

especially note the cheerful manner in which the increased amounts have been given.

It will be seen from the Treasurer's statement, submitted with this report, that he has received from pew rents this year \$7,330.85 as against \$5,954.50 last year, an increase of 1,376.35.

At the rates at present charged, the Trustees think that the prices of sittings in the church are very reasonable.

The earnest attention of the Congregation is especially requested to the prompt payment of the pew rents early in the year. They are due in January, and it is very important that payments should be made promptly wherever it is possible. At present the Church Officer's time is largely taken up with collecting the pew rents, to the detriment of his other duties. The Board feels confident that the attention of the Congregation needs only to be directed to this to secure its being remedied at once.

The difference between revenue and expenditure has been \$2593.83 which has been supplied from the amount drawn from the Guarantee fund, during the year, viz. : \$3000.

Last year the deficiency similarly supplied was \$4,321.72, which, however, included several items of expenditure that do not properly come under the head of annual expenses, as explained in the last annual report.

The Trustees have much pleasure in drawing attention to this very considerable reduction, and in doing so, express the hope that this year even a less amount will be required. They trust that in a short time the congregation, by liberally contributing to the ordinary revenue of the Church, will make it more than sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure.

The Trustees who retire by rotation this year are Mr. John Rankin and Mr. Robert A. Ramsay, both of whom are eligible for re-election.

ANDREW ALLAN,  
*Chairman.*

MONTREAL, 11th January, 1886.