

and also to have the Church roof re-painted to prevent further injury thereto by corrosion.

Having ascertained that it would cost about \$600 to carry out these objects, and not deeming it desirable to encroach upon the general revenues of the Congregation for that purpose, we asked for a special contribution of that amount; and although the response was not as ready as we had hoped it would be, we felt that we had no alternative but to proceed to have the work done, and having called for tenders, awarded a contract for the spires to Messrs. Douglas & Haines at \$475, and one for re-painting the church roof to Mr. William Howe at \$49, intending to have the whole work completed during the autumn. But, owing to unexpected, and to some extent unavoidable delays on the part of Messrs. Douglas & Haines, which carried their work on into the winter, and it being deemed inadvisable to proceed with the roof painting until the work on the spires should be completed, or in any event during the cold weather, the painting has been postponed till spring.

During the progress of the work on the main spire, which is now completed, it was found necessary to make certain alterations, involving an extra expenditure of \$35.00; and your Committee feeling it to be their duty to take every reasonable precaution against further damage to the Church by lightning, have had a lightning-rod placed thereon, at an expense of about \$25.00, a considerable amount being saved by having the same done before the contractor's scaffolding had been removed from the spire.

The expenditure on account of the repairs to the spires, re-painting the Church roof, and for the lightning-rod, will amount to \$584, and your Committee regret to find that only \$276.50 have hitherto been specially subscribed towards defraying the same.

By arrangement of the Session the contributions for missionary purposes have this year been paid in to Mr. McKinnon, as special treasurer thereof, and thus kept separate from the general funds of the Congregation. They do not therefore appear, as usual, in the Treasurer's Report; but even including these and the amount specially contributed for repairing the spires, &c., the total contributions for all purposes this year fall short of those of 1889, and this is all the more regrettable as the deficiency is due mainly to a falling off in the contributions to the Sustentation Fund, as will be seen by reference to the Treasurer's Reports.

In view of the urgent appeals that have been made from time to time by this Committee to the Congregation for the necessary means to carry on the work, and of the fact that the total contributions this year fall short of those of 1889, and are insufficient to meet our obligations, your Committee learn with much surprise and regret that there is still a very considerable number of our people—both members and adherents—

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