

of bringing up the revenue to the point estimated as absolutely necessary to the maintenance of ordinances. Why the slight increase on the Weekly Offerings involved in bringing up the revenue to that point, decided upon and frequently alluded to in former reports, has not made its appearance, seems a mystery.

No church can afford to stand still, and yet the closeness of the amounts of the yearly contributions is becoming monotonous, and is to say the least very remarkable.

It is scarcely the province of the Trustees to preach duty, being placed in charge of the temporal affairs of the church to administer the same in the interest of the whole congregation of which they form a part, but these figures may read us a lesson to the effect that possibly we are not doing our whole duty.

In this connection it is painful to think that among those enjoying all the privileges which a connection with the church bestows, as members or adherents, there are some whose names do not appear on the books as contributors.

With respect to the Ordinary or Plate Collections, they are far below what the average attendance at the services would lead us to expect if everybody gave something. It is evident that there is some warrant for the assertion frequently made, that there are many in the congregations of to day who do not consider that they are under any obligation to place the smallest coin upon the collection plate. In managing the affairs of the Church, the Board looks to the congregation for counsel and support which they respectfully submit they have a right to expect, it being a clear duty on the part of the people to lay aside their indifference and cheerfully afford the same.

The Treasurer reports that names are beginning to come in as a result of an earnest canvass now being carried on, and the courteous receptions met with from all visited, entitles us to expect an improvement in this respect during the ensuing year.

The management would like to see the Gallery filling up a little better. It is feared that very few know how well the sitting accommodation in that part of the church is laid out; an occasional trial of the sittings on the part of the people would convince them of this, and though they might have no wish to change, themselves, they