

being contented with the progress, or position of themselves, or of the Church. They thank God for what is done, but they feel much has been left undone, and they know that more remains to be accomplished. They hope this review of last year's affairs will incite every one present to renewed efforts in the cause of Christ, and they pray that all, Pastor, Deacons and other members of the Church, may continually esteem it a privilege as well as a duty, to be always abounding in the work of the Lord.

DAVID HIGGINS,

Secretary to Diaconate.

REPORT BY THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On the 31st July, 1872, the following persons, members of the Church, namely: Messrs. C. Green, J. Greenfield, J. Adams, jun., H. N. Baird, R. D. Richardson, George Pim, W. J. Stibbs, and William Freeland, were appointed by the Church a Committee of Finance, to assist the Deacons during the ensuing six months, and this Joint Committee, at their first meeting, added the following persons, namely: Messrs. Samuel Davidson, William Dixon, and William Ellingsworth to their number, in order that the congregation might be represented on the Committee.

One of the first things that engaged the attention of the Committee was the subject of the weekly Sunday collections, which were not large enough to defray the current expenses of the Church. They waited upon the members of the Church and congregation, and made them acquainted with the state of affairs, and they are happy to say these friends generously responded to the appeal made to them, and increased their donations one-fourth more than they had previously given. This increase has been a welcome addition to the resources of the Church, and the Committee hope it will not only be sustained, but also still further augmented.

In order to encourage the adoption of the system of weekly offerings, the Committee procured a quantity of small envelopes, to be used every Sunday by contributors. If any persons have