

that, notwithstanding the number of sittings taken is the largest hitherto reached, there is, owing no doubt to the existing depression in business, a decrease by arrearage in the receipts from pew rents, on which account the increase on the whole does not cover the enlarged expenditure.

4. Your Committee, believing that it is the bounden duty of every one attending the public worship of God to contribute according to their means for the support of Gospel ordinances, have reason to believe that some of our congregation do not rent sittings, and thereby fail to aid, in an equitable way, the cause of Christ among us. Certainly this ought not so to be. Your Committee therefore respectfully submit this for your consideration and advice.

5. Your Committee recommend as the special financial work of 1878 that steps be taken to remove from our liabilities the second mortgage (\$2,500), known as the Manse Mortgage, and thereby lessen our expenditure for interest.

6. In accordance with instructions given at last Annual Meeting we removed, in a manner satisfactory to all concerned, the remains of those buried long ago in the lot adjoining the Manse; we also made an effort to sell at auction the lot aforesaid, but having failed to receive what we considered a fair offer, withdrew it. We respectfully recommend that our successors be instructed to dispose of the lot as soon as they can receive for the same a reasonable price.

7. Your Committee respectfully recommend that the Special Collection on the first Sabbath of each month be

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