

STATE OF THE FUND.

The state of the fund was reported as follows:—

	HOME MISSION.	AUGMENTATION.
Balance on hand, May 1885.....	\$ 7,260.77	\$ 738.29
Receipts to 29th March, 1886.....	25,178.54	16,620.31
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Expenditure to 29th March, 1886.....	\$32,439.31	\$17,358.60
	26,457.76	15,824.99
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On hand.....	\$5,981.55	\$1,533.61
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AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

CLAIMS FOR PAST HALF YEAR.—Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, convener of the sub-committee on Augmentation, reported that the receipts to date were \$17,163, and that there would probably be a deficit at the close of this year of about \$12,000, including the amount borrowed from the reserve fund last year. The report was received and it was agreed to pay in full the claims for the past six months, drawing upon the reserve fund to the amount required.

CODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS.—The sub-committee appointed to tabulate and revise the regulations under which the Augmentation Scheme is worked, presented the following as their report:—

BY WHOM ADMINISTERED.

I. The Augmentation fund shall be administered by a sub-committee of the Home Mission Committee, with a Secretary appointed by the General Assembly.

HOW FUNDS ARE TO BE PROVIDED.

II. (1) The funds for Home Mission work proper and for Augmentation of Stipends shall be kept distinct and congregations are instructed to contribute separately to these two objects.

(2) It is hoped also that the fund will be largely increased by generous contributions from individual members of the Church whom God hath prospered.

HOW THE LIST SHALL BE MADE UP.

III. (1) The list of Augmented Congregations shall embrace only such charges as have pastors duly called by the people and inducted by the Presbytery and as in the judgment of the Presbytery are entitled to assistance in support of the ministry.

(2) New congregations formed by Presbyteries in consultation with the Augmentation Committee as hereinafter provided (Sec. VII. 2), and vacant congregations requiring aid when settled.

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