

In the above statement of expenditure an apparent discrepancy requires explanation. The special collections disbursed in 1871 amounted to \$595 93, whereas the total amount collected from these sources during that year amounted only to \$553 90. The difference arose from the fact that the sum of \$42 03, raised in 1870, was held over until the following year, and appeared in the expenditure of 1871 instead of in that of 1870. The same discrepancy appears in the expenditure for 1872. The sum of \$628 97 having been paid out while only \$577 62 was collected. The difference is caused by the collection in aid of French Evangelization in 1871, amounting to \$51 35 having been held over and disbursed during the current year.

The fact of a balance, however small, appearing in the hands of the Treasurer after all the expenses of the year have been liquidated, is satisfactory, and shews that the ordinary financial affairs of the Church are in a sound and healthy condition; and when it is remembered that, while year after year there has been a steady increase in the expenditure, there has at the same time been a proportionate increase of the revenue—there is, indeed, room for hearty congratulation and encouragement; conveying the assurance that where a legitimate end is striven for, the means for attaining it will not be found wanting.

The subject of arrears is one to which your Committee have again and again had occasion to refer. According to last year's Report, the arrears to the Church Fund for the year 1871, amounted to \$288 31, of which only the insignificant sum of \$89 95 has been received. For the current year we were promised the sum of \$2,205, of which only \$1,849 has been paid, leaving a deficiency of \$356 still to be collected. It is with extreme reluctance that your Committee feel themselves compelled year after year to allude to this matter; but in justice both to themselves and the Congregation cannot avoid doing so. The agreement on the part of the Congregation to supply a stipulated amount annually, for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the Church, is a business obligation, and something more, and as such ought to be carried out fully and honorably to the utmost. Unless your Committee can confidently rely upon this being done, they must necessarily feel reluctant in undertaking pecuniary obligations on your account, which they may not be supplied with the means of fulfilling.

In the Report of last year, considerable prominence was given to the work of Church extension, to which the Congregation was then pledged. A site had then been secured for the erection of a new church; subscription lists had been opened and a considerable amount subscribed. Plans were being pre-