

FAMINE FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$7,982 59
DEC.	
25—A Thank-offering, Elizabeth Craig Winnipeg.....	5 00
JAN.	
3—A member of the W. F. M. S., Chal- mer's Church, Kingston.....	50
Total.....	\$7,988 09

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DEC.	RECEIPTS.	
1—	To balance from last month..	\$1,216 17
5—	Barrie Presbyterian Society..	1,672 37
7—	Paris Presbyterian Society..	1,304 52
15—	Brockville Pres. Soc, First Church Aux. Brockville....	25 00
17—	Okotoks Auxiliary, Alberta..	8 20
18—	Sarnia Presbyterian Society..	903 58
21—	Bruce Presbyterian Society..	631 00
28—	Toronto Pres. Society, New- market Auxiliary.....	25 00
31—	McKellar Aux., Calgary....	86 00
		\$5,871 84

EXPENDITURE.

DEC.		
5—	By Ewart Mis. Train Home..	\$ 200 00
"	Postage, etc., Sec. for North- West and British Columbia	2 88
"	Postage Home Secretary...	2 00
13—	Rev. R. H. Warden, D. D..	3,500 00
18—	Postage extra correspondence	1 06
28—	Beds for Alberni School....	77 66
"	Paid for Draft.....	15
30—	Balance on hand.....	2,088 09
		\$5,871 84

ISABELLA L. GEORGE, Treas.

PERSIA ITEMS.

Some of the Khoords look as if they had Anglo-Saxon blood in their veins—they have blue eyes and light hair, like English and Americans. One of our missionary doctors was in a village where there were many Khoords, and one of the women said, "You ought to love us, for we look like you." These people thronged about the two missionaries, and thought they had never seen anything so wonderful as two white women with clean faces and hands and their heads uncovered.

AWAY off on Mt. Seir the summer home of our missionaries, little children have been carried off and eaten by wolves. It is a dreadful story that comes to us: "Each summer since the war and famine, nineteen years ago, when the wolves got

a taste of human blood, we hear that two or three children have been stolen from their mother's side at night as they slept on the low roofs of the villages. But this summer the wolves do not wait for the cover of night, but spring upon the children in the daytime as well, especially in the vineyards, which make splendid hiding places for them. We feel afraid to let our children play far away from the house, or go walking in their usual haunts. The strange thing about it is that the herds are grazing over the plain, and there is no lack of sheep, lambs, and calves for the wolves to devour, but they seem to prefer the children. It is all a part of the sad condition of this poor downtrodden people, and they just accept this misfortune in a hopeless, apathetic way, without even making any effort to fight the wolves."

The Church Missionary Society of England has a mission in Persia, with 181 communicants and 5 schools with 524 pupils. The principal stations are Ispahan and Bagdad. The American Presbyterian Church, North, has the Eastern Persian mission with stations at Teheran and Hamadan, and the Western Persian Missions with stations at Urumia and Tabriz.

In Persia the feuds between the different mountain tribes make it difficult to pass from one to the other. The government is now attempting to subjugate these lawless districts and establish regular authority. If the attempt is successful, it will lessen the dangers of travel, and so aid in the work of evangelization. The condition of these mountain Nestorians is pitiful. The Kurds are robbing them; the locusts have partially destroyed their crops; the Government which does not protect them or maintain order, collects taxes oppressively.

Near Mosul, which is opposite the ruins of ancient Nineveh, 100 Chaldean families have applied to the Protestant missionaries for preachers, saying that they are tired of their priests and corrupt worship.

The influence of Russia has steadily increased in northern Persia during past year. A road has been built from the Caspian Sea to Teheran,