

The Fund, at the close of the year, was indebted to the Treasurer \$7,921.70. It is scarcely necessary to say that this state of things cannot be continued. Some provision must be made, evidently at a very early date, to meet the expenses of the Fund. I know of no available method of doing this, unless the Conferences provide in some way for the prompt payment annually of the amounts allotted to them by the Financial Committee of the General Conference.

JAMES GRAY, *Treasurer.*

### INTERIM REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND.

*To the Presidents and Members of the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church :*

The Report of about nine months' operations for this year is as follows:—307 Circuits have reported \$2,224.88 as collections for the year, averaging about 30 per cent. more per Circuit than last year. The greater portion of this sum has been absorbed in paying interest on appropriations, and the balance, with the sum received from the churches to report, will be used in paying the most needy claims in part. As was done last year, a full report will be sent out early in September, which it is hoped will be read in all the churches when contributions are asked for. The Treasurer is giving the best and most careful attention he can command to the administration of this Fund, and earnestly hopes the ministers and members will steadily increase their givings, which last year averaged less than four cents per member for the whole Church. May this rate be doubled. Let all the people say "Amen."

All of which is loyally submitted by your fellow-laborer,

JOHN N. LAKE, *Treasurer.*

TORONTO, May 26, 1888.

### SUPERANNUATION FUND.

*Treasurer's Report for the year ending July 31st, 1887.*

In presenting this Report for the consideration of the Board, the Treasurer has pleasure in stating:—

1. That there has been an increase in the Permanent Fund amounting to \$4,244.23.

2. The estimates for the year, which were made with great care, were sufficient to meet the expenditure, and the debt has been considerably reduced. It was the desire of the Treasurer to make these estimates as close as possible, in order to keep the assessments to Circuits down to the lowest possible amounts.

3. The annual income from all sources has fully met the expectations of the Treasurer. Notwithstanding the low rate of interest, there has been an increase realized from this source of \$1,679.29. A part of this

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