

the welfare of its sabbath school, and pray that the School and the Church may prove a blessing to each other.

Submitted on behalf of the officers and teachers.

W. C. ASHDOWN,
Superintendent.

ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the Church meeting held March 31, 1875, a scheme was adopted which it was intended should be an improvement on the system previously practised in support of our denominational institutions and certain Church objects, and it now gives the Secretary-Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund pleasure, in presenting his first Annual Report, to be able to congratulate the members of the Church and congregation on the satisfactory results which have attended the working of the scheme thus far. As stated in a circular issued at the time, the plan is a system of monthly subscriptions for the support of the following and such other objects as may be added by the Church from time to time, viz., the Canada Congregational Missionary Society; the Congregational College; the Provident Fund; the Congregational Union; Foreign Missions; the Church Visitor's Fund; the Sunday-School, and the Ladies' Aid Society.

In response to the circulars issued and the canvas made, ninety-five subscriptions were secured, which amounted in the aggregate to \$784 20; to this sum must be added \$16 from anonymous sources, and \$10 04 from Mr. Wightman, being balance of monthly missionary collections; making a total of \$810 24 for the nine months ending December 31st, 1875. From this amount, however, deductions have to be made, owing to the falling off of subscriptions on account of the organization of a Western Church shortly after the adoption of the scheme, which took away almost an entire district, and also through the removal of subscribers from the city; but, notwithstanding these withdrawals, the handsome sum of \$758 32 has been received by your treasurer, with an arrearage of about \$15, which will, no doubt, be fully covered within a short time.

By vote of the Church, the following appropriations have been made during the year, viz. :—

The Congregational College	\$150 00
For the Western Congregational Church	150 00
The Sunday-school	150 00
Provident Fund	50 00
The Church Visitor's Fund	49 82
London Missionary Society	50 00
The Congregational Union	30 00
For the General Missionary Agent	25 00
Congregational Year Books for 1875	10 00
Printing, Account Books, &c.	14 25

Making a total of..... \$679 07