

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

I.

Monthly subscriptions are made by the Church and Congregation for the support of the following objects : The Canada Congregational Missionary Society ; the Congregational College ; the Provident Fund Society ; the Congregational Union ; Foreign Missions ; the Church Visitor's Fund ; the Sunday School, and the Ladies' Aid Society.

II.

The monthly subscriptions go into a general fund entrusted to a Secretary-Treasurer, out of which fund annual appropriations are made for the above objects in proportion to their claims and our resources.

III.

As this scheme embraces the above objects, which list may be altered from time to time, as revision requires, no other collections are made for the same purposes.

IV.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund presents a report to the Church, from time to time as required, and a general report at the annual meeting of the Church and congregation.

V.

This scheme does not include such Societies as have special collecting agencies of their own, as the French Canadian and Indian Missions, the City Charities, &c. ; neither does it prevent the Church from entering upon any other financial enterprise, either by special collections or subscriptions, save with regard to the objects mentioned in section I.

VI.

In order to secure the efficient working of this plan, the following arrangements are adopted :—

1. The City is divided into ten or more districts, according to the places of business or residence of the members of the congregation.
2. A gentleman is appointed to canvass in, and take charge of each district, and his duty is to see the members of the congregation therein residing, and ascertain what each will subscribe monthly for these objects, such visit to be renewed at least once a year.
3. A lady is appointed to each district to act as collector therein, who calls upon the subscribers every month for the amounts promised.
4. The sums collected are paid in by the collectors to the Secretary-Treasurer on the Wednesday evening preceding the first Sunday of every month, he being present in the vestry to receive the same.
5. The members of the Church Committee have a general oversight of this department of Church work.