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STATE OF THE FUNDS Aug. 1884.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Receipts to Aug. 1st '84	\$ 2453 78
Expenditure " " " (including Bal. of \$618 48)	4102 35
Bal. Due Treas. Aug. 1st '84	\$1648 57
DAYSPRING, AND MISSION SCHOOLS.	
Receipts to Aug. 1st '84	\$117 84
Expenditure " " " (including Bal. of \$967 25)	2109 70
Bal. due Treas. Aug. 1st '84	\$1991 86
HOME MISSIONS.	
Receipts to Aug. 1st '84	\$559 88
Expenditure " " "	691 16
Bal. due Treas. Aug. 1st '84	\$131 28
SUPPLEMENTS.	
Receipts to Aug. 1st '84	\$ 2368 91
Expenditure " " "	1549 30
Bal. on hand Aug. 1st 1884	\$1319 64
COLLEGE.	
Receipts to Aug. 1st '84	\$2292 28
Bal. due Treas. May 1st 1884	\$4492 09
Expenditure to Aug. 1st '84	2308 53 6300 62
Bal. due Treas. Aug. 1st '84	\$4508 34
AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.	
Receipts to Aug. 1st '84	\$139 12
Expenditure " " "	698 55
Bal. due Treas. Aug. 1st '84	559 48
RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY	
Foreign Missions	\$ 1672 60
Day-spring and Mission Schools	43 78
Home Missions	205 63
Supplements	134 16
College	847 64
Aged Ministers Fund	16 75
French Evangelization	170 28
	\$3088 84

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The Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet two months hence. One important question before it will be that of uniting the Funds of the Eastern and Western Sections, especially the Foreign

Mission Fund, and Supplementing or Augmentation Fund. The question, *shall* they be united, brings up another question,—viz—*Should* they be united, and this brings yet another, will it tend to the promotion of Christ's kingdom to unite them.

The subject should be carefully considered so that at the meeting of Synod it may be intelligently decided. It is not well that the vote should depend upon hastily formed conclusions or upon the passing sentiment of the moment.

A feeling of sentiment may lead some to decide at once in favor of uniting the Funds, the same cause may lead others without much consideration to oppose it. Sentiment is all well in its place but it is generally like the morning cloud, and the early dew, unless it have something on which to rest.

Taking first the Foreign Missions, will the union of the Eastern and Western Funds under one committee help the work of Missions?

One result seems probable. The Eastern section has more missionaries in the field than the West. We have been for a longer time engaged in Foreign Mission work, and our people have had until recently a deeper interest in the work than those in the West.

The addresses and reports of the missionaries are having their effect. Many in the West are deeply interested in our work in the New Hebrides and Trinidad, and if they felt that these were their own missions as well as ours the liberality of the West would be more fully drawn out, and perhaps on the whole more would be given to Foreign Mission work of the church