

tion that the arrears this year are less than last, there still remains the unpleasant fact that the sum of \$253.86 remains outstanding. This ought not to be, and your Committee would ask all to bear in mind that the principal item of disbursement connected with our finances being payable monthly in advance, it is of the utmost importance that all subscriptions to this fund should be paid in like manner. Were this done promptly and regularly the question of arrears would not be forcing itself upon our attention so often as it does. The following statement will shew more clearly the extent of our arrearages.

Last year, 1869, the deficiency amounted to...	\$385 10	
Of this there was collected this year.....	102 17	
Leaving outstanding from 1869		\$282 93
For the present year the subscriptions amount-		
ed to	\$1994 48	
The amount actually received is	1740 64	
Leaving outstanding from 1870		253 84
Making a total in two years of		\$536 77

A serious diminution of our resources.

Your Committee beg to report that the Church Manse having been found by Mr. McLaren to be unsuitable as a residence for his family, it has been rented to Mr. Hugh Masson for the sum of \$160 per annum.. This amount, according to agreement, is paid to Mr. McLaren. They would also report that they have an offer for the purchase of said building, at what they consider a fair price, and it is for the congregation to say whether or not they are willing to sell, or otherwise what disposal they would wish to be made of it. This question will in all probability come up for decision at no distant date, and your Committee refer to it now in order that members may have an opportunity of making up their minds on the subject beforehand.

Connected with this question of the disposal of the Manse property is that of Church extension. This important work is one which will early call for serious consideration. The increased attendance at public worship, together with the growing difficulty of providing