

For the year embraced in present report.

1. PILOT MOUND .....	Church-Hall loan	\$500 00	Building valued at	\$1000 00
2. BOISEVAIN .....	Church, loan	500 00	"	1000 00
3. BRANDON (Knox Curch) ..	Church, "	370 00	"	1250 00
4. NEEPAWA .....	Manse, "	400 00	"	850 00
5. SHOAL LAKE .....	Church, "	300 00	"	1200 00
6. STRATHCLAIR .....	Church, grant	100 00	"	900 00
7. BIRTLE .....	Church, loan	550 00	"	2000 00
8. FORT QU'APPELLE .....	Church, grant	400 00	"	2000 00
9. ROXBORO .....	Church, loan	200 00	"	700 00
10. FILE HILLS .....	Church, "	200 00	"	700 00
11. MCLEOD (Broadview) ....	Church, grant	150 00	"	800 00
12. BATTLEFORD .....	Church, "	250 00	"	3000 00
13. WINLAW .....	Church, "	100 00	"	600 00
14. EMERSON .....	Church, loan	500 00	"	1500 00
15. LETHBRIDGE .....	Manse, "	750 00	"	1500 00
16. TUNNEL (Shell River) ....	Church, grant	100 00	"	500 00
17. BLYTHFIELD .....	Manse, loan	340 00	"	800 00
18. ORKNEY (Yorkton) .....	Church, grant	125 00	"	500 00
19. ARMSTRONG LAKE .....	Church, "	125 00	"	500 00
20. WALLACE .....	Church, "	125 00	"	500 00
21. YORKTON .....	Church, "	200 00	"	1000 00
		\$6785 00	\$22800 00	

Since its organization in 1882 the Board has thus helped to erect :—

In 1883.	14 Buildings.	Amount of Assistance,	\$12,704 40	Value of Buildings	\$31,430 30
1884.	24 "	"	12,424 16	"	27,380 00
1885.	14 "	"	6,649 32	"	16,250 00
1886.	21 "	"	6,984 58	"	17,300 00
1887.	21 "	"	6,785 00	"	22,800 00
94			\$45,547 46		\$115,160 30

Of these buildings 77 are Churches, 4 Church-Manse and 13 Manses. 19 are built of hewed logs, 67 are frame buildings, 3 brick and 5 stone.

Two of the Churches aided by the Board were consumed by fire last summer. One of these was insured for nearly three times the amount of the grant made by the Board. The other was without any insurance. Both congregations are building again.

The foregoing statement will enable the Church to understand over how wide an area the operations of the Board extend, and how much has been done to give visibility and permanence to the work of the Church. The aim of the Board has been to assist Presbyteries in planting churches in all centres of population; and the success has been such that no village or town of any size or promise in the Synod is without a church or the prospect of one this season.

The Board are pleased to report that congregations repaid on moneys advanced them \$2,002.15 last year, as against \$322 the previous year. As the circumstances of the country improve repayments may be expected to become more and more a source of revenue. For some time, however, owing to financial stringency, the Board cannot hope to call in its loans. Good security, in the shape of mortgages or notes, has been obtained in almost every case.

The Board feel the debt of obligation under which they lie to members and adherents of the Church in the Eastern Provinces who have so generously helped in this work of church extension. The Board can assure the subscribers to this Fund that every care is taken to grant aid only where there is promise of usefulness, and that steps are taken to see that those who receive aid exert themselves according to their ability.

Grants rather than loans have been made oftener than was contemplated when the Fund was created. The Board regard this method of helping congregations as more economical in many cases than making loans. The circumstances of many congregations preclude the prospect of their repaying any moneys loaned them for several years, if they are to assist in the support of ordinances. Hence small grants were made instead of larger loans, leaving congregations free to support ordinances. As the circumstances of these congregations improve an annual collection will be taken up which will soon recoup the Board for their outlay. The interest received from investments and from money at credit in the Bank has paid these grants in part. Part of them, however, has been made from capital. As the extent of the Board's power to make grants from capital is not clearly defined in the regulations, it is suggested that any apparent ambiguity be removed.