Kirk-Session desire to acknowledge their gratitude to the Giver of all good for the prosperity of the past year, and express their hope that the year on which we have entered may be still more fruitful in the Master's work. Sunday services have been largely attended, both morning and evening. Mr. Barclay has occupied the pulpit with great regularity, not having been absent a single Sabbath since the re-opening of the church in September last. The large attendance at all the services, is encouraging evidence of appreciation of Mr. Barclay's pulpit ministrations.

The necessity for additional pew accommodation is being more and more felt. Many of our own families require more sittings and there