

TOTAL.	
Zenana Work	\$1035 00
Aklidu	370 00
Cocanada	780 00
Seminary	360 00
Tuni	165 00
Half Miss Frith's Salary	150 00
	\$3440 00
	150 00
	\$3590 00

I am sorry to state that although fifteen new Circles have reported, the old ones have not done proportionately well. Instead of increasing their gifts every year with our increasing responsibilities and opportunities for work in India, a large number have sent less than last year, and some have not reported, so that the total receipts from Circles does not come up to last year.

I fear that this is in some measure due to the reports that have been circulated by those who were misinformed to the effect that our Society hoarded its money, drawing interest, when other societies are in need. Now, this is entirely a false impression, made, no doubt, by the fact that we close each year with a considerable balance on hand. I would like to say a word for the benefit of those who think we carry forward too large a balance; \$1,000 does seem like a great deal of money to have on hand, but over \$1,000 has come into my hands the last month or six weeks. For two or three months after the annual meeting the receipts are comparatively small. Our payments must be made nevertheless, and during the next quarter about \$1,600 will be sent to India to meet our present obligations; this does not include other expenses or any special gift that may be made by your new Board.

If we had no balance, or a very small one, we would not have enough money to do what has already been undertaken, and therefore your Board would not be in a position to undertake extra work, or make any special donations to the General Society, as we have always done with what was over and above our actual needs. I hope the effect of our meeting together will be to banish any false ideas, and that every Circle may feel the influence, so that at the close of another year the increase may be twofold.

MRS. JESSIE L. ELLIOTT.

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W. B. F. M. Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Treasurer's Report for Year ending Oct. 8, 1888.

INCOME.	
Balance from October 8th, 1887	\$ 348 85
Interest on Banking Account	\$ 2 19
Receipts.—From Mr. Shenston—Difference between salary paid and furlough money of returned Mis- sionary	75 00
Montreal, Olivet Circle	115 05
First Baptist	92 10
Ottawa (including \$17 from Cheerful Gleaners)	92 00
Osgoode	67 10
Clarence (including \$15.54 M. B.)	40 79
Coaticook	40 29
Brockville	82 00
Rockland	82 00
Perth	27 00
Dominionville	29 00
Daleville	22 00
Cornwall	25 00
Magog (including \$4 from a friend)	24 00
Lachute	22 40
Hull	23 25
Westport	21 25
Morrisburg	30 54
Barston (including \$4 from Freddy, Ernest, Harry and Willie)	20 00
West Winchester	16 91
Abbott's Corners	16 00
Dixville	15 05
Hingston	14 00
South Gower	15 00
Maxville	14 10
Farmerville	14 00
Almonte	14 00

Eaton	\$11 00
Thurso	10 50
Kenmore	10 00
Onabruk	10 00
Charlemagne (including \$7 for special deficit)	10 00
Coaticook and Dixville Association, Collection at Ladies' Meeting	0 40
Kemptville	7 50
Bawryville	7 25
Phillipville	7 00
Riceville	7 00
Beebe Plain	0 00
Boxboro'	5 00
Papineauville	4 45
St. Andrews	4 00
Delta	3 55
Hawkesbury	3 00
Vankleek Hill	3 00
Roxton Pond	1 21
	1051 03
	\$1599 88

EXPENDITURE

To T. S. Shenston, Esq.	
General Society	\$250 00
Miss Simpson's passage money	250 00
Aklidu	250 00
Sambrocks	150 00
Tuni	80 00
Miss Frith	75 00
	\$1055 00
Share of cost of publication of "Year Book"	6 00
Miss Frith's expenses from W. Winchester to Thurso and Coaticook Association	15 00
Expenses at Home for Drafts and Postage	19 80
	1086 80
Cash in hand	318 08
	\$1399 88

Respectfully submitted, MARY A. SMITH, TREASURER

Audited and found correct,
(Sgd) L. H. PACKARD, J. A. BARNARD, AUDITORS

October 20th, 1888.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

A Birthday Offering.

He held in his dimpled, chubby hand
A gift he had brought for the "Mission Band,"
"A birf-day offering," so he said,
As he archly turned his curly head:
"I wubbed and wubbed it to shine like gold,
For my little sister, one year old
I felt like givin' some great thing away,
For baby, she's one year old to-day."
Then, with the air of a fortune spent,
He laid it down—one bright, copper cent.

He seemed so intent, I readily sought
To make him express the earnest thought
And asked, "Does it seem to be somewhat bold
To pass off a cent for a piece of gold?"

Like sudden shadow on silver tile,
The bright look changed, as he quick replied,
"I didn't once 'tend like it was so;
It was honest and fair, and Dod will know
Why I wanted to make it shining bright,
And fit to do something good in His sight;
He knows all about my empty tin bank,
And He will not laugh at a child's penny-thank."

He was silent a moment, then whispered low,
"Dod does whatever He pleases, I know;
Perhaps my cent in His hand He will hold,
And His fingers will turn the copper to gold."

—FAITH LATIMER in *Congregationalist*.