

this detailed statement. Some too began to give through envelopes only near the end of the year, and therefore there is not much set down opposite their names. But while the forbearance of all such is craved, the Trustees confidently cherish the hope that whatever may be the personal views and feelings of individuals regarding the plan of weekly offerings through envelopes, a great many of those who have hitherto kept aloof from the system, will fall in with it, seeing that it is the system which is approved by the great bulk of the congregation. While the Trustees will gladly see the open plate collections continue to be as liberal as heretofore, they deem it still more important to have a revenue *in sight*,—which is the advantage of the envelop system.

The contributions towards the revenue of the congregation being given in detail, it was felt that those made to the Missionary Association and Building Fund and other objects, of which an account is kept, should also be printed, and it was so ordered. By another year, a well devised plan, combining the givings to the several objects, should be adopted, so as to avoid printing the same names over and over again.

Anew the claims of the congregation and of the church at large are commended to you all. I bespeak your sympathy and co-operation. Especially let us all remember that the church is an agency for making Christ known all over the world, and let us do what in us lies to maintain the Mission cause at home and abroad. We have a great Home Mission work committed to us: and we have been honoured with success in our endeavours to give the gospel to the heathen. This should be an encouragement to us to do better than we have ever done, in our contributions to our Missionary Association.

This being the centennial year of the building of the old St. Gabriel Church, it would be a fitting thing that it should be marked by an effort to reduce the indebtedness on our edifice. And all old subscribers to the Building Fund are asked to provide for the payment of their subscriptions, if possible, before the first of September next, in order that at least \$3000 may be paid at that date. On condition that this is done, I shall undertake to obtain help towards a further liquidation of the debt from friends outside.

Commending you to God and to the Word of His grace,

I remain your faithful friend and pastor,

ST. GABRIEL MANSE,

ROBERT CAMPBELL,

*Montreal, April 1st, 1893.*

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