

THE CHURCH OBSERVER.

Printing, postage, stationery, etc.....	42.87
Refunded to Windsor, amount twice paid, in error, last year.....	39.32
	\$4,701.33
Balance	36.41

W. J. ANCIENT.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomas Brown reported for the audit committee, calling attention to the deficiency on the B. H. M. fund, and their intention to refuse to make payments on July 1st., unless the money were in hand. There is a deficit on the year's operations of \$568.

Rev. S. Trivett, of Blandford, thought the falling off of funds was due to the failure of the fisheries.

The secretary explained that the fund last year was \$500 in advance of what it is now, and estimated that by October there would be a deficiency of \$2,600, unless some special effort was made.

After discussion, the Rev. V. E. Harris moved for the appointment of a committee to suggest means for making up the deficiency as quickly as possible.

Thomas Brown reported for the committee, and presented the following report:

The special committee on Board of Home Missions, appointed by this synod, beg leave to report, that, at a meeting held this morning, it was resolved—That this committee be authorized to issue a strong appeal to the members of the church in the diocese, setting forth the urgent present need of the B. H. M. to meet the stipends of the missionary clergy within the diocese, and that the bishop be requested to issue a pastoral letter to be read by all the clergy in the diocese on the first Sunday in

July, and that the clergy be supplied with envelopes, to be distributed throughout each congregation, for such a collection, to be made on the second Sunday in July. They also ask that this committee be continued. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted but not without protest from several parishes, who felt the injustice, while acknowledging the necessity, of having to make up the delinquencies of others.

At the session on Saturday afternoon the following report was read, signed by C. C. Blackadar, Jno. Y. Payzant, and F. H. Almon:

The committee appointed by the synod in 1894 to secure necessary legislation for the speedy abolishment of the truck system, while they feel that the system is in some cases injurious to the laboring classes, yet consider that there are great difficulties in proposing practical legislation on the subject.

They therefore, recommend the appointment of a larger committee to interview the government and to ask their earnest consideration of the truck system and to press upon that body the importance of their proposing legislation either for its complete abolition or the mitigation of its alleged evils.

The report was adopted and the following committee appointed;

His lordship the Bishop Rev. F. H. Almon, Rev. W. C. Wilson, Messrs C. C. Blackadar and J. Y. Payzant.

Rev. W. J. Armitage reported for the committee appointed to consider the bishop's address. On the subject of Episcopal fund, King's college, and intemperance the report read as follows;

The episcopal fund—Whereas the attention of the synod has again been called to the certain

withdrawal of the sum of £203 per annum now given by the colonial bishoprics' fund, the committee recommend that a special committee be appointed by the synod for the purpose of adding to the episcopal endowment of the diocese the sum of \$50,000, which will not only replace the amount of income to be withdrawn, but will also enable the assessment committee to reduce by fifty per cent, the amount assessed upon the parishes. The committee trust that the generous offer of \$1,000, made by the bishop, will stimulate the zeal of many others in the diocese.

Kings college—The committee regrets to learn that the annual collection required for Kings college is not taken in all the church, and respectfully draws the attention of the clergy to the resolution of the synod, passed at the session of 1888 and printed on page 65 of the journal of that year, requiring such collection.

This synod desires to place on record its deliberate opinion that intemperance is one of the greatest if not the greatest, evil of the age, and its profound sense of the need of more aggressive work on the part of all our church people to meet its inroads. Its remedy has become the problem of the closing years of the century. We view with alarm its ravages in our land, its desolating effects in our homes, its awful results in the degradation and ruin of those who become its slaves, its waste of national wealth and its harvest of other evils.

And, whereas we believe it is the duty of this synod to aid, so far as it is able, all efforts towards lessening and abolishing these evils;

We, therefore, urge upon the members of the Church of England the necessity of doing all in their power to stem the tide of intemp-