

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For Year Ending May 31st, 1897.

I herewith present the financial statements for the year just closed, embracing receipts and disbursements, with statements of the General Mission Fund, the Shurtleff Mission Fund Revenue Account, the George Robertson Evangelistic Fund Revenue Account, and the Church Extension and Building Fund Revenue Account, all duly audited by the Society's Auditors.

With regard to the General Mission Fund, we began the year with a surplus of \$405.02, and this year closes with a surplus of \$435.60. It is a matter for sincere thankfulness that for two years in succession the balance is on the right side, but we must not remain content with this. The regular contributions for the year are \$140 less than last year, and \$1,000 less if the subscriptions for the debt are taken into account. Taking the total church membership for Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, the average subscription per member is $28\frac{1}{8}$ cents; and by Provinces, for Quebec, $56\frac{3}{4}$ cents; for Ontario, $17\frac{3}{4}$ cents; and for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, $38\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

Had the churches responded to our modest request of last year for an average membership subscription of fifty cents, the treasury would have been \$2,000 richer to-day, and the Executive could have answered the urgent call for the opening of new and promising fields in British Columbia.

As Congregationalists we have a distinct work to do in Canada; therefore let us believe in ourselves—not apologize for our presence. Our church principles are gaining ground all over the world. We are blessed with freedom to think and to act for ourselves, and we ought to be proud of our liberty; but if we are, it becomes us to work together most heartily to spread those principles all over our common country, and the practical