

DEACONS' REPORT.

"Let us thank God and take courage" might well be our motto at this thirteenth annual re-union of our members. If called upon to give an account of their stewardship the diaconate body would have little to present of the nature of aggressive work done during the past year. They have held monthly meetings, and discussed together with the pastor matters looking to the church's welfare, and have found their greatest pleasure in welcoming for conference those wishing to enrol themselves as members of the church on profession of faith in His name. How far the frequency of these occasions is a measure of our faith—and works—is a question we might perhaps as a church, consider with profit.

In looking back over the year the feature that stands out in greatest prominence is the activity displayed by the young people of the church. The Mite Society has collected \$75.00 for missions, and also for the same object \$100.00 was gathered from a hundred persons who gave one cent per day for one hundred days. This emphasizes the value of little things in a delightfully practical way.

The Young People's Union have met regularly on Friday evenings, and a goodly number have taken the Sacred Literature Course, in which our pastor has taken a special interest, he having had charge of this department. The Union devotes a monthly collection for the disposal of the Sick Visiting Committee, who purchase flowers and delicacies for the sick.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle has been more than usually vigorous the past year. Besides sewing for the sufferers by the Windsor fire they have done much to relieve the wants of the needy at home. Besides the time devoted to sewing, the membership fees and subscriptions have been devoted to the purchase of material—a generosity that calls for recognition, and which must bring its own reward.

The Visiting Committee of sisters has continued to do good work during the year. Many good things are begun, and run awhile, then discontinued. Such is human nature, even in Christian enterprises; but this feature of Church work is maintained with a constancy that is refreshing to the pastor and satisfactory to all. Let us hope, however, that the visiting of the sick and aged will not be left to these sisters. Let us not seek to do our duty by proxy.

The poor fund of the church is in a healthy condition. The amount subscribed each month has met the requirements as judged by the deacons, to whom has been assigned this work. But if during this cold season it is found that a larger sum than usual is necessary, we