

Under the plan of consolidation it is proposed that there be one Treasurer for all these Funds, with such clerical assistance as may be found necessary; that the work be done in the rooms now occupied by the Missionary Society; that the various Funds contribute *pro rata* to the expenses of the Treasurer's department; that the various Boards or Committees retain control of their respective Funds, but that a Joint Committee representing all the Boards be appointed to deal with matters of expenditure which belong to all the Boards in common, and not to any one exclusively.

6. It is also proposed that there shall be a Secretary of Missions, and a Secretary of Education as at present, and that such provision be made for the secretarial duties connected with the other Funds as the General Conference may deem expedient and necessary.

Along the line proposed two methods would be open to the General Conference. First, to elect a General Treasurer who, as a salaried officer, would give his entire time to the duties of the office; or secondly, to elect, as at present, some prominent layman as General Treasurer, with provision for the appointment of a salaried deputy or cashier who, under the direction of the General Treasurer, would be responsible for the office work connected with the management of the several Funds, such assistance being provided as may be found necessary.

7. In either case the salaried staff would be approximately as follows:—

- (1) General Secretary of Missions.
- (2) General Secretary of Education.
- (3) Treasurer or Cashier.
- (4) Clerk in Treasurer's Office.
- (5) Stenographer and General Clerk.

It is our opinion that such a staff would be adequate to the work required, and the changes proposed would effect a saving of say \$2,000 a year, or upwards.

We, therefore, submit the following scheme in accordance with our instructions.

1. That the following Funds be placed in charge of one Treasurer, namely:—

- (a) The Missionary Fund.
- (b) The Superannuation Fund.
- (c) The Educational Fund.
- (d) The General Conference Fund.
- (e) The Union Church Relief Fund.
- (f) The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.
- (g) Any other Connexional Funds that may be ordered by the General Conference.

2. That each Board or Committee having the management of Funds represented in the foregoing arrangement, shall appoint from among its members one or more representatives, to form, with representatives from the other Boards, a Joint Committee, to be known as "The Joint Committee on Connexional Funds," the proportion of representatives to be as follows:—Missionary, 5; Superannuation, 3; Educational, 2; General Conference, 1; Union Church Relief, 1; Church and Parsonage Aid, 1.

3. That the Joint Committee shall have authority to appoint a Cashier, who shall discharge the duties of Treasurer of the various Funds.

4. To fix the location of the General Offices.

5. To determine what assistance shall be employed in the Treasurer's department.

6. To fix the remuneration to be paid to the Cashier and his assistants, and the amounts necessary for all other expenses of the Treasurer's department; also the proportion to be paid by the various Funds represented.

7. To define the duties of the Cashier, and to see that the same are duly performed.

8. To require the Cashier to furnish bonds, or other acceptable security, of such amounts as it may determine, for the safe custody of the Funds committed to his charge.

9. To determine in what bank or banks moneys belonging to the various Funds shall be deposited.

10. To direct and require the Cashier to sign all cheques and notes, and to endorse all acceptances in connection with any of the Funds, and to direct and require that all such cheques and notes shall be countersigned by the Secretary of the Fund concerned.

11. To determine by whom cheques and notes shall be countersigned in the case of Funds embraced in this scheme but not represented by a Secretary.

12. To arbitrate upon, and finally settle any dispute or difficulty that may arise between any of the Secretaries and the Cashier.

W. E. SANFORD, *Chairman.*

W. J. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

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THE British and Foreign Bible Society is doing a noble work. During the 81 years of its history it has issued from its London Depository alone, 29,000,000 copies of God's precious Bible, 32,000,000 of Testaments, nearly 12,000,000 portions of the Bible, a total of 73,000,000, or nearly 1,000,000 a year, or enough to furnish every twentieth inhabitant of the globe.

THE Belgian Chambers have voted a subscription of ten million francs toward the cost of the Congo railway. This does not mean that Belgium and the Congo Free State are to come into any political relations, but the subscription is made in the interests of Belgian commerce. A Zanzibar merchant has contracted for the transport along the Congo of the material for the construction of the railway.

A PIOUS German peasant once resolved to consecrate a portion of his income to the Lord, and accordingly made a vow to lay aside every coin that came into his possession with a horse upon it. His plan worked well and the little box on the mantel always had a supply for the various drafts that were made upon it. But one day there came into his possession a gold coin with a horse upon it, and then came a struggle with his conscience as to its disposal. Had he known there were gold coins with horses on them, he was not sure that he would have made this vow. As he gazed upon the coin he observed a motto in a strange language. Taking it to a friend to have its meaning interpreted, he was informed that it was "Never turn back." The motto decided the case in favor of the Lord's treasury, and the coin was freely given according to his vow.