

the necessity for the erection of churches was pressed upon the Missionary Board, under whose patronage churches have been erected at Winnipeg, Emerson, Morris, Rosseau and Marais, in all of which, except that at Morris, which is only just completed, flourishing congregations have been gathered. To do this, the funds at the command of the society were wholly inadequate, and therefore the only alternative was to borrow, and this the Board has done, relying upon the liberality of our patrons to meet the obligations so incurred. For the current year the amount required to meet the appropriations to local fields of mission work and the expenditure in Manitoba, including the assistance rendered toward the building of churches, will equal an average contribution of one dollar per member throughout the denomination, which sum the Board earnestly hopes will be realized. To do this, however, larger individual subscriptions must be made, and a more effectively organized system for securing means must be devised on the various Circuits, and we trust that to accomplish such ends both pastors and people will heartily unite. In so far as the information before us, and the reports to the late Conference enable us to form an opinion, we believe the missions in Ontario, almost without exception, are prosperous and progressive, several of them, however, needing larger appropriations. The agents have severely felt the pressure resulting from the commercial depression and bad harvests of the past two years, but this has in no wise prevented faithful evangelistic work, which has been owned and blessed by the God of all grace, while out of their limited resources the people have erected a large number of churches, the cost of which in almost every case has been fully met by subscription either before or at the time of dedication. In looking over our whole mission work we have reason to thank God and take courage. Its past history calls for gratitude, its present demands call for increased liberality and a firm faith in God; and if these conditions are met, we may confidently expect the divine blessing. Shall we go up to possess the land? The answer, brethren and friends, lies with you.

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