

The Publishing Company lifts up the voice of thanksgiving that the denominational paper has been able to rise above its difficulties and trials, and that without debt or liability.

Thanks are again due to the Societies, Associations, the College and personal friends, for their substantial financial help, without which the results obtained would have been impossible.

Urgent appeal must again be made to the churches and brethren for a heartier and more general support, an increased subscription list, and an advertising interest on the part of those who are in business, that the paper may be sustained, enlarged, and improved.

If a few zealous workers can accomplish what has already been done—if the whole body would unite in one great effort, what a thanksgiving we might have in all our work!

THE YEAR-BOOK.

The YEAR-BOOK has continued, under the same direction and on much the same lines as in former years, to be a permanent record of the Congregational churches, as represented in the Union, the College, the various societies, and directly as churches.

The Directors would urge upon the churches the advantage of ordering copies of the YEAR-BOOK in advance of publication, so as to secure the intelligence it gives—of the state of the churches, and the work of the various societies—as new and fresh as possible. Last year, the book was ready for distribution on 6th September; the year before, on 2nd September; and for the ten previous years at an average date of 14th September. This year the Editor hopes to be ready to distribute copies on the first day of September, and the whole edition might be in the hands of the members of our churches by the middle of that month. Instead of that, last year only about one-sixth of the whole number were ordered and distributed by the end of September, the rest scattering even down to April, 1899.

The accounts of the year are herewith presented. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. SMITH,
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