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STATE OF THE FUNDS, NOV. 1st, 1885.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Receipts	\$2808 58
Expenditure	4363 45
Bal. Due Treas.	\$1554 87

DAYSPRING, AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

Receipts	\$1217 63
Expenditure	3361 32
Bal. due Treas.	\$2143 69

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts	\$1671 90
Expenditure	1656 63
Bal. on hand	\$15 27

AUGMENTATION FUND.

Receipts	\$5463 66
Expenditure	2054 52
Bal. on hand	\$3409 14

COLLEGE.

Receipts	\$3849 48
Expenditure (including Bal. due May 1st. '85 \$4636 21)	10690 02

Bal. due Treas.	\$6340 54
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AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND

Receipts	792 86
Expenditure	1023 50
Bal. due Treas.	\$235 64

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Foreign Missions	\$ 670 46
Dayspring and Mission Schools	443 06
Home Missions	158 14
Augmentation	390 30
College	227 54
Aged Ministers Fund	122 40
French Evangelization	116 81

\$7128 71

P. G. MACGREGOR, Treasurer.

The congregation of Princetown, P. E. Island reports the largest average attendance at Prayer Meetings of any congregation in the Maritime Provinces, viz. 350. Four other congregations, Stewiacke, St. Anns, C. B., Whyccoomagh, Clifton, and Greenville, P. E. I. report 300 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Annand are at present in the West. They have been for some time in Toronto, the guests of Dr. Reid the agent of the church; Mr. Annand addressing meetings, and Mrs. Annand meeting with the Women's Societies, both creating a deeper interest in the New Hebrides Mission.

Augmentation has taken a good start for this year. At the Synod there was a hearty feeling in its favor. The Presbyteries are energetically going to work. Lunenburg and Shelburne some weeks since allotted to the several congregations within its bounds the amounts which it considered would be their fair proportion of the whole. Miramichi and Picton Presbyteries have done likewise. The agent of the church has acknowledged already \$300 from one congregation as a beginning. Let that good beginning be promptly and heartily followed up and success is assured.

Some people object to the allotment of sums to the different Presbyteries and congregations to be raised for the Augmentation Fund, on the ground that it looks too much like taxation or assessment. It is nothing of the kind. The whole matter is simply as follows: A careful estimate is made of the amount required during the year to raise all the Salaries to \$750 or as near it as may be. If this sum is to be raised the whole Synod must raise it. But each honest and conscientious giver would like to know what his fair proportion would be. The Synod accordingly divides the whole amount to the best of its judgment, and says to each Presbytery, if the whole amount is raised we think a