

was their painful duty on a former occasion, the removal of any of their number by the hand of death.

The members of the Court would congratulate the Congregation on the success which has attended their efforts during the past year, and would earnestly hope that during the coming year their efforts may be even more warmly seconded, to the advancement not only of the temporal but the spiritual welfare of the Congregation.

During the past year twelve meetings of the Court have been held for the transaction of business; a meeting being held on the last Monday of each month.

The different districts have, as far as possible, been regularly visited by the several Deacons. The charge of one of the districts, left vacant by death more than a year ago, has since that time been undertaken by the Deacon in the neighbouring district along with his own. Several times during the year, the Court has lost the temporary services of several of the Deacons, owing to prolonged visits in Britain, but their places have, as far as possible, been supplied by other members of the Court, and also by members of the congregation, who have kindly given their aid. It is expected that arrangements will soon be made for having all the districts fully supplied and superintended.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

The scheme adopted by the Court for increasing the contributions of the Congregation for the various schemes of the Church referred to in the First Annual Report of the Court read before the Congregation at its last Annual Meeting, has met with success.

As most of the Congregation are aware, contribution cards were issued to the members and adherents of the Church, who were asked to fill them up, according to their inclinations and means; and the Deacons, in their respective districts, received the contributions, as set out in the cards respectively, during the year, according to the donor's wish to pay the same monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly. It was not, however, until the end of May last that the present system of systematic benevolence was thoroughly organized, and in the month of June last the first payments were received

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