

During the year several considerable amounts have been paid, which will explain the increased expenditure over previous years. New forms for the basement, and alterations to the pulpit platform have been paid for. The account for forms amounted to \$238.35, and for alterations to platform to \$97.50.

It is still a matter for regret, that although the membership has greatly increased, and the attendance on worship during the year has been good, the receipts for congregational purposes should exhibit a considerable falling off. As has been stated, the receipts were \$3,045.26, but in this amount two missionary collections are included, and if these be deducted, a decrease of \$192.24 will be apparent.

In presenting the report for 1870, the Managers, then in view of the great decrease in the average giving per member, as compared with previous years, even when the congregation was struggling with a large debt, felt it their duty to speak plainly in this matter, and calling attention to this matter again at this time may seem a little out of place. It really demands serious consideration, and if not remedied, the Managers would say that many improvements which are much needed must necessarily be delayed. It is hoped that this reminder will be kindly taken, and that at the next annual meeting a more creditable statement may be presented.

During the year the Managers have been enabled to consider and revise the constitution of the congregation, and have already submitted the proposed amendments to a meeting of the congregation. At the present meeting the amended constitution as approved of at that meeting will be presented for adoption by the congregation.

The Membership has increased during the year, and the number now on the Communion Roll is 429; an increase of 25 over the previous year. Considerable difficulty is still experienced in providing pew accommodation, and if the congregation continues to increase as it has done in the past the present accommodation will be more and more inadequate.

Apart from many other considerations the increase of the Congregation necessarily causes increased labour and anxiety to our esteemed Pastor, the Managers therefore recommend to the serious consideration of the congregation the advisability of increasing his stipend.

They would also beg to recommend a further advance to Mr. Douglas for his invaluable services as leader of the choir.

ROBERT MILLS, JR., *Secretary.*