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WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

REV. F. J. BARNY.

A statement in regard to this surely needs no justification. Contributors to the Mission have a right to know how the funds they supply are used further than appears in the usual reports of the work. Or, if they wish to waive their rights, it is still their duty to be interested. Before giving the details of expenditure, it is only right to state that our finances are conducted on business principles. We were taught from the first to walk the narrow way of accountable stewardship. Our financial machinery is simple but effective, enough so that the last pie (one sixth of a cent) is accounted for.

The funds of the Mission are deposited in the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, one of the soundest banks in Bombay, and they are controlled by a Field Treasurer, elected by the Mission to his office. Remittances are made to us by drafts on London, for which the bank gives us credit in rupees. There is therefore a sterling and a rupee rate of exchange to be noted. The Board makes these remittances quarterly, and each time they send a detailed list of the objects included in the remittance to the Field Treasurer, who then pays the individual missionaries their salaries, the appropriations for their work, and any special funds designated. Those in charge of funds spend them according to specifications known as "Appropriations." These have their origin as "Estimates," which the mission makes up annually, showing what, in its opinion, the work in all its details will cost the next year. The Board then receives these estimates and passes upon them, approving them or increasing or cutting them down; and in doing this it acts by faith and by sight. By sight in that the treasury is carefully watched so as to get the temper of God's people; by faith in that the whole matter is placed in God's hands where, after all is said and done, it belongs. The results of these deliberations are in due course announced as the appropriations for our work. Strict account is kept of all expenditure, and at the end of the year all accounts, with their vouchers, are placed in the hands of an auditing committee. The audited accounts are then sent home, where the Board's Finance Committee again passes upon them and approves or otherwise. This course naturally makes a good deal of work in the way of bookkeeping, but we feel it is best