

## CHURCH STATEMENT.

Of course part of this is to be attributed to the great financial pressure of the year, part also is no doubt to be attributed to the method adopted this year of receiving contributions, one call only in the year having been made upon contributors. The Session would fondly hope that these form the whole account of the deficiency. But it would remind the Congregation that neither individuals nor Congregations can with impunity withhold that regard for the interests of the Divine cause in the world which consists in the giving for its support. Retrenchment here is mistaken economy. When Israel was suffering under blighted harvests and crippled means God demanded their aid to His cause and encouraged them to give it by the assurance; "Prove me now herewith and see if I will not open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing which you shall not have room to contain!" We consult most for ourselves when we consult for God. In this connection the Session is pleased to remember the work carried on by the Women's F. M. Association and hopes that it may continue to prosper.

The Session closes its report recommending itself and the whole work of Christ among us to the prayers of the Congregation, assured that our strength is at the Throne of Grace, that if we are enabled to prevail there we shall prevail in all other directions.

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REPORT OF DEACONS' COURT

In submitting the Annual Report of the Deacons' Court this year, although it is not as satisfactory as we would like it (for we have had to borrow \$25.00 from the general funds of the Church to meet balance due on stipend—a thing we have not had to do before in a long time), yet when we take into account how difficult it is to make money this season we may feel thankful that our showing is as favorable as it is, especially when we find that the amount raised for all purposes is only about \$100 short of that raised last year. Besides, we are of opinion that a considerable amount will yet be paid on account of the stipend subscription of last year. All accounts against the Church are paid and a balance left on hand of \$34.22. Of this amount there are two collections amounting to \$3 39, belonging to the Bursary Fund, \$2.50 to the Schemes of the Church, and \$10 or \$12 to go to the Assembly Fund, so that all the requirements of the Congregation have been met without any special effort being made, and a small balance left on hand.

## CHURCH SCHEMES.

In this matter we show a gain of about \$22.00 over that of last year and hope to do still better next year.

All of which is respectfully submitted in the name of the Deacons' Court by

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