

The total amount subscribed as per last year's Report was \$80,772.25; to which has been added during the present year \$14,547.01; total subscribed to date \$95,319.26 of which were paid last year, as per report, \$20,903.54, and this year as stated above \$11,742.26; total paid \$32,646.80. The Board have to notice, with gratitude, that by far the greater number of these subscriptions have been received from contributors in the older Provinces, without whose aid the work of church-erection in the North West would make but little progress. They have also to acknowledge the payment by the executors of the late Edward Mackay, Esq., of Montreal, of the sum of \$1000, a bequest similar to that received last year from his late brother, Joseph Mackay, Esq.

The Board consider with the utmost care every application that comes before them, requiring of course that it be approved by Presbytery before they entertain it, and they have tried to practise the most watchful economy in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to them. Finding that the designs of churches submitted by them last year did not include one of a building sufficiently cheap to suit many localities, they have, through the kindness of Mr. G. W. Stewart, of Winnipeg, added to their list the design of a neat and simple church to accommodate 100, which can be erected at a cost not exceeding \$1000. These designs, with the working plans which the Board are prepared to supply, are helpful in many quarters.

The Board cannot close this report without expressing their very deep sense of the importance of this work which the Church has entrusted to them, and the great need there is of increased outlay in this direction if we are to keep pace with the growth of settlement in the North-West. A number of new applications have been approved by the Presbytery, so that although a balance on hand of \$7,198.00 appears in the Treasurer's statement it will all be required immediately; even then, the pressing wants of many fields will still remain untouched. Many communities in the North-West, consisting largely of persons from other parts of the Dominion and attached to the Presbyterian Church are still destitute of a place of worship, and already, this season, a considerable number of settlers have come from Scotland with every prospect that a much larger number shall follow them. It needs no words to show the urgent necessity of supplying these people with Church services, and of providing places where they can meet to worship the God of their fathers, and dwellings for those who may be their ministers.

C. B. PITBLADO, *Chairman.*
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