

sponsibility on that ground, but especially because we are opposed to spending money on anything outside of bare necessities before we have gotten it. All we wish for in this line is sufficient funds, freely given, to decently defray the expenses of the congregation, without leaving any room for a just charge of the least extravagance on the one hand, or of parsimony on the other.

As a reminder to all of us, "lest we forget," and in explanation to those newly joining the congregation, this opportunity is embraced to say that the contributions to the support of the Gospel amongst ourselves are voluntary in the best sense of the word, so no one need wait to be personally approached in this regard. Upon the Christian conscience of the congregation in its relation to Him who gave Himself for us, and to one another, is the levy made, and without doubt this is the only true method of adjusting this matter according to the principle of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in practice it has fairly well supplied the needs of the congregation in the past, and with God's blessing it will do so in the future.

The small square envelopes in which the W. O. is made, and on which contributors are requested to mark amount enclosed, along with name, are placed on table of vestibule, where each one may supply himself or be supplied by speaking to one of the ushers.

The new and repair work anticipated at our last annual meeting have, as we all know, been fully realized to the satisfaction, on the whole, it is thought, of all concerned, and to those who had charge of this work the thanks of the congregation are due. At the opening of church, after repairs were completed, the call for \$1,000 was heartily responded to by a record-breaker of \$87.26 over the mark.

Near the end of the year, when the funds, so far as appeared, were short of paying all dues that the closing year would bring forth, our anxiety, or, shall we say, guilty fears? were relieved by the receipt of \$200, the amount bequeathed to the Church by the will of the late Mrs. Jane Huston. However, the increase in the W. O. on the last two Sundays of the year, and arrears, swelled the funds to a little over the balancing point, so, as far as the ordinary expenses are concerned, apart from the special repair work, the sum above mentioned is left intact, a state of things very creditable to the congregation in consideration of the special effort that had been made. However, neither to flatter nor to boast are we inclined, but to earnestly desire humble and thankful hearts and a more abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us as a congregation.