

To the ladies who have distributed *The Monthly Record* and gathered the contributions to the schemes of the Church, the thanks of the congregation are due.

By last statement the balance on hand of the Session Fund for the relief of the poor was \$12.22. During the year \$4.00 have been paid out, leaving a balance of \$8.22.

And now, brethren, let us at the beginning of this new year, renew our consecration to God, and by earnest prayer and faithful persevering effort ; seek by His grace to reach a higher plane of Christian living, and a fuller blessing on all our work. We have great promises, and therefore should have great expectations. Our hope in God should inspire us with confidence and courage, whereby we shall be able to fulfil the duty of every passing moment, and stand ready for all the services and sacrifices that await us in the future, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ," and amid all the influences from within and without that tend to draw us away from the "simplicity that is in Christ and the faith of the Gospel, and to paralyze the nerves of Christian activity." "Be ye, steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

F. W. FARRIES, *Moderator.*

JOHN DURIE, *Session Clerk.*