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While the Theological Fund is balanced, there is on hand—

In the Mission Fund .....	\$ 688 76½
In the Synod Fund .....	116 64
In the Foreign Fund .....	799 50

In all the Funds a general balance of..... 1599 90½

And also a balance in the Fund for aiding students of ..... 274 70

All which is respectfully submitted.

## PUBLIC MEETING ON MISSIONS.

The Synod assembled on Friday evening in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James street, Montreal, to hold a public meeting on Missions. Besides the members of Synod, there was a large attendance of general public, although not quite so large as at the Union meeting in the same place on the previous evening.

Rev. Dr. Taylor, the Moderator of the Synod, took the chair shortly after seven o'clock, and opened the meeting with praise and reading the Word. Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Wardrope, of Ottawa.

The Moderator briefly addressed the meeting. He said—*last evening we met in an ecclesiastical capacity. This evening we meet as Christians, to stir up one another's hearts and encourage one another's minds in the missionary work. The addresses to be delivered this evening will be devoted almost exclusively to the great subject of Christian missions—missions at home and abroad—a subject in which this whole audience, I doubt not, takes a deep interest. I shall only say that as the Canada Presbyterian Church, lately formed, now occupies a position, in respect of numbers and influence, such as was never occupied by a Presbyterian Church in this Province before, it seems to me that is the duty of that Church to enquire if the time has not come when she should have her own foreign missions in heathen parts. Let me hope that the addresses which will be presented to us this evening will conduce greatly to this important object.*

Rev. James Skinner then delivered an address on "A Revival of the Church a means of converting the world." He said the Church of the Living God was a living body, united with Christ, her living head. But although this was her proper character and condition, she had sometimes degenerated and become dead, and then nothing but her union to Christ, her living Head, could have preserved her from perishing. Her Lord, however, was gracious, and in times of saddest declension had his living ones in the Church, and often had revived her by His gracious Word. And when He thus revives them, He excites in their breasts an ardent wish to be engaged in the performance of Christian duty. It is then that, as in Apostolic times, men are prepared by His grace to go forth preaching the Word, and it is in this way that He raises up His servants for distant and difficult positions, leading many to vie for the high honour of carrying the gospel tidings of great joy to distant nations. When a revived church thus contemplates the work to be accomplished, she perceives her duty. She owns that God can work without her if He pleases, but the Word plainly testifies that he designs to put honour on her by providing that through her instrumentality He shall convert the world. One of the things which would then come before the eyes of a revived church would be the greatness of the enterprise. Was it the welfare of a single family that was concerned—the welfare of a single congregation, of a single church, or even of a single nation? No. The whole earth, the whole habitable world was the field of the enterprise. And what could be compared with the greatness, the glorious magnitude of this great work—the work of endeavouring to turn all men to the Lord? Another thing that would come before the eyes of a revived Church would be the desirableness of the work. We are a rebel race. The world is a province in rebellion. The kings and princes of the earth have combined against the Lord and His Anointed, to cut His cords and cast away His bands. But the Lord holds them in derision, until, after his judgments are made manifest, He shall