

Report of Steward of the Fund for the Poor.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance 1st May, 1896.....	\$ 21 33
Communion Services Collec- tions.....	76 82
Collection at Thanksgiving Service	30 00
Collection on Christmas morning.....	33 26
Union Love Feast—Good Friday—Our proportion of collection	2 37
	\$ 163 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Relief Com, Ladies' Aid.	\$ 75 00
Church Visitor	4 40
Pastor and Steward	22 50
Pastor	16 50
Steward	12 40
Supplies for Communion, etc	11 50
Balance 1st May, 1897...	21 48
	\$ 163 78

In the early part of the year collections were small, but since January they have improved, reaching nearly the amount received the previous year. Special collections at Christmas and Thanksgiving remain about the same, both marking the liberality of the congregation. Only a few of the members contribute at the Communion Services, still we have had money ample for our needs. The family that has received the largest sum for the past two years is now broken up; the father dead, the two little children in the Orphans' Home and the mother supports herself. It was a matter of consolation that the last hours of the parents together were comforted from this fund. A young man, the victim of drink, was relieved in his distress and sent home to his parents, a respectable Methodist family. The relief afforded to some others tided them over a period of real want. There are about a dozen applicants who have no claim upon the fund from which they receive but a small grant, though they seem content in being thus slightly recognized. The generosity of the church is thus not wasted, as at Christmas especially the distributors were able to send luxuries to some who appreciate such kindness. Psalm 24, 1.

E. D. PARLOW,

Steward.

Audited and found correct,

J. B. SAUNDERS,

Pastor.

Board Room, May 17th, 1897.

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