

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERANNUATED
MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS'
BOARD.

Another year has fled into the past, and the Brethren appointed by the Convention to administer this Fund, come before you with an account of their Stewardship. The recital will not occupy much time. The operations of the Board are confined to a narrow circle, and are not diversified by the incidents and changes which, from year to year, give variety to our Educational and Missionary work. The sameness of its yearly work impress its character on the Annual Report.

There have been no deaths among the Annuitants since last report; nor have there been any additional applications for aid. So far as now known, the number receiving help in the coming year will be the same as in the year just closed. Six old ministers, eleven widows, and six children under the age of fifteen years have been assisted to the amount of \$1,900.

It is gratifying to the Board, doubtless will be to the Convention, and a cause of great thankfulness to God, who never overlooks or forgets his servants, even in the most adverse circumstances, that the fund has been able to pay all the legitimate claims of the year. This means much to the recipients of its benefits, some of whom are dependant on what it gives for a great part of their living. It may be added, that the prospects for the coming year are not as dark as in some years of the past. Though there was a larger balance to the credit of the Board a year ago than there is at present, part of it was money for investment, which has been disposed of as intended by the donors, by carrying it to the permanent fund. Deducting from the last year's balance of \$1,701.33, the \$1,000.00 handed over to John Stark for investment, we have a somewhat larger balance with which to begin the coming year than we had to begin the last.

The whole income for the year has been \$3,832.62, made up as follows:—Balance from last year, \$1,701.33; interest on investments, \$1,102.34; from the Standard Publishing Company, \$300; Churches and Individuals, \$407.19; and members fees, \$321.76. The disbursements have been to Annuitants, \$1,900.00; to Investment Fund, \$1,000.00; expenses, \$27.90; Printing in Year Book, \$19.70; and legal expenses, \$12.20, leaving a balance with which to begin the year, of \$872.82.