

during their stay among us, and passed a vote to the same effect before the close of the Assembly.

4th. At the last Annual Meeting a resolution was passed recommending the Board to adopt some scheme for the liquidation of the Church Debt. After full consideration the Board decided to raise the required amount by subscription, to be paid in two years, by quarterly instalments. The Board have now much pleasure in reporting to the congregation that the large debt, which for some years has been felt as a heavy burden on the congregation, is now in a fair way to be paid off. The amount subscribed already amounts to \$8010.00, and \$2797.50 has been paid to the Treasurer on account. Consequently, one-fourth of the Church Debt, as reported in last year's statement, is already paid. A large number in the congregation have not yet subscribed to this fund, and the Board desire that the congregation generally should subscribe what they are able towards the accomplishment of this object. It is not the desire of the Board to ask any who are not able to assist, but they think all who have the prosperity of the congregation at heart should cheerfully pay what they can afford, as the Lord hath prospered them; and would urge on their successors in office not to relax their efforts until the object which for so many years has been greatly desired by the congregation is obtained, and St. Andrew's Church is free from debt; and they trust that in future no heavy expenses will be incurred until the amount required to complete the same is provided for.

5th. The Board, during the year while they were endeavoring to raise sufficient funds to pay off the Church Debt, found that several special, pressing applications were made to the congregation for assistance for other objects, and though under other circumstances they would gladly have assisted these laudable schemes, they felt that they could not successfully grapple with the Church Debt and also heartily assist these objects. They therefore decided in the interests of the congregation that their special energies should be devoted to the liquidation of the Church Debt, and are gratified with the result, which, if followed up, will be successful.

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