

was given by teachers and scholars. They were very kindly assisted by Mr. Reichling and his quartette, who rendered several very enjoyable musical selections.

FINANCES.

For some years previous to 1892, the working account of the school showed a debit balance, and papers for one year could be paid for only out of the grant for the next. In 1892, however, the Deacons' Court gave us a special vote of \$50, and increased their annual grant to \$250, and we were thus able to lay by a small surplus. But in 1895 the grant was reduced to \$200, and in spite of careful economy our running expenses have always exceeded that sum, so that the surplus is now reduced to \$13.20. With an income reduced to \$150, we must, therefore, be prepared to face a considerable deficit at the end of the current year, unless the Deacons' Court see their way clear to restore the grant to the usual amount.

LIBRARY.

It is now 15 years since the school received for the library the bequest of \$500 from the late Joseph Mackay. That sum has been gradually reduced until less than \$23 remains; and as the librarians report that a fresh supply of books is needed at once, it is to be hoped that means may be devised to add to the amount now at our disposal.

The following papers have been distributed to various classes during the year: The Children's Friend, The Children's Record, The Westminster Quarterly, The Little Dots, The British Workwoman and The Berean Leaf Cards.

THE WORK.

We cannot but believe that the faithful efforts of the teachers are being blessed by God. The truths of Bible and Catechism are earnestly impressed on young minds, and we may rest in the assurance that God's Word will not return unto Him void. Though the fruit may not now be seen, He will give the increase in His own time and way.

One of the teachers, who has been compelled to sever her connection with the school, cheered us much by her report, in which she stated that while she parted with her