

THE CONTINGENT FUND.

This important fund began in the Canada Methodist Connexion in 1836, and to the present time has had but little support.

The fund is replenished yearly by, 1. Two public collections in all the congregations, to be made in September and March. 2. The profits of the "Christian Guardian" periodical and the Printing and Book business.

The objects of the fund are—1. To make up the deficiencies of poor circuits. A circuit pays the minister's allowance so far as it can, and this fund is designed to pay the remainder. 2. To assist the travelling preachers in the time of personal or family affliction, when they need such help. 3. To pay the various expenses which are of a connexional character.

The receipts of last year were, from the Circuits £215 12s. 1d.

and from the Book Room £50,	-	-	-	-	£265	12	1
The demands on the fund from deficient circuits,	-	-	-	-	1222	0	0

Leaving a deficiency of	-	-	-	-	£956	8	11
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The CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE consist of:—the President of the Conference, Chairmen of Districts, Superintendents of Hamilton, Nelson, Stamford, Grimsby, St. Catharines, and Kingston, Toronto City, and Prescott, together with the following lay Brethren,—Messrs. E. Jackson, Esq., George B. Spencer, Dr. John Beatty, James Lewis, A. McIlroy, and J. Gage.

THE SUPERANNUATED FUND

is for the support of such aged and infirm Itinerant Methodist Preachers as can no longer perform the work of efficient ministers, and also for the support of the widows and children of deceased preachers.

This fund is supported by,—1. The yearly subscriptions of the travelling preachers, each paying one pound. 2. The contributions of the people on the circuits, to whom application is to be made by the preachers yearly in the month of December or January. 3. The interest coming from the invested part of the Centenary Fund.

The receipts of last year were as follows:—

Annual Subscriptions of Preachers	£107	15	0
Contributions from the people	146	5	5
Interest	64	15	4
	£318	15	9

The receipts were about equal to the claims, and were divided among six preachers and two widows.

THE CENTENARY FUND.

In 1839 the Canada Conference adopted the following Resolutions:—

Resolved—That the Conference, gratefully recognizing the unspeakable excellency and usefulness of Wesleyan Methodism, deem it proper and beneficial, in unison with our Fathers and Brethren in Great Britain and in the United States of America, to hold a Centenary Celebration of its institution for the purposes of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, and the promotion and extension of the great object at which Methodism aims.

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