Report of Building Committee.

Your Building Committee, to whom has been entrusted the erection of a new church edifice, and to whom full power has been granted by the Congregation, have not, under existing circumstances, any extended report to make.

It may be sufficient to say that plans were prepared, tenders received, and arrangements made to carry on the work. It had been intended to proceed with the foundation and other preliminary work during the Fall of 1892, but circumstances, and particularly one circumstance, prevented. The winter, however, has been anything but an open one, and in all probability but little time has been actually lost by delaying operations until the spring of the present year. It is the intention of the several sub-committees, among which the work to be done has been sub-divided, to get again actively at work, with the object of being ready to push operations vigorously in the early spring.

The one circumstance specially alluded to above, which caused some delay, was the opposition of Mr. Chisholm to the Congregation being allowed to project the new building westward on their own property to the extent contemplated in their plans. It was thought the matter might be settled promptly, and that a few weeks' delay would not be an important hindrance. The matter was not settled promptly, and, indeed, is still dragging its slow length along. Your Committee do not, however, consider the situation as serious, nor as one calling for any further delay on the part of the Committee; and it is their intention as stated above, to proceed at the earliest practicable date to carry out the mandate laid upon them by the Congregation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. McPHERSON,

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