

STATE OF THE FUND.

The Convener reported the state of the fund at this date as follows

Expenditure to 1st Oct., 1878, including balance against the Fund on 1st May	\$11,612 00
Claims passed at this meeting, say.....	10,600 00
Claims for Manitoulin Island, etc., to date, say	1,000 00
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Receipts from 1st May to date (1st Oct.)	\$23,212 00
	4,150 00
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Balance against the Fund	\$19,062 00

After lengthened consideration of the matter the following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, the indebtedness of the Fund at this date exceeds \$19,000,—nearly \$6,000 above the debt at the same period last year, whereas the estimated expenditure of the current year is \$43,000; and whereas the Committee are satisfied that only by strong and general effort the income of the year can be made equal to the expenditure; *Resolved*, that the Convener be instructed to request all the Presbyteries of the Church to use the utmost diligence to secure liberal contributions to the Home Mission scheme from their Congregation and Station within their bounds, and hereby intimated that in the event of sufficient funds not being forthcoming prior to the March meeting of the Committee, they will be under the necessity of deducting a percentage from the claims of all Presbyteries for Supported Congregations and Mission Stations for the half year ending 31st March next, so as to equalize the expenditure with the income of the year.

The Committee further earnestly request Presbyteries carefully to revise every application for aid with a view to increase the contributions of the people in the respective fields, and to reduce the grants from the Home Mission Fund.

EXPENSES PAID.

The travelling expenses of members were noted and paid.

CLOSE.

The Committee adjourned at half-past eleven o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, 9th October, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Com.