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## THE FUNDS.

### STATEMENT BY THE AGENT.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the beginning of the ecclesiastical year there was a debt of \$2,208.00 against the F. Missions and Dayspring Funds. Since that date, the Committee disbursed \$17,780.00. There are payments yet to be made which will foot up nearly \$1000 more. The receipts so far, including over \$1200 from the W. F. M. S. and several congregational societies, for the removal of the debt, are \$16,978.00; leaving fully \$1800 to be got before May 4th to make the receipts equal to the expenditure. Let all send forward at once every dollar they can raise.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The outlook for the Home Mission Fund is improving; but contributions are still needed to keep it out of debt. May 4th.—Expenditure \$6500. Receipts so far \$6100.

#### THE COLLEGE FUND

had a debt of \$8878.92 at the beginning

of the year. Present appearances indicate that this debt will be slightly reduced this year. Expenditure \$9512. Receipts so far \$9508, with a few hundred dollars of interest now due.

#### THE BURSARY FUND

claims immediate help. Requirements \$800 or \$900. Receipts so far about \$600.

#### FOR AUGMENTATION

\$8100 were allotted. Receipts so far \$7167.

#### THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

has an outlay this year of about \$2500. The receipts are \$3009.

#### FOR FRENCH EVANGELIZATION

there have been paid into this office to date \$2993.

P. M. MORRISON.

Halifax, April 19th, 1888.

A "third," or "Prohibition" party was organized in Truro on March 27th. The third party in the United States is rapidly growing, and is making its power felt. Whatever may be said about the discretion of some things which have been connected with the organization of such a party in Nova Scotia, there is no question but the move is a right one. The drink traffic is one of the greatest curses of the age, and its legalization is a disgrace to any Christian country. Were all who are in favor of stopping the traffic to take such a stand, Prohibition would soon be a fact in our history. It is the most momentous issue that at the present time can be put before the voters of a country. The trouble with too many politicians is that they think more of party than Prohibition.

The favorite objection to the measure is that the country is not ready for Prohibition. Those who are opposed to the drink traffic are ready for it, and those who are in favor of the traffic are, and will be, opposed to it, and it is a simple question of whether the drink haters are