

stay. This is what Government says: "If they can't get a living here, let them go!" and yet it is very difficult for many to get away, with nothing to depend on; utterly ignorant of other countries. I fear that removal would be worse than staying, if anything. At the suggestion of Capt. Tetu, who has taken the place of Admiral Fortin in superintending the fisheries on the coast, I sent a petition, signed by a number of the people, to the Hon. David Price, member for Saguenay district, stating the circumstances of the people, and asking assistance. It was sent rather late, and yet it may do some good. If the Government does not see fit to make any appropriation for relief to the people, I know not what will become of them."

Upon these and other representations to the government, a vote of funds was made to obtain what was supposed to be necessary for relief of the people during the present winter. This responsibility was distinctly put upon the Government, and recognized by it, and we believe and trust that owing to its action, there will not, during the present winter, be any actual want.

FUNDS.

Under this head it needs to be plainly stated that the Mission, owing to inadequate support, is in debt, to the amount of nearly one thousand dollars. Most of this is for loans from members of the Committee and for salaries of Missionaries. Yet it is a very inexpensively conducted Mission, as its accounts testify, and examination of the accounts with this view the Committee very much desire.

The general account to date stands thus:—

1867.	
Oct. 28, Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$31 70
By Mary Kellie, Vankleek Hill,	3 00
" Golden Chain Missionary Society, Female Seminary.	2 00
" Victoria Mission Sabbath School, per J. McIntosh....	6 08
" Loan, J. R.	250 00

1867.	\$292 78
Dec. Paid accounts for fall supplies.....	\$253 87

" 16, Balance in Treasurer's hands..... \$38 91

Apart from the larger contributions of one or two friends, there was contributed in Montreal for 1865, \$262; in 1866, \$379; in 1867, \$307.

Contributions from the United States have also fallen off during the same years, we very much regret to have to say.

Now, it is in the hope of inducing more liberal support of the Mission, that larger and wider publication of its work is now given by means of this present report.