

## CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

BANK OF TORONTO CHAMBERS,  
MONTREAL, 81st MAY, 1895.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*For Year ending May 31st, 1895.*

It is some years since you had a layman as your Treasurer, and perhaps it may be a good thing to make a change occasionally, from the clerical to the lay element, particularly in matters of finance, and especially when there is a debt and the ends won't meet.

At the request of your Executive Committee I accepted the position of Treasurer six months ago, when your late Treasurer resigned in consequence of his removal to the United States. I did so with the full knowledge of the unfortunate state into which the finances had drifted, and with a hearty desire to endeavor, to the best of my ability, to obtain an equilibrium between receipts and disbursements.

A debt with us had become chronic, and if heroic treatment were not applied and kept up, serious, if not fatal, consequences might result. Now my diagnosis of the case is that the constitution of the patient is sound enough, but the condition is comatose, and the treatment requires to be of such a character as may possibly be somewhat irritating, yet still absolutely necessary if the patient is to be brought back into a sound and healthy condition. Allegory aside, let me bring you back to the position at the last annual meeting in Toronto.

The Treasurer's statement then showed a debt of over three thousand dollars, which had been accumulating for some years. The late pastor of Emmanuel Church, who hadn't been at our annual meeting for some years, therefore was not accustomed to the apathy with which such a statement of affairs was received, talked the matter over in his frank and energetic manner, and wound up with moving the following resolution:—"That every pastor and delegate express by a standing vote their determination to raise at least one dollar per member for Home Missions

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