

The principal schemes stand as follows in the Eastern section:—

*Foreign Mission Fund—*

Receipts.....	\$22,257 68
Bal. Cr. May 1, 1891.....	495 14
	<u>\$22,752 82</u>
Expenditures .....	31,135 32
Bal. Dr. May 1, 1892.....	\$ 8,382 50

*Home Missions—*

Receipts.....	\$12,116 36
Bal. Dr. May 1, 1891.....	\$ 201 34
Expenditure .....	11,666 37
	<u>11,867 71</u>
Bal. Cr. May 1, 1892 .....	\$ 248 65

*Augmentation—*

Receipts.....	\$ 8,738 67
Bal. Cr. May 1, 1891.....	3,218 44
	<u>\$11,957 11</u>
Expenditure .....	8,473 49
Bal. Cr. May 1, 1892.....	\$ 3,483 62

*College Fund—*

Receipts.....	\$16,338 81
Expenditure .....	\$ 9,164 93
Bal. Dr. May 1, 1891.....	11,866 04
	<u>21,030 97</u>
Bal. Dr. May 1, 1892.....	\$ 4,692 16

*Aged Ministers Fund—*

Receipts.....	\$ 3,509 31
Expenditure .....	\$ 3,416 71
Bal. Dr. May 1, 1891.....	85 85
	<u>3,502 56</u>
Bal. Cr. May 1, 1892.....	\$ 6 75

It will be seen from the above that in the Eastern Section all the schemes have done well during the year except the Foreign Mission Fund, which, instead of a balance on hand, as was the case a year ago, has a deficit of over *eight thousand dollars*. (A few days after the books were closed \$1,312 was received from the West, so that the actual debt now stands at about \$7,000.) Regarding this a few words of explanation are necessary. Two years ago the Fund had on hand over five thousand dollars, several bequests having been received shortly before. At that time a change was made in the school law of Trinidad by which the Government offered to do much more for schools than it had hitherto done, but requiring at the same time a grade of school houses better than some previously occupied. Then there were new sections where there were no schools. Catholics and others were ready to take advantage of this offer, which was largely the result of work that our mission had done, and it was felt that we must either lose much for which we had already wrought, or expend a considerable amount in order to secure what was offered and to enable

us to make greater advances. More than half the amount required was on hand. Both the missionaries and the committee were of opinion that the expenditure was essential to the growth of the mission.

To overtake the work of extension more easily it was decided to extend it over two years. Some five thousand dollars were expended in 1890-91, and another five in 1891-92. The result has justified the step. After some months of considerable anxiety, owing to the changes in the school law, the work is settling down on a much broader basis than before. Government is doing a great deal more in the way of paying our schools for the education of the Indians, while our missionaries have the school houses in all the districts, not only for weekly religious instruction, but for Sabbath schools and public worship.

For our encouragement be it noted, that while the receipts of the F. M. Fund, East, from legacies, during the year just closed, were \$2,500 less than those of the previous year, the giving of congregations was increased by \$1,700. The only comment required is a more earnest setting of ourselves to the task of meeting the demands of the rapidly extending work and a heartier gratitude to God that He is giving us enlarging opportunities of lifting earth to heaven.

In the above receipts of the Eastern Section the increase of the College Fund is given at \$16,338.91—some \$4,472 more than the expenditure. That this may be seen in its true light we must remember that \$4,700 was received from the sale of the Robie street lot, owned by the College, so that the ordinary receipts and expenditure for the year were nearly equal.

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The secret of the honest life to which there has been such a universal tribute from all classes and creeds is seen in the following incident, never before published: One of our ministers was assisting Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, at the communion. Driving to a neighboring station to preach in the afternoon, the horse ran away and the minister was badly hurt. He was brought back to the house of the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, where he lay for some weeks, nursed with the tenderest care. During that time Mr. Mackenzie was appointed premier. One day Mrs. Mackenzie was sitting by the sick bed when a letter was handed to her. She read it in silence, while a quiet tear stole down her cheek. The patient asked if there was any bad news. Without a word she handed him the letter. It was from her husband, telling her of his appointment, recalling all the way by which they had been led through life, and asking her to pray for him now that he might be kept right amid the temptations and difficulties of his responsible position.