

STATE OF THE ACCTS. APR. 28, 1887.

EASTERN SECTION.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Receipts to April 28th, 1887,		\$12051.07
Balance due Treas. May 1st, 1886,	\$ 719.64	
Expenditure to April 28th, 1887,	15537.65	16257.29
Bal. due Treas., April 28th, 1887		\$3306.22

DAIRYING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

Receipts to April 28th, 1887,		\$3211.38
Balance due Treas. May 1st, 1886,	\$1310.50	
Expenditure to April 28th, 1887,	3506.91	4907.60
Balance due	"	\$1790.12

HOME MISSIONS.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1886,	\$ 32.05	
Receipts to April 28th, 1887,	\$5270.75	\$5302.80
Expenditure to April 28th, 1887,		4995.46
Balance due	"	\$ 304.34

COLLEGE FUND.

Receipts to April 28th, 1887,		\$9020.55
Balance due May 1st, 1886,	\$7447.08	
Expenditure to April 28th, 1887,	10450.05	17936.73
Balance due	"	\$ 8010.18

COLLEGE BURSARY.

Receipts to April 28th, 1887,		\$ 650.40
Balance due May 1st, 1886,	\$ 300.47	
Expenditure to April 28th, 1887,	791.00	1151.47
Balance due	"	\$ 471.01

AUGMENTATION FUND.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1886,	\$4740.70	
Receipts to April 28th, 1887,	\$656.20	\$12793.00
Expenditure to		4120.18
Balance on hand	"	\$8070.61
Surplus Fund to be paid immediately		4300.00
Probable balance		\$4370.61

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1886,	\$ 713.62	
Receipts to April 28th, 1887,	1723.00	\$2436.62
Expenditure to		1964.00
Bal. on hand.	"	\$ 472.62

We sometimes speak of the grandeur of Foreign Mission Work, and rightly we honor the Foreign Missionary. But what we give to Missions is really doing such work. If a man give a day's wages, the fruit of a day's work to the F. M. Fund, he is doing a day's Foreign Mission work as really as if he had gone and spent a day telling the heathen of a Saviour. If a woman gives a week's wages, the fruit of a week's work to Foreign Missions, it doing F. M. work as really as if for a week she had gone among the heathen and taught them of Christ. The merchant who gives a day's profits to missions does his day's F. M. work as really as does the missionary in the field. The farmer who gives the produce of a few hours or day's

labor to the same cause is doing his mission work.

Two or three reflections follow this. First, The work of that day or week, no matter whether in the shop, office, house, or mine, is as really Foreign Mission work as that of Geddie, or Carey, or Duff. Both our giving and our toil are thus enabled and made grand.

A second reflection suggests itself. How much Foreign Mission work have I done during the year. Have I spent a day, or a week preaching the gospel to the heathen, obeying the Master's command, Go preach the gospel to every creature. How many Christian men or women have given a day's or week's wages? How many Christian merchants the profits of a day or week? How many have done no F. M. work during the year. Were the Master to come and ask His followers: How much time have you spent during the year in extending my kingdom, in preaching the gospel to the perishing? How many would have to acknowledge I did not do a moment's F. M. work, did not devote an hour during the whole year in carrying the message of hope and life. Some would have to say that they had done an hour's F. M. work, their contributions to the F. M. collection representing their earnings during that time. Some would say, Lord I did a day's work, a whole day's Foreign Mission work during the year!!! How few would be able to answer the Master's question as to how they had obeyed his last command with the reply, Lord I spent a week, a whole week during the year in going into all the world and preaching the gospel to every creature.

What need for the cry, Awake O Zion. Put on thy beautiful garments O Jerusalem. Thy garments of self-denial, of consecration, of love to the Saviour, of love for thy perishing fellow men. Shake off thy selfishness, thy self-indulgence, thine indifference. Hear the Saviour speaking to thee, and thee, and thee, Go teach all nations.

A third reflection follows this idea, viz.: that some, whose contribution may be very small, do really more such work than do others whose gifts may be much greater. The small gift may represent the earnings of a much longer time, which means that the one has done more Foreign Mission work during the year than the other, that in many cases the smaller gift represents more of time, and love and self-denial.