

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.



THE Directors in presenting the Forty-first Annual Report of the Society, have to report the usual steady increase in the accumulated funds, with no special features to report. At the last Union meetings in Kingston we lost the usual Communion Service Collection. Through a misunderstanding it was not taken up.

In the Widows' and Orphans' Branch we have the same annuitants with the exception of Mrs. Peacock's child, who reached the age limit last quarter day, and we have had no applicants as beneficiaries.

Last year 14 churches contributed \$69.95 to this Branch. This year 10 churches have contributed \$71.59.

The surplus this year is \$783.16 to be added to capital account.

As this is the year for revising the annuities, your Directors would ask authority to increase the amounts paid widows, if on consulting an Insurance Actuary it is considered wise to do so.

In the Retiring Ministers' Branch we have had one more annuitant this year than last, and the Rev. S. Sykes, of Keswick Ridge, who is now seventy years of age, has applied to be put on the list of annuitants, and his request has been agreed to, to date from 1st of August next. Rev. Mr. Scholfield whose application to be received as a beneficiary last year was accepted, has been confirmed by the Directors.

Last year 13 churches contributed \$59.36. This year 13 churches contributed \$80.65.

There is a surplus this year of \$379.29 to carry to Capital account, but \$189 of this is arrears of interest due during the previous year and a half.

With the addition of Rev. Mr. Sykes to the Annuitants there will be very little surplus at the end of the year. Consequently we cannot ask to increase the R. M. B. annuities, but would recommend the churches to consider the advisability of devoting more and increased subscriptions to this Branch than

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