

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE FUND FOR THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance as per last report.....	\$48 14	Ladies' Relief Committee.....	\$120 00
Collections at Communions.....	124 49	Relief to Members of Church..	30 00
Christmas—our proportion	24 37	Distributed in small sums.....	30 50
Watch-night,	26 15	For Supplies—Wine, etc	12 60
Good Friday Love Feast.....	2 30	For attendance, etc.....	5 00
		Unexpended Balance.....	27 35
	\$225 45		\$225 45

There were during the year several collections less than in the previous year and the Thanksgiving collection was devoted to another worthy object, yet the average of former years has been more than maintained. The money received at the Union Services has been divided on a more liberal basis than heretofore—our proportion being about 50% of the whole. Still so far as we are aware our poor have not been neglected, though the chronic claimants may not have fared so well. The Fall of 1900 remained open late in the season causing the demand upon the Fund to last five instead of seven months. In no case could more than transient relief be afforded, still that was greatly appreciated by the recipients. Other sums were received and applied as the donors stipulated and are not included in the statement.

The Official Board, again by resolution, conveyed to Mrs. Musgrove and the members of the Ladies' Relief Committee warm thanks for the unselfish labor and time devoted to this department of Christian work. The following excerpts from the Report of that Committee are herewith presented (1) The Committee has come in contact with much suffering and poverty, caused either through the use of liquor or as in many cases by inability to obtain work. (2) Eleven Methodist families, found to be worthy, received some assistance. In one of these, the mother and four children died within the last two years. The Church to which this family belonged was unable to give them the necessary help, so the Relief Committee supplied them occasionally with food, fuel, and at Christmas time sent a box of clothing and eatables, which brought untold blessings to the sick ones. (3) Through the winter an old lady and her deaf and dumb daughter, who are unfit for hard work, were given a whole piece of flannel to be made into underwear. This was bought from them and given to families in need of clothing. (4) Past experiences called for some better way of distributing Christmas cheer. The Conveners of the different Church Committees sent their lists to the Secretary of the Associated Charities, and each Convener selected from these lists the number and name of the families they desired to help. Overlapping was to some extent thus provided against. (5) Time will not permit to give the names of all from whom the Committee received donations, but it is all known to Him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

As in former reports the Steward conveys to all contributors on behalf of the relieved their thanks for help afforded them in sore distress.

E. D. PARLOW,

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Dominion Methodist Church, 16th May, 1901.

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