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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. DEC. 19, 1888.

FOREIGN MISSIONS AND DAYSRING.			
Balance on hand May 1st.	\$449.18		
Receipts	7453.00	7902.18	
Expenditure		9842.04	
Bal. on hand to meet \$12000.00 1st, January 1889, only			\$1060.14
HOME MISSIONS.			
Balance on hand May 1st,	\$420.20		
Receipts	3067.02	3427.22	
Expenditure		5169.16	
Present debt			\$1741.94
AUGMENTATION.			
Balance on hand May 1st,	\$599.90		
Receipts	1288.59	6688.29	
Expenditure		3717.10	
Balance on hand			\$2971.19
COLLEGE.			
Balance due May 1st,	\$234.25		
Expenditure	3967.00		
Receipts from Dividends	4742.59	\$12201.25	
Receipts from Collections &c.,	675.06	5418.25	
Present debt			\$6732.00
COLLEGE BURSARY.			
Balance due May 1st,	456.60		
Expenditure	175.00		
Receipts Dividends	88.25	\$621.60	
Receipts Collections & Donations	128.29	211.54	
Present debt			\$419.66
AG D AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.			
Receipts		1386.51	
Expenditure		1383.62	
Bal. on hand to meet \$709.00 1st, January 1889 only			\$2.89

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Quietly, noiselessly, surely the old year has gone and a new one has come.

The opportunities of the old are gone, to come no more, opportunities for doing good to self, in building up character into nobleness and gentleness and purity and truth. Every thought, every word, every deed leaves its impress upon us, and helps to shape our characters, all these so plentifully given by the old year are gone.

So with our opportunities for doing good

to our fellow men, comforting sorrow, relieving want, helping the weak, guiding the wandering, lessening the sum of human ill whether improved or not they are gone. Opportunity for service to God in these and other ways is gone to come no more.

This truth so trite and yet so easily forgotten should sink deeply into our hearts. All must confess with sorrow—We are not what we might have been.

A New Year laden with opportunity has come in. Let the aim be to profit by the failures of the past in the work of the future, and thus "make stepping stones of our dead selves to rise to higher things."

Soon the years with their opportunities will all be gone, and then comes the solemn awful truth "He that is unjust let him be unjust still, he that is righteous let him be righteous still, he that is holy let him be holy still." Our characters built during our probation here, passing from a state of change to a state of permanency.

We have just received a copy of a tract prepared and issued at the direction of Synod, by the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. It is entitled "Systematic Beneficence, its principles and methods."

Under the heading of "principles for the individual" it treats of the following subjects:

1. God's ownership and Man's Stewardship.
2. Devotion of Substance.
3. Proportionate Giving.
4. Weekly Storing.
5. Giving should be practised as an act of worship.
6. Giving profitable.
7. Bringing the offering to the House of God the Scriptural method.
8. Every one should practice Systematic Giving whether his income be little or much.

These principles are discussed under their several headings in a clear and forcible manner.