

are also numerous applications from others who desire to worship with us that cannot be entertained. With a view to this lack of accommodation, the Board of Trustees are understood to have at present under consideration a proposal to erect a gallery at the end of the church, or in some other way to meet the difficulty. In the meantime, with concurrence of the Presbytery of Montreal, arrangements are in progress for opening a branch Sunday-school in the western part of the city for the convenience of the families whose distance from St. Paul's Church renders it difficult for them to attend the Sunday-school and Bible-classes which are conducted there.

The amount contributed for the Benevolent Schemes of the Church is nearly equal to the amount received last year, but we regret to find that the number of contributors has not increased. It is earnestly hoped that those who have not seen their way so far to adopt the schedule mode of giving, will do so this year.

The Kirk-Session has learned with much satisfaction that the Young Men's Association has resolved to give to its proceedings more of a direct and practical missionary character than heretofore, and to enlist the sympathies of its members in aid of the important work of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee in the North-west. It would be well indeed for this highly-favoured congregation, as a whole, to consider whether it might not do a great deal more than it has yet done for the advancement of religion in those parts of our own country that are inadequately supplied with the means of grace, as well as in foreign lands that are still in heathen darkness.

We continue to receive very satisfactory and encouraging accounts from our Missionary in Central India, the Rev. George Mackelvie, in regard to the work he is doing in that field. In this connection the members of the congregation will, we feel sure, read with interest the brief sketch on another page, in which personal reference is made to Mr. Mackelvie and to his field of labour in India.

The Kirk-Session regret to notice from the Treasurer's statement, that there is a considerable falling off in the ordinary Sunday collections as compared with last year. This deficiency may be accounted for to some extent from the fact that for nearly three months, during which time the church was closed for the repairs and decorations, no collections were taken. It is to be hoped that the congregation generally will join in any plan that the Trustees may suggest to secure a larger number of subscribers by the envelope system.

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