

Presbyterian Record.

State of the Funds. The congregational contributions to the principal funds of the Church, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, is as follows :

WESTERN SECTION.

Received to - - -	Feb. 10, '93.	Feb. 10, '94.
Home Mission Fund.....	\$31,821	\$28,199
Augmentation Fund.....	11,410	10,213
Foreign Mission Fund....	40,971	29,544
W. & O. Fund.....	3,532	2,450
A. & I. M. Fund.....	5,065	3,883

EASTERN SECTION.

Received to - - -	Feb. 1st, '93.	Feb. 1st, '94.
Foreign Mission Fund...	\$16,649	\$20,840
Home Mission Fund.....	5,531	6,343
Augmentation Fund.....	2,426	2,702
College Fund.....	11,435	6,372
A. & I. Min. Fund.....	2,575	2,288

EAST AND WEST.

Received to - - -	Feb. 10, '93.	Feb. 10, '94.
Assembly Fund.....	\$ 2,545	\$ 1,709
French Evangelization..	13,445	12,663
Pt. aux Trembles schools.	6,361	5,375

In the above statement note two points with regard to the *Eastern* section of the Church :

1. The amount given for Aged Ministers' Fund, Eastern Section, includes ministers' rates as well as congregational gifts.

2. The increase in Foreign Mission receipts for 1894 is owing to the special gifts of \$5,712 for removal of the debt.

Intolerance in Ireland. Now from Quebec, again from Portugal or Mexico, or some other Papal country, comes news of religious intolerance. The latest is from the City of Cork in Ireland. A street preaching service had been intimated by a minister and some helpers. A crowd had gathered, and when they came out, hustled and nooted them along the street, pelting them with foul mud and fouler epithets until they reached a place where they had purposed having service. Here the police interfered, not to protect, but to prevent, and marched them back over the same route, the crowd still hustling and pelting them without hindrance. From this place two young men attempted to escape by a rear door, but they were seen, pursued, and one of them nearly killed.

Utah Again. After a bitter fight through long years the polygamy of Mormonism was put under the ban of the law, and the Christian people of Utah began to hope for better days, while the nation felt that a national stain had been wiped away. But Utah is no longer a territory ruled from Washington. It has been admitted as one of the "States" of the union, with the right to make its own state laws, and it is feared by many that Mormonism may again become aggressive and polygamy once more be made lawful.

Irreligion in France. The startling statement is made on the authority of Father Hyacinthe, that of the thirty-six millions of people in France, not more than six millions, or one-sixth of the whole, can be spoken of as having any real connection with the church, *i.e.*, the Church of Rome. As there are, comparatively speaking, but few Protestants, this means that France is about wholly religionless, Godless. It is pleasing to learn that a new daily paper, to be conducted on Protestant lines, has been started in France, and it is hoped that it may find a constituency even among well disposed Roman Catholics.

At Tiberias. The Free Church of Scotland nas opened a new hospital in connection with their mission at Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Gallilee. Centuries ago Jesus taught and healed along its shores, and now His followers, in His name, are doing the same blessed work. For a time it was expected that our own missionary, Dr. Webster, would settle in Tiberias and that the mission would be carried on jointly between our own Church and the Free Church, but this has been found to be inexpedient, and it is probable that Dr. Webster will settle at Haifa, on the Mediterranean, at the base of Mt. Carmel.

Robert Louis Stevenson, the well known writer, says: "I had conceived a great prejudice against missions in the South Sea, and I had no sooner come there than that prejudice was at first reduced, and at last annihilated. Those who deblatterate against missions have only one thing to do—to come and see them on the spot."