been smitten in large numbers, and many a Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted because they are not. In others unusual and appalling forms of disease have appeared. In *all* we have been reminded *full* often that we are but pilgrims and strangers here, with no continuing city. This summer dawns on more graves than any that has gone before. Eyes are dim with tears that were unused to weeping, and hearts are breaking with sorrow to whom hitherto the world was bright as a summer day.

O how well is it that we can look forward to the resurrection from the dead!—that we have the sure promise to rest upon. Our dead shall rise again as surely as the seed committed to the soil in this month of May shall spring up to a new life. Christ, our Forerunner, has taken away the sting of death, and the shame and fear of the grave. There is no cause now for disconsolate weeping when we part with our loved ones,—for the parting is only for a short wintry night. The Springtide of Eternity is near. The mighty Healer is among us, ever accessible; and His delight is to bind up broken hearts.

The world, with its winters and summers, springtides and harvest-tides, with its sowing and reaping, with its births and deaths,—is passing away. There is none abiding. God alone is great. His work—work for Him—is the only work on earth worthy of the name. He calls us to be up and doing while we have opportunity

FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO APRIL 22, 1873

The subjoined statement is general, and cents are omitted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Receipts: Cong. collections, &c.	$6,822	
Crerar Reserve, interest	215	
" " Stock sale	1,079	
		$8,116
Payments		8,326
Balance due Treasurer		$269

"DAYSPRING."

Balance from last year	$900	
Receipts	720	
		1,620
Disbursements		1,217
In fund		$ 403

MISSION PREMISES, ST. FERNANDO.

Receipts		$1,365
Last payment for Church	$400	
Balance on hand for Manse	965	
		1,365

HOME MISSIONS.

Bal. on hand June 1st. 1872	$1,371	
Receipts since that date	2,429	
		3,800
(Payments.)		
To Supplementing Fund	$1,500	
" ordinary Home Miss. work	1,390	
Balance on hand	910	
		3,800

SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

Receipts from Home Miss. Fund	$1,500	
" " Collections and individual donations	2,539	
		4,039
(Contra.)		
Old balance	$ 531	
Biennial payments	3,130	
Balance on hand	378	
		4,039

SYNOD FUND.

Credit	$1,055
Debit	1,172
Balance due Treasurer	$ 117

EDUCATION.

Receipts of Professorial Fund	$2,104	
" General Fund	2,821	
		4,925
Payments		5,228
Balance due Treasurer		$ 303

ACADIA MISSION.

Debt on June 1st, 1872	$134	
Payments	479	
		613
Receipts		625
Balance on hand		$ 12

OUR ACADIAN MISSION.

Some months ago along with $8.50 for this mission, the following letter was received:—

WALLIS BROOK, WENTWORTH GRANT.

Dear Sir,—Four years ago last New Year's, (some three months after I came here), by the aid of an earnest Christian, we established a prayer meeting in this back settlement, containing some ten or twelve families. Some four or five were very recently settled, and, consequently, not at all rich. Still, as Superintendent of their meetings, I appealed to them on behalf of your most interesting Mission to the Acadian French. The effects of that humble effort I send freighted with the prayers of the donors. The suggestion occurred to me at the time,