

more than feeling, or even prayer, however valuable they both are in their place, is necessary in order to secure the success of this enterprise. In plain words, Dr. Eby requires THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS. He is not the man to ask more than is absolutely required. What is really needed for the completion of the tabernacle will probably exceed rather than fall short of that sum. However, what is asked just now is \$3,000; and that sum ought to be forwarded in a week. There are three men, no doubt, in the Church in this country who could give this sum themselves. If John Macdonald and William Gooderham had been alive, they would not have thought much of doing the whole thing themselves. Let us hope that there will be some large donations; but let nobody wait for the rich to begin the matter. The poor have as good a right as the rich have to share in the honor and blessing of helping forward the good work, and a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether is most likely, in most cases, to succeed. However, in this instance, it should not, and need not, be long; prompt and united action is all that is needed, and the work will be done.

CONSOLIDATION OF TREASURERSHIPS.

RESOLUTION of General Conference, page 93, Journal of 1886: "That in order to the more careful consideration of the subject of the consolidation of treasurerships, a Commission be appointed, whose duty it shall be during the present quadrennium to draft a scheme to be submitted to the General Conference of 1890, and that the suggestions and resolutions of said commission be published for the consideration of the delegates elect of the next General Conference, not later than the 1st July preceding the Session, and that the following compose the Commission:—Hon. W. E. Sanford, Hon. John Macdonald, Messrs. E. Gurney, Geo. A. Cox, J. N. Lake, J. T. Moore, and Revs. Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Briggs, Dr. Stone, Dr. W. J. Hunter, John B. Clarkson."

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON CONSOLIDATION OF TREASURERSHIPS.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Church:
—Your Commission appointed by the General Conference of 1886, to consider and report upon the propriety of consolidating the management of various Connexional Funds, as far as the treasurership of the same is concerned, beg to submit the following facts and recommendations:—

1. During the quadrennium four meetings of the Commission have been held, at which the questions involved in the proposal were carefully considered.

2. We find that the following are the Funds which it is proposed to place in charge of one General Treasurer:—

- (a) The Missionary Fund.
- (b) The Superannuation Fund.
- (c) The Educational Fund.
- (d) The General Conference Fund.
- (e) The Union Church Relief Fund.

(f) The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.

(g) Any other Funds which may be established by the General Conference and assigned to this management.

3. In submitting such a proposal three results are aimed at. (1) The highest efficiency of administration; (2) Economy of management; (3) Separation of financial from secretarial duties, in order that the Secretaries may devote their undivided time to the general work of their respective departments. Whether these results can be reached or not, may be inferred from the information presented in this report.

4. Under the present system the staff employed and the cost of management involved are as follows:—

(a) Missionary Society:

General Secretary	\$2,000
House Rent, Taxes, etc.	500
Assistant	1,200
House Rent, Taxes, etc.	400
Accountant	1,000
Clerk	468
Rent, taxes, heating, and caretaking of offices	748
Total	\$6,316

(b) Superannuation and General Conference Funds:

Treasurer	\$1,000
Accountant	250
Rent, taxes, heating, caretaking	150
Total	\$1,400

NOTE.—The Treasurer has received no remuneration during this quadrennium for the management of the General Conference Fund; but the sum of \$50, in above item of rent is charged to that Fund.

(c) Educational Fund:

General Secretary	\$2,500
House Rent, Taxes, etc.	500
Clerk	240
Rent of office, taxes, heating, care- taking	162
Total	\$3,402

NOTE.—At present one-half of this amount is paid out of the Educational Fund, and one-half out of the Federation Fund.

The Union Church Relief, and the Church and Parsonage Aid Funds have heretofore cost the Connexion nothing for management, but it can hardly be expected that brethren will be found in the future who can afford to give the necessary time and labor to this work without remuneration. And the same may be said of the General Conference Fund.

5. It will be seen by the foregoing statement that the actual cost of the management of all these Funds in the items of salaries and rent during the past quadrennium has been a little over \$11,000 per annum; but if the present system be continued, and remuneration given for work which has hitherto been done gratuitously, the annual cost will be somewhat increased.