

MISSION SCHEMES REPORT.

A brief statement of results of the work of the Missionary Ladies is mainly all I propose to submit on this occasion.

At the outset I may say that in this part of the Church work we have no occasion to use the despondent tone which appears in some other reports. The work has been diligently and faithfully prosecuted during the year. Every section of the congregation has been well kept in hand, and the result is that members and adherents in larger numbers than usual are creditably represented in the table of contributors.

Last year we reported an advance in the amount of contributions over previous years. The amount acknowledged then was \$565.90. Of this amount the ladies collected \$554.90, and two anonymous donations of \$11.00 make up the total. Subsequent to this Mr. Wardrope paid proceeds of collection by the congregation, \$50.25, and later a contribution of \$5.00 was received which, added to this account, makes the grand total for last year of \$621.15, distributed as per appendix.

The amount of receipts for this year is \$582.35; \$27.45 more than received from the same source last year, and \$16.45 more than same receipts with donations added.

We regard this as an earnest of the sums we shall have to acknowledge in coming years. Donations for this year have not yet come to hand, but we hope to have to acknowledge such at an early date. This is more to be desired as we wish to avoid asking the congregation for special collections in future, if possible. The Session hopes to be in a position in future to contribute an equal amount to the Foreign as to the Home Mission Work.

Until then this congregation will not occupy the position which it ought in the great work laid to the charge of the Christian Church of to-day. The Foreign Mission Scheme, which is usually made the great lever to move people to contribute, and which in some places is regarded as a test question of the vitality of a congregation, we have not in the past been able to encourage financially to the extent we would wish.

But thenceforth we would seek more to heed the Master's injunction to "preach the gospel to every creature." And also to remember that while the disciples continued to contravene this injunction, and confine the preaching of the Gospel to the Jews only, the cause had