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weeks. It is not without need, as our brethren had but little chance even for bare existence, so long as they were confined to the cold and upstairs' quarters where they met through the winter.

We regret having to report that Moosomin and Cairnduff are not occupied this year; the former having declined student labor, and the latter was late in its application. Moosomin must not, however, be given up. A readiness on the part of the church there to go forward will secure the heartiest co-operation, doubtless, of the new Board, even if it be in the direction of nothing less than a settled pastor. Although it is late in the season, it is to be hoped that a man be sent to Cairnduff.

Fonseca Street Church, Winnipeg, at the close of Bro. Irvine's labors with them, sought and obtained the help of your Board in receiving and supporting a pastor. Although they have been disappointed thus far, they bravely face the future in the hope that the Lord may soon direct an under-shepherd of His own choosing among them.

The Board incidently takes notice of the fact that the two self-supporting churches in the country—Rupert Street, Winnipeg, and Brandon—have both had pastors settled over them during the year. For this we desire to express our gratitude to God, and our congratulations to the churches.

And now, brethren, from whom we received this trust, and to whom we yield it up to-day, after a year of anxious labor, we desire from the depth of heart to confess to God and you that we realize that in this great work in which we might have realized so much more but for our unbelief and half-heartedness, we have been unprofitable servants. We thank our God and Father that He has been pleased to acknowledge our faint endeavors, and blessed us with some measure of success. But there is yet very much land to be broken; there is yet very much neglected work to be overtaken; there are yet many of our brethren pining in waste places, waiting our effort to gather them together, and provide Gospel ordinances and privileges for them. We pray that on your new Board very much grace of faith, courage and perseverance may rest, that this time next year, if our Lord Jesus Christ will tarry, may have in store for you such a report of souls being saved in multitudes, churches gathered, and the Redeemer's kingdom extended and built up, as will gladden you beyond the measure of this past year.

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