

The total amount subscribed was \$11,795.00; less interest on sundry notes, \$66.20, leaving a total available subscription of \$11,728.78. The Chairman's note for \$750 was used, making in all \$12,478.78.

Second. Mr. McLaren was paid \$12,000; and to meet the Chairman's note of \$750.00, which, with interest, will on the 1st of February next amount to \$802.00, the Treasurer received, since the payment of the \$12,000, the sum of \$75.00 in cash; and he holds in the form of notes, and a Life Insurance Policy, \$220.00. These two items will reduce the note and interest from \$802 to \$507, and there are still unpaid subscriptions to the amount of \$170, which, if received, will further reduce it to \$337. Your Temporal Committee have assumed the payment of the note referred to. This trifling sum might surely be subscribed at once by those whose names are not on the above list.

ARREARS IN WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

There is one feature, however, and that not an encouraging one, to which your Committee with much reluctance, but under a deep sense of duty, would call the serious attention of the contributors to the Sustentation Fund. In no one year do your Committee receive in full the amount promised by contributors to members of the Temporal Committee who canvass contributors at the beginning of each year. The arrears of which we now speak do not arise from necessary and anticipated reductions in revenue, caused by the death or the removal of contributors from the Congregation, but from the thoughtlessness and neglect of those still with us, in not seeing to it, that the whole amount promised is paid at least on the last Sabbath of the year. Serious embarrassment is caused in meeting liabilities undertaken in the interest of the Congregation, on the assumption that promised subscriptions will be forthcoming; and our unpleasant duty is to record arrears at the end of each year. At a meeting of the Temporal Committee, held on the 13th of March last, the assistant Treasurer reported that the sum of \$3,977.17 had been promised by contributors to the Sustentation Fund as the result of the canvass entered upon before that date. The total amount received during the year from Weekly Contributions was, as already stated, \$4,026.06, and in this sum is included that given by new contributors not canvassed at the beginning of the year, so that the whole

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