

figures show a gain of \$46.57 over the year 1887. While it is cause for thankfulness that we have not gone back upon our record in this connection, the Court still feels it necessary to press upon the Congregation the importance of the scheme, and to urge upon all who may not yet have fallen in with it to commence the New Year by doing so.

PEW RENTS.

The total income from this source for the year has been \$4223.19, being \$164.18 less than for the previous year. A reference to this account will show that we began the year with a balance in hand of \$960.17, while at its close there is a debit of \$783.68, thus showing that our payments have been \$1743.85 in excess of our income for the year. This is accounted for by the extraordinary outlay for repairs to roof of Church, painting, &c. of Lecture Hall, School Room, &c., referred to in last report, as well as other special demands, amounting in all to \$2500.00. It is a matter for gratification that the Court has been able to carry out these works without calling upon the congregation for help, and it is believed that the balance against the account will be covered by the income of the present year.

BUILDING FUND.

There has been carried to the credit of this fund, from the Weekly Offering account, the sum of \$1311.23 to apply in liquidation of the Church debt. In our last report reference was made to the purchase of land, adjoining the Church, on Dorchester and Crescent streets. It having been decided by the Court, with the concurrence of the Pastor, that it would not be expedient to erect a manse upon the lot acquired in Dorchester street, it was agreed to offer the lot for sale, subject to certain conditions for the protection of the Church. This action having been approved by the congregation at a recent meeting, and a purchaser having been found, the lot will be disposed of at a price which will cover its cost.

The lot on Crescent Street has been turned to account by the erecting upon it of a house for the Church Officer, the cost of which it was hoped would have been covered by