

MANAGERS' REPORT.

There has been little really new in the temporals of the Congregation during 1900, yet, for all that, the review you will find to be decidedly gratifying. However, there is one unique feature in the retrospect, by way of spice, that is, its view point, from the portal of a new century, where none of us ever before stood, nor will we likely ever again stand, on this side of the Grand Boundary Line. Father Time has landed us on the shore of the Twentieth Century, where, probably, there will be giants to conquer, as well as milk and honey to enjoy. Congregationally, we enjoy a fair share of the things represented by the latter figure, whilst the former, in their temporal aspect, are not worthy of the title, being below, rather than above, the average size.

Those of us who are sufficiently interested in the affairs of the Congregation as to attend its Annual Meeting, or even to peruse its printed Reports, will know that we commenced the home run of the late century handicapped by a deficit of about \$100. It was greater at the time of our last Annual Meeting, but the arrears brought it down to something less than a hundred, waiving some minor claims that were for the time left in abeyance to the then present emergency.

Besides keeping abreast of current expenses, we have, by one or two timely spurts, been enabled to overtake and pass a little bit at the very close, the deficit of a year ago. Placing arrears to the year to which they belong, the contributions of 1900 exceed those of the previous year by fully \$300. We feel like returning thanks all round, but surely it becomes us to especially acknowledge the hand of our Provident Father in Heaven. All this does not for a moment mean relaxation, but, rather, that more energy be put into the regular contribution pace, so that special efforts may not be necessary. Our authority for such figures of speech is too high to require an apology.

While we speak in this Report from a financial point of view, it will scarcely be thought by anyone to be in a mercenary spirit. Accordingly, we may say that the Congregation lost several good friends about the beginning of the year, and, on the other hand, new names have appeared on the Weekly Envelope from time to time through the year, and at the same time an increase in open collections has been effected.

Open doors, Open pews, and Offerings by Open Hearts, Orderly received and disbursed, has been our motto.

Let Love and Loyalty to Jesus Christ, our King and Priest, and to one another, be our rallying word and inspiration, and the finances will, no doubt, rise to the occasion as it presents itself.

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

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