

INTERIM REPORT OF THE UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND.

In presenting the report of work done since the last General Conference, the Treasurer begs to say that the Committee appointed met soon after the rising of the General Conference, and after careful consideration of each case, decided to carry out the recommendations of the General Conference, and made the appropriations accordingly.

Many members of the Committee expressed great regret that no effort was to be made to raise any sum to reduce the obligations of the Fund, through the meetings to be held in March to celebrate the one-hundredth year of Methodism in Canada.

Your Treasurer also regrets to report that remittances have come in unusually slow, not so much from lack of loyalty to the Fund, as from neglect to take up and forward the collections on time. This necessitates the borrowing of money at high rates, in order to keep faith with claimants.

It is of the greatest importance that the ministers look after the interests of this Fund, promptly take up the collections as required by the Discipline, in October, and forward at once to the Treasurer. There are not probably one hundred Circuits in the whole Dominion where this cannot be done.

The amount paid in to the Treasurer and to the Rev. James Gray (who has acted in his absence) was \$604.54 to the 15th May, 1891.

The foregoing is respectfully and loyally submitted, with the hope that the future may be brighter, and the collections larger.

JOHN N. LAKE, *Treasurer.*

NOTE.—The amount received in addition to the above-stated, is \$1,807.70, making in all, to this time, \$2,412.24.

REPORT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

To Balance from last year	..	..	..	\$54 00
Income from Districts..	..	..	..	1083 49
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DISBURSEMENTS.

London District	\$200 00	Conf. Special Com. expenses	\$6 75
Exeter "	25 00	Funeral expenses	30 00
Chatham "	125 00	Supply—Gesto	45 00
Windsor "	75 00	" Goldsmith	20 00
Ridgetown "	100 00	" for J. A. Ferguson	50 00
Strathroy "	150 00	Cases of special afflictions	116 00
President's expenses	25 00		
Secretary's "	18 50		
Book Room account	52 26		
		Balance due Treasurer	\$1138 51
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JOHN LEAROYD, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

The above was examined and found correct.

M. GRIFFIN, } *Auditors.*
J. F. ELLIOTT, }