

offer to undertake the task of providing for the interest on the church debt. Should this offer be accepted by the congregation, the Association hopes to have the whole sum required ready by the end of the year. In that event they would expect, indeed would stipulate for the anniversary collection being devoted to the reduction of the debt.

The account of the Poor Fund is subjoined, having been audited by a committee appointed for the purpose, and also submitted to the Kirk-Session. It will be seen that owing to the removal by death of former recipients, a considerable balance remains. This, by direction of the Kirk-Session, has been used in payment of arrears of seat rents in certain cases approved of. New and very deserving members have been placed on the Fund, so that the usual collections at Communion will be fully required.

The Association cannot close its report without referring to the heavy loss it has sustained through the deaths, first of Dr. Annie Dickson, who was a faithful District Visitor for many years and a zealous Talent worker, and one of the most unwearied and steadfast members in every kind of work that was undertaken. Then in the death of her venerable mother a few months after, another of the most excellent, judicious and generous of women, whose voice and presence will be ever missed, was taken from us. Also in the removal of Miss Dickson to Toronto, another District Visitor and Treasurer of the Record for many years, has left us. We mourn the loss of such a helpful and most exemplary family.

We have also to report the retirement from the office of Secretary of Miss Annie Davidson, who, in addition to her public responsible duties, for many years discharged with much ability and untiring diligence the duties belonging to this position. We are thankful for all her willing and valuable services. May she rest and return.

In the name of the Women's Home Association,

J. MACKIE, M.A.,
President.

POOR FUND.

1896.

Income.

	Balance from 1895.....	\$55 40
Feb. 25,	January Communion collection.....	50 16
April 11,	Mr. Mudie, donation.....	26 50
	21, April Communion collection.....	58 55
Dec. 28,	July & Oct. " ".....	90 18
30,	Interest	1 12
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