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From the Rev. JOHN F. GERMAN, A.M., Chairman of the Red River District, dated January 15th, 1877.

Last week I had a very encouraging letter from Bro. Lawson, of Palestine Mission. He reports some conversions and increased congregations. He complains, as do all the unordained brethren, of the inconvenience, and sometimes mortification, arising from not being able to baptize and marry. Ministers of other denominations are frequently called into our families to attend to these duties, and thus gain an influence over many families to the injury of our cause. Bro. Lawson has an offer from C. P. Brown, Esq., M.P.P., in reference to a new church on Palestine Mission, near the village of Gladstone. Mr. Brown offers to build a church for us worth \$500, if the Missionary department, or anybody else, will give 25 per cent. of the cost. Cannot you find some wealthy and liberal brother who will accept the offer? Bro. Lawson says the place is rising in importance, and a church is much needed there. I wrote you once before concerning a church at the "Crossing," but in the multiplicity of your cares I suppose you overlooked the matter. In connection with Bro. Sifton I have been working up the case, and I think I can now engage that we will put up a church there free of cost to the Society, if you could sustain a Missionary there. The point is an important one; everybody thinks the "Crossing" will be a town yet, and there are two settlements within reach where they would be pleased to have the services of our Missionary. About six weeks ago I had

made every arrangement to visit these settlements, but was prevented by the proximity of the small-pox.

Rev. Mr. Morrison reports to me an excellent revival in progress at Poplar Point. One young man of promise has been converted. He is coming in to talk with me this week concerning the improving of his education, with a view to our ministry.

In November last we made a payment on the debt on Grace Church and reduced the debt to \$850. Since then one of the trustees and myself have gone through our congregation with subscription list, and have \$700 now promised to meet the \$850. We will free our church shortly. But the best of all is we have indications of a gracious revival. Over a dozen influential persons are seeking the Lord in connection with the ordinary services. Amongst them is an alderman, the Mayor's wife, &c. I have commenced special week-night services. Last night was the first. A very promising young man, one of our public school teachers, who is a backslider, but who was once a local preacher with us, was so wrought upon that he spoke in a most affecting manner of his backslidings and of his determination to give his heart to God and his life to His service. He came into the parsonage after meeting, and for nearly an hour he struggled and wept and prayed. I have great hopes of him being useful. Pray for us.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

John Leslie, for Japan, by the Rev. J. B. Howard	\$10 00
T. C. Renwick, Romney, for Japan	10 00
Hon. Judge Marshall, Halifax, for Indian Missions	10 00
"Anonymous," for Japan, by John Macdonald, Esq., M.P.	20 00
"D. W.," for the Lake of Two Mountains, by the Rev. J. A. Williams	10 00
A Friend, by the Rev. Dr. Wood	10 00
A Friend, on the Springfield Circuit, Special for Japan, by Rev. R. W. Williams	50 00
"The Lord's Own," for the Debt, by the Rev. J. Astbury, Gabarus, N.S.	10 00

Total Amount received from Circuits up to March 20th, 1877 \$18,761 15