

STATE OF THE FUNDS, EAST.

At the close of accounts, on the first of April, the Funds of the Church, East, stood as follows:—

	Receipts.	Expen.	In Fund.	In Debt.
Foreign.....	\$27,443	\$27,756	\$4,541
Home.....	14,245	12,635	\$ 12
Augmentation.....	9,508	9,479	3,551
College.....	10,336	8,720	611
Bursary.....	1,161	578	3
Aged Ministers.....	3,871	4,094	212

Comparative Statement of Receipts.

	1896-97.	1897-98.
Foreign.....	\$28,008 70	\$27,443 82
Home.....	15,094 09	14,245 38
Augmntn.....	9,858 22	9,508 42
College.....	11,218 97	10,336 66
Bursary.....	1,181 43	1,101 67
Aged Min.....	4,223 17	3,871 58
Korean.....	215 50	2,945 90
Total.....	\$69,800 68	\$66,453 43

Home Mission receipts include for the N. W. in 1896-97 \$2,184.00, and in 1897-98 \$2,390.89.

Payments on College account cover only nine months of professors' salaries, or from July 1st to March 31st. Had a year's payments been made the fund would have shown a debt of \$1,775.55.

STATE OF THE FUNDS, WEST.

All the funds but one close the year free of debt. The Home, Augmentation, French, Foreign, Knox College, Pres. Coll., Montreal, W. & O., and Assembly Funds have their balances less or more on the right side. For means and will to do this let the Church give thanks.

One fund only, that of the Worn and Weary Reapers, the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, has its balance on the wrong side. It began the year with a debt of \$1,763, which grew larger by \$1,300 during the year.

Two of our Colleges, Knox and Montreal, had their closings on the 3th and 7th of April. The graduating class of the latter numbered fifteen and the former twenty-six; forty-one, from these two, added to the ministry of the church.

With the outgoing of students from other colleges, the Manitoba men who have been holding the fort during the winter in the Home Mission Field, have been relieved, and have returned to their studies. The summer session, Theological Department, of Manitoba College, opened on the 29th of March. Principal King and Prof. Baird will

be assisted this summer by Professors Falconer of Halifax, and Ross of Montreal.

"I have a reversible sleigh, sleigh on one side, toboggan on the other," writes Rev. J. Pringle, our missionary appointed to Glenora, "and when I am in my harness will be able to draw my stuff with considerable ease. I shall, with others, start afoot from Wrangel, if it is possible to proceed at all, and I may be a month on the ice between Wrangel and Glenora."

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, of Spencerville, Ont., has been appointed our fourth missionary to the gold seekers of the far North West. He will proceed to Skaguay and relieve Mr. Dickey, who will push on farther into the interior and will probably be located at the headquarters of life and government in the Klondike region. Our four men now in the field, are, in the order of their appointment, R. M. Dickey, A. S. Grant, J. Pringle, J. A. Sinclair.

The Presbyterian women of Toronto have organized to send to the Klondike, to work with our missionaries there, some devoted Christian women who have had special training as nurses, and they have sent out an appeal to the Church for help in this work. The Victorian Order is also sending some nurses, but as that order embraces all, of whatever creed, its aim is purely humanitarian, its rule not permitting the nurses, we are informed, even to read the Bible or pray at the sick bed. While there will be room for all the skill and tender help that can find its way to that wild, rough life, the good women of Toronto feel that they would like their share of such Christly ministry, to have, like Christ's own work, its help and healing for body and soul. The wives and mothers who have sons and husbands there will be glad to have it so.

LETTER FROM SKAGUAY.

Rev. R. M. Dickey, writing from Skaguay to Rev. C. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg, under date 15 March, says:

"There has been a good deal of sickness, chiefly a nervous trouble, caused by excitement, exposure, and want of proper nourishment and care. The poor fellows who get it