

for that purpose. The Committee placed the whole matter, with letters, etc., in the possession of the President of the Wesleyan Conference, but cannot report what action that Officer has taken in the case.

7. The Secretary has, under the direction of the Committee, visited several Missions during the year; and they consider these visits have not been in vain. Were it possible, the Committee are of opinion that such visits more frequently made would be productive of great good: indeed, the looseness with which business is conducted on some of the Missions, makes the Committee consider these visits more than desirable—absolutely necessary.

8. Several Missions have applied to the Committee for assistance, either to build parsonages, or reduce the debts existing on some which have been erected; but in no case could these applications be granted. To appropriate any money would have been to take it from the grants, and this the Committee did not feel warranted to do, as they consider the grants should in all cases be paid in full, if at all possible.

WM. ROWE, Secretary.

Report of the Finance Committee.

Your Committee have carefully examined the state of our different Connexional Funds, and, with two exceptions, find them to be in a healthy state; the exceptions referred to are the Mission Fund and the Journal Fund. The Mission Fund reports a decrease of \$150 00. This is very much to be regretted, because it is from this fund the grants are made to Mission Stations; and when there is a decrease in this fund, the grants must necessarily be less. The Journal Fund accounts show a balance against it, in consequence of subscribers failing to pay their dues. The accounts of the Book-Room, submitted by Brother Rowe, are satisfactory, and show the Book-Room to be doing a good business. The following recommendations, touching our different funds, are presented for your consideration and adoption:—

1. That the salary of the salesman in the Book Room be \$312 00 for the next year, and that no percentage on sales be allowed.
2. That the percentage on sales, so far as the Book Steward is concerned, be also discontinued, and that his salary for the future be \$550 00.
3. That the Book-Room pay, from its profits, \$25 00 next year to the Children's Fund.
4. That all the Preachers who are indebted to the Book Room be required to pay their debts, according to rule.
5. That all those Stations which have not paid their apportionments to the indebtedness of the late Institute, be required to do so at once.
6. That to meet the increasing demands of the Children's Fund, there be an increase of assessments on the Circuits of \$4 00; on Branches and Missions \$2 00.