

REPORT.

Your Committee beg to thank the Subscribers for the support so kindly extended during the past, and again to solicit a like measure of aid for the coming year. We are gratified to observe that the total amount subscribed and paid for 1867 is just equal to that for the two years 1865 and 1866. And while we thus note this gratifying fact, we would also beg to remind all that this winter threatens to be one of more widely extended destitution than any previous one for several years, and therefore that the utmost exertions of all the agencies throughout the city will be called for and required. An increased number will be dependent on the Christian sympathy and liberality of those to whom God has given "the silver and the gold, which are His." Food, fuel, clothing, money for rent—all will be needed.

The active efforts and extended ramifications of the "Association for the Relief of the Poor" will restrict the sphere of our operations to those *special cases* which may come under the immediate and personal cognizance of the Committee or Pastor. As the field will thus be narrowed, we trust to be able to meet these cases—constantly increasing in number—in a more thorough and satisfactory manner.

Support is solicited not only in the way of money but also in the way of clothing. One of our objects is to provide suitable clothing for children desirous of attending Sunday School. Members of the Congregation who have families are therefore requested to send such garments as they can spare, to the President or Secretary, in order that the Committee may have always on hand a supply ready to be altered to suit the requirements of those who may need aid in this way. As each case will be thoroughly enquired into previous to assistance being extended, only *real* distress will receive aid.