

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1876	1877	Increase.	Decrease.
General Fund.....	1604 61	1288 87		315 74
Mission Fund.....	3273 12	3402 32	129 20	
W. & O. Fund.....	338 02	363 95	25 03	
Pension Fund.....	1341 91	1350 17	8 26	
Total\$	6557 66	6105 31		152 35

GENERAL FUND.

(To aid in the erection of Churches and Parsonages, &c.)

Your Board desires to draw special attention to the very serious decrease of \$315.74 in the receipts during the year as compared with 1876, and even then there was a deficiency of \$220.88 as compared with 1875. The small amount received is not sufficient to meet the payment of the before-mentioned grants of \$450, together with the amount required for educational purposes during the year.

This deficiency has mainly arisen from the fact that a large proportion of the parishes and missions, especially in the District of St. Francis, have failed to contribute as liberally as in former years, while the claims for grants to church purposes from that district have pressed heavily upon the fund.

It seems necessary to remind the members of the Church that it is from this fund alone that aid is extended to the erection of churches, parsonages, church school buildings, and also for partial payment of the salaries of teachers, besides all the general expenses connected with the working of the Church Society.

Your Board therefore cannot but deplore that in consequence of the crippled state of the fund, no grants can be made during the current year, except that for the support of education; and it will be even difficult to maintain all the schools upon the list at the present rate of payment,

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