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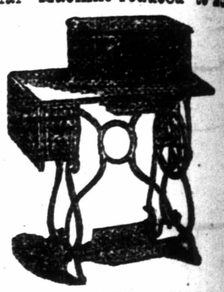

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FROM THE MISSION ROOMS.

THE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

HOW DID THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S DEBT ARISE?

This question has repeatedly been answered by published statements, but as these seem to have been overlooked or forgotten by many persons, it is needful to give the answer again. At the General Conference of 1878, the debt was reported to be over $63,000, and an explanation of the deficit was given of which the following is the substance:—

THE FIRST DEFICIT

occured in 1874 5 amounting to some $38,000, and was chiefly caused by: 1. Expenditure consequent on the Union, that is, the Union nearly doubled our mission work, but did not result in a correspondent increase of funds. The excess of expenditure over income, owing to the Union was nearly $9,000. 2, On account of Indian Mission premises in B. Columbia and the North-West, begun one or two years before, $10,500. 3. On account of Miscellaneous expenditure, chiefly the Muncey Institution, over $8,000. 4. Additional expenditure on Domestic Missions over $4,500. The balance being accounted for by a falling off in income, and smaller items of expenditure scattered through the various Conferences. In 1875-6 there was an unusual increase in miscellaneous income (legacies, &c.), and a decrease of expenditure, by which the debt was reduced to $25,380.- 70. In 1876-7, the

DEBT WAS INCREASED

by over $28,000, which occured in this wise:—When the Central Board met in the autumn of 1876, it was found that the sum at the disposal of the Board (i.e. a sum equal to the income of the preceding year), would give the missionaries less than 50 per cent of the moderate sum which the Board thought they ought to receive: in other words, each married missionary, with a family, would receive not more than $375, from all sources for his support for the year. To expect men to labor effectively on such a pittance was felt to be most unreasonable, and therefore it was proposed that the treasurers be authorized to advance a sum sufficient to bring the appropriations up to 66⅔ per cent of the full amount, thus giving each married missionary the prospect of an income of $500. This was done in the hope that the Church would come to the rescue, and provide the necessary funds but the hope was not realized: the income instead of advancing, fell off by $16,640; chiefly however in legacies and other miscellaneous items. This added to the increased expenditure, authorized as above, makes the amount of the year's deficiency, $28,257. In 1877-8

A FURTHER SUM

of $9,548, was added to the debt, and arose from two circumstances:—In the first place, the income showed a further decline of $4,523. In the second place, there are certain items of annual expenditure which must be paid, such as interest, discounts, cost of publishing annual reports, allowances to school-teachers, Interpreters, etc., etc.; but the appropriations made by the Board in the autumn of 1877 for these purposes was largely (some $5000), below the mark; hence the increase of debt, which now aggregated some $63,000.

We regret to add that the income for 1878-9 is less than that of the previous year by over $9,000, which unavoidably further augments the indebtedness. An examination of the above statements will convince any fair-minded person of two things, viz: that the accumulation of the debt was unavoidable, and that only a special effort, such as is now being made throughout the Connexion, can possibly meet the emergency. There is.

ANOTHER QUESTION

which demands an answer:—*Supposing the present debt is paid, what guarantee have we that a similar debt will not arise again?* There is a twofold guarantee: One is given by the Central Board, the other must be given by the people. By the action of the last General Conference the Central Board is prohibited from appropriating in any year a sum greater than the income of the preceding year. So far, therefore, as the action of the Board is concerned, there can be no addition to the debt; but should there be a falling off in the income in any year, debt may accrue to just that amount. It is at this point the guarantee must come from the people that the income shall not be suffered to decline. Especially must this be kept in view during the present year. Let it be understood that no part of the special fund now being raised can be employed to meet the appropriations made by Central Board,—for that we must depend upon the ordinary income. Let our friends see to it, therefore, that their contributions to the Special Fund do not lead them to reduce their gifts to the ordinary funds.

MEETINGS IN TORONTO.

The Relief and Extension scheme was brought before several of the Toronto congregations on Sabbath last with very encouraging results. Berkeley Street (a week cause) will give some $400, nearly double the amount raised for the regular fund last year; Sherbourne Street footed up to over $1,200, which will be increased by personal canvass; while the Metropolitan gave over $2,700, which the indefatigable pastor expects to bring up to the neighborhood of 4,000. Let all our congregations do in like proportion, and the scheme will be a glorious success.

MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

WHITBY DISTRICT.

John Shaw	$50	Jac'b E Howell, M A	$50
J C Seymour	100	John A Dowler	50
D C McDowell	100	W C Washington, MA	25
W L Scott	50	Jonathan E Betts	25
S C Philip, sen	20	Edward Hill	20
Wm J Young	20	John R Real	10
Edward Barrass, M A	20	J H Barkwell, B A	10
John S Clarke	25	John B Armstrong	25
George Leech	20	J C Wilson	10
Thos S Keough	25		
Total			$655

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

N R Willoughby, M A	$100	O R Lambly, M A	$20
		P W Davies	20
Peter Addison	50	Isaac N Robinson	20
Mrs Addison	50	J Tozeland	10
Robert Walker	25	W H Jamieson, M A	10
Mrs Walker	10	T B Wilson	5
W H Peake, paid	25	W J Barkwell	5
J Kilgour	25	James McFarlane	10
J W Savage	25	Samuel McCauley	10
J H Locke	25		
Total			$445

WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

The Chairman reports $264 subscribed by ministers present at the District Meeting, with several to hear from. The list is not yet to hand.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

Jno McDougall..$ 100 | Arthur Whiteside..$ 45

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT.

Amount previously acknowledged	$560
James Charlton	25
Total	$585

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Chas Lavell, M A	$50	Jos Deacon	$20
Robt Fowler, M D	50	Jos H Stinson	20
Jos R Gundy	30	John R Isaac	20
Jas E Dyer	30	Henry Berry	20
Willm Mills	35	William Willmott	20
Jno Hough	25	Fredk Dracass	10
Geo Buggin	20	Wm Savage	5
Jas Broley	20	David Auld	5
Robt J Husband	20		
Ebenezer Teskey	20	Total	$420

GUELPH DISTRICT.

Wm Williams	$100	John S Fisher	$25
W J Maxwell	20	R W Williams	25
Edwd Kershaw	20	John W Cooley	20
Saml Fear	10	Danl M McKenzie	50
Wray R Smith	15	Jno W Freeman, B D	25
Thos L Wilkinson	20	David Rogers	10
John V Smith	50	John H Bennett	10
Edwin Holmes	10	James Laird	10
C W Couzens	10	John Stewart	10
Hugh McLean	20		
Total			$460

BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Edwin Clement	$50	C E McIntyre	$10
Peter Campbell	20	Geo Browne	20
Michl Fawcett	50	S Blanchard	5
Mrs Fawcett	50	W Bacon	10
T A Ferguson	5	H Thomas	5
Mrs Ferguson	5	Geo M Brown	20
T Dunlop	5		
Total			$245

COBOURG DISTRICT.

W H Laird	$50	T J Edmison	$10
Richard Jones	50	J A McClung	15
T W Jeffery	50	Thos Cullen	40
S S Nelles, D D	50	J C Ash	20
E R Young	50	G J Dingman	10
John English	10	Henry Renner	10
V B Howard	15	A Doxsee	10
Edward Cragg	15	W Buchannan	10
H S Jenkinson	5	R Brooking	5
W Barker	20		
Total			$445

PICTON DISTRICT.

John Learoyd	$100	Sidney J Shorey	$10
W Tomblin	20	Samuel Salton	10
And Cunningham	20	David Perry	10
F McAmmond, B A	10	Wm C Jolley	10
Richard Potter	10	John B Wass, M A	10
Wm Scales	15		
Samuel Sing	50	Total	$275

PETERBORO' DISTRI.

G Washington, M A	$50	Thos Fox	$10
Newton Hill	50	W M Pattyson	10
James Thom, B A	50	Henry McDowell	10
E B Harper, D D	20	S C Edmonds	5
A C Wilson	10		
Robert McCulloch	10	Total	$225

BRACEBRIDGE DISTRICT.

W J Hewitt	$50	John Hart	$10
Richard Duke	20	W W Marvin	5
Wm Torrance	10	G S Reynolds	10
W H Emsley	15		
Thos W Hall	10	Total	$130

WALKERTON DISTRICT.

CORRECTION.—In last week's acknowledgements Mrs. Tindall is credited with $25. This is a mistake and should read:—

Rev Calvin Shaw and wife ..... $25.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Wm W Ross	$100	Theop R Earle	$20
Leonard Gaetz	100	John Scott, M A	30
John Wakefield	100	Geo C Madden	50
John G Scott	50	V H Emory	10
Francis Coleman	60	Wm Kettlewell	40
Geo Brown	100	Wm Morton	10
Fred H Sanderson	20	Jos Odery	20
Stephen Kappele	10	Saml Edwards	10
James Hannon	100	Walter Rigsby	25
Jos W Holmes	50	Jas Little	10
Solomon Cleaver	50	W Bridgman	25
Geo H Cornish	25	John Histon	20
James McAllister	20	Harvey M Hall	10
Robt W Wright	10	David Clappison	100
Thos M Jefferis	10		
John T Smith	20	Total	$1,255

BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

John Robbins	$60	Wm Ames	$15
E B Ryckman, D D	50	Thos Stobbs	10
D Chalmers	50	John Mills	10
Thos Brock	50	W H Fife	10
A E Russ, M A	50	John Elliott	10
W W Carson	25	James White	10
F B Stacey	20	Chas Barltrop	10
R J Forman	20	E E Sweet	10
Hamilton Biggar	20	Peter German	10
W H Balmer	15	Richd Phillips	5
A Broadway	15	Elias Williams	5
C Stringfellow	15		
Total			$495

SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Jas Gray	$100	F R Fydell	$20
John Kay	20	Wm Cross	10
D L Brethour	50	Robert Burns	10
T S Howard	25	John Russell	10
Jos Ward, B A	25	A McCulloch	10
E S Shibley	20	Hugh Locke	4
R W Woodsworth	100	Jos Rawson	1
Jos Guest	20	C W M Gilbert	10
J Joslyn	2		
Total			$437

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT.

David Savage	$50	John G Fallis	$20
John E Lancely	25	Wm L Hackett	20
Geo Richardson	100	Thos Cosford	20
William Birks	25	Abel Edwarks	25
John Sanders	30	Benj Sherlock	15
Charles C. Couseus.	20	John E Hockey	10
Thomas W Jackson	20	Walker Marks	10
Jas H. McCartney	50	Geo W Dean	15
James Whiting	10	Richd Fish	10
Francis E Nagent	20	Thos Voaden	10
Jas P Bell	20	W T Turner	15
Wm McCann	20		
Total			$560

SARNIA DISTRICT.

W C Henderson, M A	$100	Thos Cobb	$25
J K Williston & wife	50	Ed J Clarke	12
Alf Andrews	50	Jasper Wilson	20
P W Jones	50	F G Weaver	10
Jas Gundy	50	Thos Hanna	10
Robt Smylie	40	Wm Shannon	10
J H Orme & wife	50	G J Kerr	10
C Bristol, M A	30	W J Ford	10
A G Harris	30	J E Ford	10
T H Orme	40	R J Tyler	5
T R Clarke	25		
W C Watson, M A	25	Total	$662

STRATFORD DISTRICT.

Jas Harris	$50	A L Russell, B D	$30
B Clement	40	Wm Baugh	25
Edwin Fessant	30	R Phillips	25
S D Rice, D D	25	R Hall	20
Saml Tucker	20	Cecil Harper	20
H Christopherson	20	D A Moir	20
R Trelevan	20	J L Kerr	16
John Ridley	20	W Preston	12
Chas Deacon	15	W H Moss	10
W H Kerr	12	R Maitland	10
Samuel Sellery	10		
Jas Graham	40	Total	$490

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

W Galbraith, B C L	$20	N B Topping	$30
Wm Jackson	20	Geo H Squire, B A	40
J G Crozier	20	Jas Follick & Son	20
A B Chambers, B C L	25	Wm Briden	40
J C Garrett	20	Drummond McCuun	10
F C Rednolds	15	Wm Short	50
A C Chambers	10	Jacob Freshman	50
Thos C Brown	30	Jas E Werden	25
Wm Sheridan	50	Saml Teeson	1
A Jacques	10	John Thompson	
G G Huxtable	20	Danl Connolly	25
John Ferguson	25		
R N Adams	40	Total	$617

BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

Amount previously acknowledged	$912
Rev Luther Houghton	20
Rev W F Perley $30, instead of $20, as per acknowledgement two weeks ago—difference	10
Total	$942

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Leroy Hooker	$25	Wm T Smith	$15
John B Trimble	10	J H Fowler, M A	20
Wm Ryan	25	Wm Austin	10
Wm D Brown	10	John Lawrence	10
Wm Timberlake	50	Moses Scott	20
Isaac Wilkinson	10	S E Maudsley	5
Jas Kines	100	Alex Drennan	30
Geo H Porter	10		
John W Clipsham	10	Total	$360

Brother Kines, in forwarding the above list, says:—"Great heartiness prevailed in the discussions on the subject, and but one mind pervaded the whole. The Fund must be raised.

. . I was requested by the meeting to make the following statement: 'We arrange to make an immediate effort on each circuit and mission by the minister with his people to raise the amount in harmony with the suggestion of the circular, and we pledge ourselves as a district to raise our proportion of the amount, and complete the canvass by the 30th Oct.'"

FRENCH AND INDIAN DISTRICT.

John Borland	$50	John Syoret	$20
Thos Charbonnel	25	Chas W Grenier	20
Amand Parent	50	N W Devenean	5
Louis N Beaudry	50	Antoine Geoffroy	25
Edwd DeGruchy	25		
Joseph A Dorion	5	Total	$275

It really seems as though our Eastern brethren intend to show those of the West how to do things up thoroughly. Read the following:

FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Edwin Evans	$110	Jas A Duke	$20
Henry Daniel	25	W W Colpitts	30
Mrs H Daniel	25	Edwin C Turner	25
Henry J Clarke	30	T L Williams	20
Waldron W Brewer	50	Robt S Crisp	30
M R Knight	25	Wm Harrison	30
Levi S Johnson	50	Edwin Mills	25
Mrs L S Johnson	50	Mrs E Mills	25
John K King	15	Thos Allen	20
Jas Crisp	50	Wm Penna	25
Wm Dobson	50	Richd Opie	25
Mrs W Dobson	50		
F Freeman	10	Total	$815

In the lists published this week, FREDERICTON District leads the van, with an average of $40.75, and not a man missing. Our brethren in the East are evidently going on the principle of "no exemptions." If the people show a similar record, the Eastern Conferences will stand high. May their zeal "provoke many."

The Districts yet to report are as follows:—Toronto Conference, 1; London Conference, 1; Montreal Conference, 4; Nova Scotia Conference, 6; New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conference, 3; Newfoundland Conference, 3.

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

J G Hennigar	$20	Jos Gaetz & wife	$50
J F Bent & daught'r	23	C Jost, M A, & wife	50
R Smith & wife	25	Caleb Parker	20
A W Nicolson & wife	100	W H Heartz	100
John Cassidy & wife	100		
Jas Strothard & wife	50	Total	$538

An average of $53.80 per man. We are waiting for some Western district to beat that. Which shall it be?

MIRAMICHI DISTRIDT.

S T Teed	$100	D H Lodge	$20
I N Parker	100	Wm Tippets	10
Isaac Howie	25	Henry Penna	10
Geo Steel	25		
Septimus Colwell	25	Total	$315

Brother Teed accompanies the above with a note, as follows:—"I feel quite sanguine that this affair will be a success; we commenced the campaign yesterday, 7th inst. Ex-President Prince is to spend four weeks with us in the interest of the Fund. The brethren are all enthusiastic. *Success* is the watchword." How can it fail of success, when the ministers take stock in it to such an extent as this? and not a man on the district wanting.

ST. STEPHEN DISTRICT.

F W Harrison	$50	W Wass	$25
How'd Sprague, M A	50	Thos Hicks	25
Geo Harrison	60		
John T Baxendale	50	Total	$285
C W Dutcher	25		

Another complete district list with a very high average. Well done, Saint Stephen!

Resolution of St. Stephen District Meeting:—"That the statement of the Central Committee in regard to the proposed Relief and Extension Fund, be read in all our churches on the second Sabbath in September, and a sermon be preached on that day bearing directly on the subject, to be followed immediately by a personal solicitation on the part of the minister to all persons from whom we are at all likely to receive any financial help."

BLANK FORMS.

Collectors' Books, Subscription cards, and blank forms of lists for publication, have been sent to every circuit throughout the entire church. If in any case a further supply of either is required, a request by post card, or otherwise, sent to the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Methodist Mission Rooms, will be promptly attended to.

REMITTANCES.

The Treasurers acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following sums:—

Rev David C Clappison, per Rev J Wakefield	$100 00
Ottawa, Dominion Church, per Rev E E Stafford	57 00
Toronto, Sherbourne Street, per E Fudger, Esq	30 50
Rev Robt McCulloch, per Dr. Harper	$10 00
A Friend " " "	1 00
Rev E B Ryckman, D D	25 00
Rev Hugh Locke, per Rev J Gray	4 00
Rev Jos Rawson, " "	1 00
Port Rowan " "	2 00
Rev J Carroll, D D, per Rev T S Keough	5 00

HALIFAX, N. S., DISTRICT.

S F Huestis & wife	$100	R A Daniel	15
R Brecken, A M, and wife	150	E R Brunyate	10
		J H Davis	10
Thos Rogers, A M	100	I M Mellish	10
E B Moore	100	W H Evans	10
Wm Ryan	100	Paul Prestwood	20
S B Dunn & wife	50	Benj Hills, A B	10
T Watson Smith	35	G O Huestis	10
John S Addy	30	E Brettle & wife	20
John L Sponagle	20	Geo Johnson	12
John McMurray	20		
C M Tyler	20	Total	$852

ST. JOHN'S NFLD.

Ayre, Hon C R	$500	O'Brien, Mrs	4
Ayre, John B	10	Pingell, Mrs	2
Avery, Simeon	4	Pitts, Wm	100
Angell, Jno	5	Pitts, Jas F	20
" Mrs J	5	Prowse, Mrs Wm	4
" Annie	5	Prowse, Kenneth	4
" Jamie	5	Pete, Wm	1
" Willie	5	Petries, Chas	1
	25	Pippy, Jos & wife	76
Bishop, R K	20	Rogerson, Hon J J	100
Blackwood, R	4	Rooney, John	5
Bridgeman, Misses	12	Steer, John	20
Butler, John	1 50	Smith, Edward	200
Chown F H	12	Smith, F G	4
Cotter, Geo	5	Steer, Miss	8
Christian, A	1	Shenton, Rev J	50
Dicks, Geo	20	" Mrs J	20
Downs, Chas	1	" M Jane	10
Duder, Henry	4	" Sarah	10
English, Mrs J	4	" Emma	10
Fox, Rev T, Topsail	10	Story, Rev G P	100
Friend	100	Super, Saml	20
Friend	4	Scott, Alex	2
Friend	4	Scott, D J	1
For Katie's recovery	2	Scott, G A	2
	20	Spry, T W	1
Gear, George	100	Shiriam, A F	10
Gibb, H, A family	20	Taylor, John W	1
Handcock, Emile	25	Taylor, P	1
Hudson, S, & fmly	4	Thomas, Mrs	1
Ladner, Rev C	40	Tuff, Joseph, junr	1
Lucas, Henry	1	Thompson, J	2
Milligan, Rev G S	50	White, Hon E	100
Mews, Geo	20	Whiteford, Jas	20
Marshall, Alex	40	Woods, Chesley A	8
March, Nathaniel	20	Collection	69 50
March, Levi	8	Collection, Topsail	1
March Stephen	5	Sabbath Schools.	
Morse, A B	1	Gower St	34 55
Miller, Robt, Topsail	4	George St	12 20
Moyse, Mrs Topsail	1	Total	$2159.75

QUEEN SQUARE METHODIST CHURCH.—Yesterday evening, about seven o'clock, quite a number of the members of the Queen Square Methodist Church congregation assembled in the church to test the lights which had been placed in the church. The whole number were lit, the trial proved very satisfactory. A large chandelier hangs almost directly over the reading desk, and on it are twenty-four lights. Two other chandeliers, with six lights to each, hang underneath the gallery, while around the walls are ten lights with three jets to each. Around the top of each of the six posts which support the roof are twelve jets; in the gallery six; in the Sabbath School room about seventeen, and in the ministers' room which is separated from the main church by stained glass, are six more, making altogether one hundred and sixty seven jets. The fittings which were imported from New York expressly for the church, were put in by Mr. George Blake. The church is to be opened for public worship next Sabbath. The services on that day will be as follows: 9 a.m. prayer meeting conducted by Rev. J. S. Addy; 11 a.m., dedicatory services, conducted by Rev. H. McKeown, president of the Conference; the sermon to be preached by the Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Sackville, and at the close the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered; 3 p.m., preaching by Rev. Mr. McKeown; and at 7 p.m. by Rev. D. D. Currie of Halifax. On the following Monday evening it is expected that Rev. Mr. Currie will deliver a lecture. On Tuesday evening there will be a public thanksgiving service, on which occasion addresses will be delivered by several of the pastors of the different churches in the city. Should however, Mr. Currie not lecture this latter meeting will be held on Monday evening. On Wednesday evening there will be the usual prayer service, and on Friday evening a social meeting of the congregation will be held at which will be presented a statement of the financial position of the Church. On the Sunday following it is expected that Rev. Mr. Burwash will occupy the pulpit. The leasing of the pews in the church will not take place till week after next.—*St. John News, Sep 30.*

Depth of Towing Wheat.—Farmers who are wide awake and given to investigation don't sow so much wheat per acre as they formerly did, and they dont sow it so deep. The great heavy harrows of ten or twenty years ago are not now employed by them in covering seed, and the drill, which can be depended on better, is becoming universally popular. In broadcast sowing, after the ground is thoroughly prepared; the Thomas smoothing harrow will cover the seed deep enough. A Wisconsin writer gives the result of an experiment in planting at different depths—on the surface, one-fourth inch, one-half inch, three-fourths inch deep, and so on to several inches. That on the surface lay two weeks before sprouting; that one-fourth to three-fourths inches deep came up in four or five days; and so on, getting later as the depth increased. The last to come up was planted three and one-half inches deep and was fourteen days in reaching the surface. None planted deeper ever reached the surface. At the end of six weeks that planted one-fourth to one-half inch deep stood away ahead of the rest.—*Record and Farmer.*

PEACH PIE.—Line a dish with a good crust. Then place in it a single layer of peaches, cut in halves; sprinkle sugar on them, and pour enough sweet cream to fill the dish, and bake. Use no upper crust. It is delicious.