

## The Church and Manse Board and its Work.

The Church and Manse Board was appointed by the Assembly of 1882, with the view of helping forward the work of Church extension in the Canadian Northwest. Christian work cannot be effectually carried on unless missionaries are comfortably housed, and suitable places of worship provided. To gain the confidence of the people we must act as if we intended to stay. A church gives visibility and begets confidence, besides providing accommodation for services and Sabbath-school work. During the past seven years over 150 churches and manses have been erected. The manses save nearly \$4,000 in rent annually, and the churches have enlarged congregations, increased revenue, given a great impetus to Sabbath-schools, and in every way helped our cause. The field is widening every year. Two-thirds of the congregations in the Synod are without places of worship, and owing to the construction of railways and the general development of the country, applications are continually being made to the Board for aid to erect places of worship.

The rapid growth of work will appear from the following figures taken from the Home Mission Report to the last General Assembly:—

	1871	1882	1884	1888	1889
Congregations and Stations .....	9	129	251	433	473
Families .....	189	2027	3893	5839	6797
Communicants .....		1355	3728	6906	7677
Churches .....	6	18	52	109	123
Manses .....	2	3	13	26	26

The Board asks subscribers to remit the balance of unpaid subscriptions to the Rev. Dr. Reid, Toronto, or to the Treasurer of the Board, Colin H. Campbell, Esq., Winnipeg. Many wealthy members of the Church have given no aid to this work; the Board asks them to respectfully consider its claims on their liberality. The church has no more important work on her hands just now than planting religious institutions in the new districts of Canada that are being settled and cultivated. The Lord has blessed this work in the past, and we ask all to help to make it more successful in the future.