

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY
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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 1897-1898.



For the first time in many years, the Treasurer reports a balance on the right side. During the year just ended we have paid off our debt to the American Board, and have on hand enough to pay almost all the expenses of the station up to date. In this way we are financially a great deal better off than in former years; yet this is a matter of regret, for though in part due to increased liberality on the part of the churches, it is largely due to the fact that we have

been supporting on y one missionary family instead of two. We hope soon to find one missionary physician and mechanic so that again we will have to try hard to keep ends meeting.

During the year the giving by Provinces has shown a decrease in all save the Northwest. This has largely been due to the absence of the special Indian and Armenian funds of last year, though over a hundred dollars represents decrease in regular gifts. The total would have been much smaller than last year, had it not been for a legacy of four hundred dollars left us by the late George James, of London, Ontario. The expenses of the station during the year were less than a thousand dollars. The amount sent for the Industrial School is larger than last year. The Canadian Alcove Fund has grown but slowly to nearly fifty dollars. The Gristmill Fund has increased to one hundred and eight dollars; and it is with pleasure that we report the gift of a suitable mill by Mr. Yeigh of Brantford, with the gift of a horsepower by the "Gleaners" of Mrs. Barber's class in Georgetown; and the promise of part at least of the freight by the Hamilton First Sunday School.

During the year we have spent over a hundred dollars for printing; but of this amount the membership of the Prayer