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announce it  
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are ready for

W.P.



Friday 11 Sept 1885

W. P. Dawson

My dear Sir

On Tuesday evening we had a meeting of Trustees, Elders & Managers Stanley St Church to talk matters over. We have been going behind this year and though our debt had been reduced to the very small amount of \$3000<sup>00</sup> it still seems hard as never found to meet the current expenses & interest but you indeed was said and many things were said

said with a view to  
get at the causes of our  
falling behind, Our  
congregation seems to be  
smaller in attendance  
at any rate and so many  
empty pews has a depressing  
affect on the congregation  
and must have on our  
part, certainly had  
all who came out with  
us, stuck to the church  
we should have been in  
a healthy state to day -  
they have not, and we  
seem to be growing weaker  
and weaker - Some are  
disposed to blame our  
part, the preaching  
has not been as they say  
up to the mark, service

unattractive, Mr. McCaul  
was candid enough to tell  
us some time ago at a  
Public Meeting that he had  
felt that through the effort  
to reduce the debt, and the  
time he was obliged to give  
to it, that he feared the  
public services were not  
what he would have wished  
he deserves credit for what  
he has done and I disliked  
very much to see such a  
disposition as there was to  
blame him, - whether we  
would succeed better in  
other hands is a problem  
that personally I should  
not care to see tried, if  
we cannot make a success  
of it now we had better  
consider

consider the propriety of  
winding up matters while we  
could sell out with a surplus  
rather than go on getting  
behind - Reference was  
made to yourself as being  
largely responsible for the  
existence of the Church, and  
some remarked that the  
feeling was that with you  
as a leader failure was  
out of the question, I excused  
you as best I could, circumstances  
have prevented you taking any  
very active part in the management  
Rev W. Torrance was spoken  
of and feeling expressed that  
were it possible to get him  
or one of his stamp, we might  
still take our place in the  
City and do a useful work  
We have a very large number  
who claim Church connection  
with

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us who are unable to  
help us financially, they  
are looking after and  
we seem to be doing  
general business work  
for the city - I must not  
weary you with further  
details, the business before  
us at present is to face  
a deficiency of \$500<sup>00</sup>  
and take steps to raise this  
sum - a committee was  
appointed to arrange for a  
course of lectures, could  
you arrange to give us  
a course of say five lectures  
similar to the course we  
had from you on Daniel  
in the Prophecies? they were  
well attended and I think  
netted something like \$300<sup>00</sup>



It is a good deal <sup>to ask</sup> of you  
but this is a critical  
time in our history as  
a Church, and we can-  
not afford to have it go  
abroad that the only  
distinctly Anti-Segard  
Church has been obliged  
to close. Our Pastor and  
Mr Donald proposed  
giving us a couple or  
more lectures on North West  
illustrated by live light  
views.

To meet the interest falling  
due today and which  
must be paid, we took  
up a special subscription  
assessing ourselves each  
ten dollars, your name  
was included as one  
likely to be counted in

we are behind with  
W. W. Lane's salary and  
our good city missionary  
W. W. Hood is also  
behind. If an agreement  
to pay your missionary  
subscription at the present  
time it will be very acceptable.

I have advanced W. W. Hood  
some in the meantime  
but it is hard for him to  
get along with his small  
salary - he is really doing  
an excellent work. You  
will excuse my writing  
you thus freely but knowing  
you were absent from the  
city when our meeting was  
held and that you are interested  
in this matter I have taken  
the liberty of yours faithfully  
W. D. Deyssdale

