

## STATE OF THE FUNDS.

## RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Foreign Missions.....	\$1,000 11
Day-spring and Mission Schools	964 28
Home Missions.....	349 89
Supplementing Fund.....	2,810 73
College Fund.....	1,072 62
“ Lursery.....	177 50
Aged Minister's Fund.....	252 32
French Evangelization.....	352 18
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	\$8,979 61

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## AUGMENTATION SUPPLEMENT.

The hearty welcome and cordial support with which the scheme is meeting throughout the Church is most praiseworthy. In almost every instance Presbyteries have set themselves heartily to work to secure the amount allotted by Synod, and congregations have nobly responded. It is to be hoped that the response will not only be general, but universal. If any do not make at least an honest effort in the matter, it will be all the more noticeable from the fact that the movement is so unanimous and cordial throughout the Church. Some of the Presbyteries have the work nearly completed, in others it is yet in progress, so that a complete statement of results cannot yet be given.

The allocation of the different amounts to the several Presbyteries was *not* made by the—“Synod's Committee”—for the Synod has no committee on the matter, neither was it made by the Assembly's Committee, but by the Synod itself. If the scheme is to be successful it must be by each Presbytery aiming to carry out the suggestion of the Synod, and each congregation honestly trying to raise the allotment by its Presbytery. There are few Presbyteries that do not think their amounts too high. There are many congregations that think their allotments too large. But the Synod taking a view

of the whole, made what it considered a fair apportionment of the whole sum and Presbyteries in most cases have done the same.

The reports recently current to the effect that the French Government had decided to annex the New Hebrides and that the British Government had agreed to the proposal have proved untrue. The Free church of Scotland having missionaries in the New Hebrides, applied at once to the Government. Earl Granville wrote the Secretary of the Free Church that “The British Government considers the agreement between England and France with regard to the New Hebrides still in force” ; that agreement, made some time ago, was, that neither government should annex this group. Other press telegrams show that neither had the French government proposed such a step nor the English Government consented to it. According to London papers the facts were as follows:—A committee appointed by the Government of New Caledonia, a French colony lying about two hundred miles from the New Hebrides submitted a report in which they recommended the taking of the New Hebrides as suitable a place to send the worse class of French convicts, to save expense maintaining them at home. The British Government has notified the French Ambassador that any such action on the part of France would be regarded by Britain as an unfriendly act, which in Governmental language is plain speaking.

When the report was first received the chairman and Secretary of our F. M. Board at once communicated with the Free Church of Scotland giving our voice with theirs in any approach which they might make to the British Government. Soon after, a meeting of the F. M. Board was called, and after ascertaining all the facts so far as known, resolved to memorialize the British Government, giving a brief account of the work done in the New Hebrides by Canada, and urging