

have responded generously, making in this year of financial stringency larger offerings than ever before. Had all done as well in proportion to their ability as these to whom we have just alluded, we should not only have had abundance for the present year, but a handsome balance with which to begin next year's work. But unfortunately we have again to report a deficit.

The entire receipts for the year are \$27,601.94; the expenditure, including last year's deficit, \$33,276.55; leaving a present deficit of \$5,674.61.

Your Board has been burdened with a sense of the awful need of the great unevangelized fields that lie before us. How can this need be more fully met? How can more workers be thrust into the field? This is a most urgent problem. Would that every member of our churches could realize its urgency! On the human and material side its solution must lie in either an increase in income, or a decrease in expenditure in connection with the present staff, or in both. The duty of seeking to increase the income for the work is perfectly plain to your Board. But is it possible also to increase the means available for an advance movement by a reduction of the salaries and allowances now being paid? This question has been under the consideration of the Board during the year. At the first meeting of the year a committee was appointed to collect information regarding the salaries and allowances paid by other Boards and Societies. Much information has been gathered, and much thought given to the subject, but we are yet unable to reach a decision. The question requires to be canvassed in its various bearings, so that the decision reached will be equitable to the missionaries on the one hand, and to the contributors of funds on the other. Our missionaries will never complain in making sacrifices corresponding to any sacrifices made by contributors at home. And certainly we ought to be ashamed to ask our missionaries to make sacrifices greater than we ourselves are making. In studying out this problem we are seeking to hold this even balance. The whole subject is not so easy of right and equitable settlement as those may think who have given it little or no investigation. It ought to be distinctly understood that it cannot be fairly viewed from the Canadian standpoint only.

Sent by our Board, the Rev. J. R. Stillwell and wife left this country for India in the month of August, 1885. After speedy acquisition of the Telugu tongue, Brother Stillwell was placed in charge of the North Cocanada and Tuni fields. In July, 1888, when the Seminary in Samulcotta, which had been closed for more

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