

The Beneficent Fund is not in such a prosperous condition as it should be, and therefore we suggest that an enquiry be instituted with a view to ascertain the cause thereof, and also to increase the receipts of the Fund. We are, however, pleased to report that the funds of the Conference, as a whole, present a very cheering aspect.

#### BENEFICENT FUND.

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| By balance, 1869, with interest..... | \$333 67        | To H. J. Nott, part of compensation vote..... | 100 00          |
| Cobourg District Receipts.....       | 33 73           |   |                 |
| Bowmanville ".....                   | 45 96           |   |                 |
| Exeter ".....                        | 28 59           |   |                 |
| London & Cleveland do.....           | 19 16           |   |                 |
| Winconsin do.....                    | 9 67            |   |                 |
| P. E. Island do.....                 | —               | Balance in hand.....                          | 370 78          |
| Lake Superior do.....                | —               |   |                 |
|                                      | <u>\$470 78</u> |   | <u>\$470 78</u> |

Whereas we observe with regret, the inadequate amount thus far contributed toward the Beneficent Fund, and attribute it, in some degree, to the irregular manner in which the collections have been taken up.

*Resolved*.—That hereafter, each Pastor be instructed to take up the collection for this Fund, at the several places on his station in each year; and that a return thereof be made to the Connexional Committee, in time for their third regular meeting.

#### LAKE SUPERIOR.

RES. 51.—That in view of the history of our cause on Lake Superior, and the present position of our affairs in that region, together with the state of our funds; and the claims of the Dominion upon our labor, we resolve to withdraw our agents from Lake Superior.

#### UNION WITH THE NEW CONNEXION METHODISTS.

RES. 61.—That we hereby acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the New Connexion Methodist Conference now in Session in Northport, breathing a very kindly christian feeling, which we most heartily reciprocate. Relative to the question of Organic Union between the two Denominations, we respectfully submit that in view of some difference of opinion, among both Preachers and Laity, here and in England, it is inexpedient, at least for the present, to entertain the question of Organic Union. Nevertheless, our Connexional Committee will be instructed to act on this question, as may to them seem desirable, during the coming year.

#### THANKS TO THE GENERAL TREASURER AND SECRETARIES.

RES. 67.—That the very cordial and hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the General Treasurer and the Secretaries for their arduous and successful efforts during the past year, in adjusting the accounts of the several Funds, and presenting them in such a clear and correct manner.

#### TEMPERANCE.

RES. 69.—That we deplore the existence of the many and great evils which still flow from the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverages, and we consider that no lover of his God and his kind, can be justified in withholding aid and encouragement from the great Temperance Reform. We earnestly entreat the officials and members of our Church to exert themselves for the correction of the evils deplored.

#### SPIRITUAL STATE.

RES. 72.—After carefully examining the Reports on the several District Books, we are pleased to find that, in nearly all our fields of labor, the Great Master has been frequently found blessedly near, cheering on his toiling servants, and in very many instances, vouchsafing to them signal success in leading souls to Christ, and in building up the Church. The Special Services held, during the winter, were not all equally successful. In some instances, a want of co-operation on the part of the Church, militated against the saving of souls. Many conversions have taken place among the children and youth of our Sunday Schools. The attendance on the social means of grace, is by no means so large as it ought to be. Would our Societies be more punctual, and constant in their attendance on the prayer and class-meetings, we have no doubt, but it would promote their spirituality and growth in grace, and make them a greater power for good in the world. The apathy and coldness of the formal, go far toward neutralizing the efforts of the faithful. For the most part the public services are well attended, perhaps, never better, and a good spirit of hearing prevails. We pray for a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the whole of our beloved Denomination, and upon the world.