

STATE OF THE FUNDS. OCT. 1, 1886.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
Receipts to Oct. 1st, 1886		\$4091.07
Balance due Treas. May 1st, 1886	\$ 710.04	
Expenditure to Oct. 1st,	4803.01	5613.25
Balance due Treas. Oct. 1st, 1886		\$1522.16
DAYSRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.		
Receipts to Oct. 1st, 1886		\$ 225.80
Balance due Treas. May 1st 1886	\$1310.50	
Expenditure to Oct. 1st,	1214.05	2525.24
Balance due Treasurer Oct. 1st 1886		\$2209.35
HOME MISSIONS.		
Receipts to Oct. 1st, 1886		\$1495.58
Expenditure " " "		1635.38
Balance due Treasurer Oct. 1st 1886		\$ 30.50
AUGMENTATION FUND.		
Balance on hand May 1st 1886	\$4740.70	
Receipts to Oct. 1st,	400.40	5201.10
Expenditure " " "		1250.02
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1886		\$3044.57
COLLEGE.		
Receipts to Oct. 1st, 1886		\$3006.05
Balance due Treas. May 1st, 1886	\$7447.08	
Expenditure to Oct. 1st, 1886	4341.61	11788.50
Balance due Treasurer Oct. 1st, 1886		\$8002.64
COLLEGE NURSARY.		
Receipts to Oct. 1st, 1886		\$ 57.75
Balance due Treas. May 1st, 1886		300.47
Balance due Treas. Oct. 1st, 1886		\$ 302.72
AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.		
Balance on hand May 1st, 1886	\$ 713.02	
Receipts to Oct. 1st, 1886	272.51	080.43
Expenditure to " " "		912.53
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1886		\$ 73.00
RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.		
Foreign Missions		\$1114.15
"Dayspring" and Mission Schools		61.00
Home Missions		259.10
Augmentation Fund		63.00
Colleges		413.15
Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund		50.00
French Evangelization		147.00
		\$2112.40

ROBBING GOD.

(Mal. iii. 8.)

"Ye have robbed me" is a terrible charge for God to lay against his children, on whom he has lavished his bounties and bestowed the offer of everlasting life. It is said that the late noble philanthropist, Lord Shaftesbury, was once robbed of his watch. He advertised it and offered a reward. At his door a bag was found containing the thief with the watch suspended around his neck. Even the thieves of London regarded it as such an outrage to rob so generous a friend of the outcasts as Shaftesbury that they "bagged" their own fellow-souldier and handed him and his plunder over to their benefactor.—Cuyler.

Last year, with all the efforts that were made in behalf of the Foreign Missions of our Church, the expenditure exceeded the income by several thousand dollars, the deficit being chiefly, not wholly, in the Western Section, in consequence of its rapidly extending work. This year, to meet the demands of even the same work that was done last year, larger contributions will be required. But the same amount will not be enough. In addition there is the unavoidable expansion of the work, involving additional expenditure. Just as the farmer, reducing one by one his older fields to cultivation, makes new encroachments on the surrounding forest, so the missionary in his work finds his sphere enlarging. He visits neighboring villages to tell them of a Saviour. They listen and wish to learn. He must give them a teacher. This involves additional expenditure; for a school house must be built and a teacher must have something to live upon. To refuse them the Gospel is almost impossible, and yet it means increased cost, which, if met at all, must be met by the Church at Home. We must not only do the same work that we did last year but we must increase our giving to meet the inevitable increase in that work.

Our missionaries in India have been able to prosecute their work with much greater freedom since Lord Dufferin was appointed Viceroy. The petty persecutions and hindrances of native rulers which were winked at under a former regime have been stopped. Lady Dufferin too, though not a missionary in name, is one in heart. Like a true woman she has been touched by the woes of India's female millions and is doing what she can to alleviate them. True they are doing nought but their duty, but it is not too much to say that few missionaries are doing as much for India no matter how zealously they may labor, simply because their high rank and great influence gives them a power not of changing hearts but of removing obstacles and giving countenance to the work. What a responsibility rests upon those in high places, to use that place and power for God and for good.