

FINANCE REPORT—WESTERN SECTION.—1876-77.

The accompanying statements and accounts show the receipts and expenditure for the various schemes of the Church during the past year. While some of the schemes are not in such a prosperous condition as might be desired, the amounts received, considering the very great business depression which has existed throughout the year, may be regarded as not unsatisfactory.

The reports of the various Committees involve the financial condition of the several schemes, so that it is not necessary to refer to them further here. In regard to the Assembly Fund, it will be seen that the expenditure has been large, and that a very considerable deficiency existed at the close of the financial year. It may be stated, however, that the large adverse balance has been largely owing to the expenses of meeting of Committee, in Montreal, in September, 1875, and to the expenses of deputations. Had all the congregations paid the proportion allocated (five cents per member) there might have been no deficiency, or the deficiency would have been greatly reduced. Notwithstanding the debt on the Assembly Fund, it is believed that the same rate of contribution, if faithfully collected and remitted, would be sufficient for the purposes of the Fund. In some Presbyteries, especially in the Presbytery of Barrie, the contributions for the Assembly Fund have been collected by the Treasurer of the Presbytery and remitted by him. It would be desirable that the same course should be followed by other Presbyteries.

The report of Mr. John McMurrie and Mr. John L. Blaikie, on the accounts of the agent of the Church, is hereto appended.

WM. REID, *General Agent.*

COLLEGE FUND—(KNOX AND QUEEN'S).

RECEIPTS.

Received from all sources\$9376 55

EXPENDITURE.

Amount paid to Knox College.....	\$8009 14	
“ “ Queen's College	\$1095 88	
Expenses of Deputations, etc.	42 00	
Balance	229 58	
	1367 41	\$9376 55

KNOX COLLEGE.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from College Fund	\$8009 14	
“ “ “ Special contributions, &c.....	457 00	
“ “ “ Interest from Endowment Fund	1366 85	
Balance at Dr.....	13477 85	
		\$23310 84

EXPENDITURE.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$9531 25	
Salaries of Professors, etc.....	8450 00	
Dr. Willis, retiring allowance.....	1200 00	
Library.....	151 61	
Printing	129 10	
Fuel, light, water	2288 58	
Sundry accounts.....	117 62	
Mr. Taverner.....	150 00	
Students' Library Society	25 00	
Insurance	67 68	
Interest	700 00	
General expenses	125 00	
Proportion of salary.....	375 00	
		\$23310 84

BURSARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$488 36	
Receipts from all sources.....	1397 98	
		\$1886 34

EXPENDITURE.

Bursaries paid	\$1595 00	
General expenses, etc	65 00	
Balance	226 34	
		\$1886 34