

THE FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

EASTERN SECTION.

In our last issue the State of the Foreign Mission Fund was given, up to April 28th. During the following week a considerable sum was received so that the close of the accounts shows the Fund to be in a much better condition than it was a week previously.

The whole expenditure for the year in the fields under the charge of the Eastern Division has been \$20,752.78
The receipts have been 20,401.56

Deficit on the year 351.22
Former Debt 2,030.23
Total deficit at present on the work under the charge of the Eastern Division 2,381.45

On the whole the state of the work during the year has been encouraging. The receipts have not quite equalled the expenditure. The adverse balance has slightly increased but the increase has been very trifling. There is room for encouragement when we can look at a year's work done and feel that it is paid for, and thus be quit of the disheartening cry of debt. Men and women are the more encouraged to give because they feel that their offerings do not have to go to pay old debts but to do new work for the Lord.

This expenditure, besides the old fields of the New Hebrides and Trinidad, includes the newer field of Demarara, where Mr. Gibson is laboring, whose salary has been paid in part by the Western Section of the Church, and partly by the Presbyterian Missionary Society of West Coast, Demarara, but is under the charge of the Eastern Division of the Committee, and the monies are transmitted to it through the Eastern Agency. This sum of £200 paid by the Western Section of the Church and transmitted through the Eastern Agency is included in the above account.

Of the remaining nearly \$20,000, the Church in the Maritime Provinces raised about \$17,000. The remaining nearly \$3,000 was made up as follows:

From the Free Church of Scotland as part payment for the mission premises in Aneityun, one hundred pounds sterling, say \$ 500

From the Woman's F. M. S. in the West 800
Contributed by Sabbath schools and friends in the West, through Dr. Reid and Mr. Warden, chiefly for special objects 1000
Collections at Mr. Annand's Missionary meetings, about \$500 in the East and \$200 in the West, marked for Santo 700

While the fund is in almost as good a position as at the beginning of the year it is partly owing to good friends in the West.

Of the remaining \$17,000, \$1,740 was from the Woman's F. M. Society, E. D., \$1,600 of this being the amount they had undertaken in support of four lady teachers, and \$140 in addition to what they had promised, paid by them into the Fund. Besides this there was the aid given by ladies' societies within several of the congregations.

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WESTERN DIVISION.

The Foreign Mission Fund, Western Division, stood as follows at the close of accounts on the first of May.

The whole receipts for the year were \$49,817.13
The whole expenditure 55,981.76

Making the deficit on the year's work \$6,164.63
To meet this there was a balance on hand from last year of 3,258.20

So that the debt upon the Fund in the West amounts to \$2,906.43

While this is the state of the running account it may be mentioned that there is a sum of \$5000 at the disposal of the Committee which has not yet been appropriated and which is not included in the above statement.

P. M. WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND, MARITIME PROVINCES.—Contributors to this fund are requested to forward their contributions to James M. Carmichael, Esq., Agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia, New Glasgow. Correspondence may be addressed to the subscriber at Ottawa Ladies College, Ottawa.

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