

\$837.98. Receipts from Pew Rents shew an increase of \$235.80 over the previous year, and plate collections \$566.80. While it is gratifying to notice the marked increase in the voluntary Sabbath offerings, it is a question to consider whether \$39.00 per Sabbath—the average for the year—could not be largely augmented. And in view of a greatly increased yearly expenditure in the future, the Deacons' Court commend this matter to the earnest consideration of the congregation.

The disbursements for the support of ordinances and the ordinary working expenses of the congregation amount this year to \$4,869.71, as against \$3,498.30 in 1877, an increase of \$1,371.41, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$605.61. As an offset against this balance, it may be stated that there remained at the end of the year, to be collected on account of Pew Rents, over \$1,200, of which \$1,000 is considered good. An earlier issue of the accounts, which will in future be made, would in all probability have left this Fund with a balance at its credit.

POOR FUND.

This Fund continues to receive the liberal support of the Congregation. The balance at the beginning of the year, \$300.20, was supplemented by the sum of \$437.54. The amount expended has been \$545.06, leaving \$192.68 in the hands of the Treasurer.

It will be seen from the amount disbursed that this Fund has been largely drawn on during the year, and it is greatly to be desired that it should never lack the means to meet any and every case that may require aid.

MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

As in the past, the collectors continue to visit their respective districts once a month; here is nothing