

special subscriptions, making a weekly average of \$197.70. The net results for the year showing an increase of \$1,057.32 as compared with 1894. This increase is mainly due to the special contribution towards the salary of our Congregational Missionary. It is satisfactory, however, to note that the contributions by envelope and open collection show a gain of \$407.78.

In this connection we may refer to the circular issued in October last, and the Congregational Meeting held on 6th November. Following up the decision come to at that meeting, the Court has endeavored, both by appeals from the pulpit and by visitation in part, to accomplish the end in view, that is to increase the offerings by envelope to the sum of \$200 per Sabbath. The returns so far from 63 new subscribers and 153 old subscribers who have responded, show an increase of over \$2,100, that is presuming that old subscribers who have not responded to our appeal shall contribute as heretofore. Accordingly, the Court will be able to carry out the first two items of their proposal, viz., to support a congregational and foreign missionary out of the weekly offerings; and if those who are yet to be heard from respond with equal liberality to those who have already declared their purpose, there will be no difficulty in carrying out the scheme as a whole. We trust that this consideration will ensure a hearty and speedy response from all such, so that there may not only be the consolidation but also the extension of our gifts for the work of the Lord.

PEW RENTS.

The revenue from this source for the year has been \$4,424.21, showing a slight advance over 1894. The charges against this account have been slightly in excess of the receipts, which is owing to some extra expenditure.

BUILDING FUND.

The balance at debit of this fund, \$636.97, remains the same as last year. We have been disappointed in not having been able to provide for this, but the Court trusts that ere long this liability will be dealt with.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND (CHINA.)

In our last report we referred to the fact that the work of our missionary, the Rev. J. H. MacVicar, was suspended for the time being. It is with much regret we have