

Statement of the Session.

A review of the work of the past year gives abundant reason for thanksgiving to God. As a congregation we have had a year of progress. Outward signs of prosperity have abounded, and we trust that this is but an indication of deepening spiritual life and increased interest in the work of the Lord.

The year 1894, which the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Eastern Section, has celebrated as the Jubilee year of Foreign Missionary effort, has been a red-letter year in respect of the development of liberality to missions on the part of this congregation. A *weekly offering* to the Lord, for the extension of our Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad, is not only the ideal method, but in this congregation has proved to be the best practical method.

The Pastor asked for a weekly offering of at least \$50.00 during the jubilee year. The Treasurer's account shows that the actual average per Sabbath has been slightly over \$58.00, or \$3037.11 in all. This is six times the amount for the previous year, and three times the average amount of past years.

Comparing ourselves with ourselves and with those about us, we have a right to say that we have done well; but when we consider Christ's love, the world's need, and our ability, we still have cause for humiliation. Still have we need to forget the things which are behind, and reach forth unto those which are before.

As will be seen from the Managers Report this increased offering, for the Church's work outside our own congregation, has in no way lessened the contributions to the ordinary revenue. A people who are deeply interested in Home and Foreign Missions will not fail to provide for their own household of faith.

The increased attendance at the church services during the year, and the large addition to the communion roll, are most cheering. Our congregation is small compared with many, but the gain in communicants during the year has been equal to one-third of the total number on the roll at the beginning of the year.

The special services held last April, when the ministers of the city united with Rev. B. Fay Mills in holding Union Evangelistic meetings, brought spiritual quickening and refreshment to many,