

THE SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH, WEST.

Notes by Rev. Dr. Warden.

1. Home Missions.

To enable the Committee to keep pace with the growth of population, and to open up new fields, as well as to furnish regular supply during the whole year, \$82,000 will be required. As the amount received from Great Britain and Ireland is likely to be much less than for the last two or three years, greatly increased contributions will be required from our own Church.

2. Augmentation of Stipends.

This scheme is now under a Committee distinct from the Home Mission Committee. Last year the normal revenue was not equal to the amount required to pay the grants in full. It is earnestly hoped that this year the scheme will be liberally sustained, and that the whole sum required, \$28,000, will be obtained.

3. Foreign Missions.

The amount required this year from the congregations, etc., of the Church, for the ordinary work is \$65,000, fully \$5,000 in amount required by the Foreign Mission from the same source. While the amount required for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is \$45,000, it is to be borne in mind that this is entirely distinct from the amount required by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raise their money chiefly by means of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands connected with the Society.

4. French Evangelization.

The estimate \$35,000, includes the amount required for the Central Mission Schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles, and for the general work of education and colportage, besides what is necessary for the maintenance of the French congregations and Missions.

5. Colleges.

Since the abolition of the Common Fund in 1888, congregations contribute to one or more of the Colleges, as they think well. The amount required for each of the Colleges is given. It is hoped that every congregation in the Church will contribute for

theological education, and that the full amount required may be got. The sum asked for Knox College, because of necessary repairs to the building, etc., is \$5,000 more than was got last year, so that largely increased liberality is necessary. All congregations, including those in the Maritime Provinces, are expected to aid in making up the amount required for Manitoba College.

6. Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

A misapprehension exists in the minds of many as to the needs of this Fund, the impression being that it is abundantly ample to meet all demands. The reverse is the case. The expenditure last year would have been nearly \$3,000 in excess of the revenue, but for some special contributions, and it may become necessary to reduce the present small annuity given to widows and orphans. To prevent this, the congregational contributions should be fifty per cent in excess of those of last year. Special attention is called to this matter. Ministers' personal rates are payable in advance, on November 1st, for the year then beginning. Only the widows of those whose rates are paid up regularly are entitled to benefit from this Fund.

7. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

The additions made to the List of Annuitants by the Assembly from year to year, demands increased liberality on the part of congregations. Last year 84 annuitants received benefit and the year closed with a deficit of \$3,233 in the ordinary fund. To make good this deficit and meet the expenditure of the current year the sum of \$24,500 will be required, if the annuitants are to receive full benefit under the rules. Of this sum it is estimated that \$7,300 will come from interest and rates, leaving the balance—\$17,000—to be contributed by congregations. Ministers' personal rates are payable annually on or before the fifteenth of January for the year ending on the thirty-first of March following.

8. Assembly Fund.

In addition to the expenses immediately connected with the meeting of Assembly, and the printing of the annual volume of Minutes, this Fund has to bear all expenses