

STATE OF THE ACCTS. APR. 1, 1887.

EASTERN SECTION.		
FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
1	pts to April 1st, 1887,	\$11556.22
1	acc due Treas. May 1st, 1886,	\$ 710.64
1	addition to April 1st, 1887,	15317.05
		16067.29
	Bal. due Treas., April 1st, 1887	84511.07
BAPTIST AND METHODIST SCHOOLS.		
	Receipts to April 1st, 1887,	\$269.16
	Balance due Treas. May 1st, 1886,	\$1310.79
	Expenditure to April 1st, 1887,	3506.91
	Balance due	\$2995.01
HOPK MISSIONS.		
	Balance on hand May 1st, 1886,	\$ 32.05
	Receipts to April 1st, 1887,	\$1937.19
	Expenditure to April 1st, 1887,	4622.50
	Balance due	\$ 3367.0
AGUMENTATION FUND.		
	Balance on hand May 1st, 1886,	\$4710.79
	Receipts to April 1st, 1887,	6661.55
	Expenditure to	4056.14
	Balance on hand	\$7316.20
COLLEGE FUND.		
	Receipts to April 1st, 1887,	\$8589.28
	Balance due May 1st, 1886,	\$7447.03
	Expenditure to April 1st, 1887,	9750.65
	Balance due	\$ 8614.45
COLLEGE BURSARY.		
	Receipts to April 1st, 1887,	\$ 374.67
	Balance due May 1st, 1886	\$ 360.47
	Expenditure to April 1st, 1887	433.00
	Balance due	\$ 418.50
AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.		
	Balance on hand May 1st, 1886,	\$ 713.62
	Receipts to April 1st, 1887	1627.37
	Expenditure to	\$2340.09
		1903.73
	Bal. on hand,	\$ 377.21
RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.		
	Foreign Missions,	\$2169.54
	Dayspring, etc.,	346.43
	Home Missions,	961.33
	Augmentation,	2164.35
	College,	519.71
	Bursary,	40.30
	Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund,	353.53

THE MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN has sent another fifty dollars to the Foreign Mission Fund, making four hundred dollars in all that it has been enabled to devote to this object. Thanks to those who have aided in its circulation and made it thus far successful.

The English Presbyterian Church was engaged in missionary work in Southern Formosa for some time before our own church began in the Northern part of the Island. Their mission has been prospered as it is now undertaking a mission of its own to the Pescadore Islands.

The British America Book and Tract Society, Halifax, was instituted nineteen years ago. It is strictly un denominational in its teachings—the work being conducted under the supervision of Christians of various Evangelical bodies. It sends out colporteurs who are at once book sellers, tract distributors and missionaries.

During the 19 years of its existence there have been 148 colporteurs employed for a longer or shorter time, equal to the services of one man for 208 years. The visits made were 552,174, of which 25,930 were to Catholic families. They found 2369 families without the Bible, and 4,433 destitute of all religious books except the Bible. In every case these families were supplied with Bibles or religious books. They distributed books, Bibles, and tracts to the value of \$220,056.55 or which \$15,767.23 worth were given free of charge. Besides this there have been \$218,148.05 worth put into circulation direct from the depository making in all a total of \$433,235.50.

A large part of the cost of this goodly work is met by the profits from the sale of books by the colporteurs and from the depository, the remainder by voluntary contributions throughout the field of the Society's work. As the expenses of the colporteurs are paid by the Society, hospitality shown to them, thereby saving expenses, aids the Funds of the Society. Donations addressed to the Society, 117 Granville St., Halifax, are always welcome.

Two things should be aimed at in all Foreign Mission work, first, to train native workers and thus make the greatest possible use of native agency, and, second, to lead the people to support these native agents so that so far as is possible the work among them may be done by themselves. The way to make the most of the resources of a church for the dissemination of the Gospel is to devote its strength to the training of a native agency.

We learn that the Duffus property in Halifax has been purchased for a Ladies' College. The movement has thus far been most encouraging. That the success already attained may be an earnest of even better things in future is the hope and wish of many in our church. Let these hopes and wishes take practical shape in hearty support, and success is assured.