

The financial statements for the year, duly audited, are hereto annexed; and the Treasurer also presents his balance sheet, showing the total receipts and payments in both branches since the formation. This latter gives at a glance the financial history of the Society, and is interesting as showing the sources of revenue, and how that revenue has been applied. It is worthy of note in this connection that the total expenses connected with the Widows' and Orphans' Branch for thirty-four years, including the costs involved in obtaining the original and amended Acts of Incorporation, show only an average of \$30 per annum.

The whole respectfully submitted.

CHAS. R. BLACK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

1866-1891—PERSONAL AND RETROSPECTIVE.

Having now completed my twenty-fifth year in office, as Secretary of this Society, it seems fitting that I should draw your attention to some matters of interest concerning the history of the Society during my somewhat lengthened term.

Placed on the Board in 1865, I accepted the secretariate in 1866, and have held it ever since. In 1878 I was appointed Acting Treasurer, and in 1879 Secretary-Treasurer, since which time the two offices have remained combined.

In 1866 the beneficiary members numbered 28—of whom 11 have since died. The capital of the Society was \$6,800, and there was one annuitant, who still lives to reap the benefit which the Society was founded to bestow. Of the Board of Directors for 1866, two only remain on the Board of to-day, viz., Mr. Charles Alexander and the writer.

To our venerable friend, Mr. Alexander, the best thanks of the Society are due for his exceptionally long service of 33 years on the Board, during 12 of which he presided as Chairman.

FOUNDED IN 1857.

The Trustees reported in 1858 a capital of.....	\$	900
" " " " 1863 " "		4,272
" " " " 1868 " "		8,255
" " " " 1873 " "		13,246
" " " " 1878 " "		18,795
" " " " 1883 " "		21,625