

command the esteem and gratitude of the whole Congregation, are serving the Great Master Shepherd in this most important part of His blessed work.

Special and honorable reference is felt to be due to our present excellent and efficient Choir, which, under the accomplished superintendence of its respected leader, Mr. W. Free-land, is gratuitously leading the praise of God in the sanctuary. The Session notes with great pleasure that almost every member of the Choir is, by profession, a disciple of Christ, and in full communion with His church. To this fact is due, the Session believes, the usually devout and exemplary conduct of the Choir during the public worship of God.

The special aims of the Women's Foreign Mission Association are vigorously prosecuted by a small number of our Christian women. By correspondence with our devoted staff of Missionaries in India, China, and the Pacific Islands, they are quietly diffusing missionary literature, and thus extending a knowledge of the pressing claims of their heathen sisters upon the sympathy of God's people. By systematic giving, and by laboring, like the great Apostle of the Gentiles, with their own hands, they are helping to supply the F. M. Board with much-needed funds, and thus doing commendable service for Him whose last words on earth were, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The Ladies' Aid Society, under the efficient presidency of Mrs. John Elliott and her energetic staff of officers, has accomplished many good results in its special work. In many instances these ladies have welcomed and cheered the stranger, visited and refreshed the sick, fed and clothed the naked, &c., while the funds for these and other important objects have been raised in such a manner and by such methods as have given pleasure to our people, and at the same time have contributed much to the promotion of brotherly kindness and congregational sociality.

The Session hopes that steps will be taken to make the "Congregational Total Abstinence Society" a felt practical cause of good during the current year.