

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It is with devout gratitude to God that your Committee beg to record the success that has attended their work during the past year, in that the necessary amount has been provided to meet all obligations, and to close the year "owing no man anything."

The state of business during the year has made it more difficult for some to give their usual amounts, yet it was encouraging to the Committee when they were met with kind words, expressive of interest in the work, even where individuals found it necessary to reduce their contributions. Cheerful giving is very helpful to collectors, and it is in this spirit the Word of God commends it, saying: "Not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." It is pleasing to note that many have given special proof of this grace by sending in their contributions unsolicited early in the year, thus supplying in part the needed money for current expenses, and saving the time of the Committee. Would that many more would do likewise.

The Committee have also much pleasure in reporting a considerable number of new subscribers who were found to be friendly to the work, but unknown to the Committee till they were appealed to for its support, to which appeal they responded very willingly.

To the new subscribers as well as to the old, the Committee offer their hearty thanks, and ask for a continuation of their generous aid and interest, and invite them to visit the rooms as frequently as possible, that they may see for themselves the details of the work.

The financial report that follows will be found a favorable one considering everything, but the Committee regret that they were obliged to use the bequest received from the Executors of the Estate of the late Edward Mackay, all in one year. It was their desire to have kept it as a cash reserve to use during the early part of next year, before the collections are made, but they were reluctantly compelled to use it all.

They hope, however, that through the liberality of the friends in 1885 some surplus may be obtained as working capital.

WARDEN KING,

*Chairman.*