



# Non- Conformist News

*Trowbridge*

## *The Friend In Need Society*

The annual sermons on behalf of this Society were preached at the Tabernacle on Sunday, by the Rev. T. Mann, who before delivering his morning discourse, gave the report for the past year. From it we gather that the society was established in connection with the body in 1815, and its object was the visiting and relieving of the necessitous poor of any denomination. No case had been brought before the society but had been relived. Last year the annual collections amounted to £11 7s 0½d., and including £9 10s 2d. collected by Miss Chapman, the total income was £31 8s 11½d. The expenditure was rather above the income, and the Rev. Gentleman earnestly appealed for greater help to carry on the work of the society. In the evening Mr. Mann again referred to the report, and recommended all those who were not subscribers to become so. He mentioned that there were 19 male and 14 female workers employed in visiting from time to time, and their town missionary took an active part in connection with the society. In addition to the visits and small donations given to the sick, the society had a stock of loan blankets for those people who needed them in the winter time, and distributed coals to help warm them in cold weather, so they saw that the society was for the benefit of the town, and not confined to the Tabernacle congregation, but wherever there was a case of necessity the Friend in Need society was not backward in giving help. The collections of the day amounted to a very gratifying sum. **19th January 1888**

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