

taken by the Executive in relation to the Treasurer, whose office was temporarily filled by the appointment of Mr. C. R. Black, of Montreal. The transference of this office to Montreal almost necessitated the change of Auditors, and the accounts have accordingly been audited, at the request of the Executive, by Messrs. B. B. Stevenson, and A. McA. Murphy, of that city.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Mr. Main has been faithfully and laboriously at work throughout the year, except for a few weeks in the winter, when severe domestic affliction called him home, and kept him there, evoking for him and his family the deep sympathy of all his brethren. His labors have been much blessed in the quickening of the spiritual life of the churches—a work of prime importance for their future growth and fruitfulness—as well as in the ingathering of souls into the kingdom of God. His ministry is much appreciated, but the thankofferings of the churches for the blessings received are not at all commensurate with the necessities of the fund that sustains him, and there is some danger that the work may have to be discontinued until adequate provision can be made for carrying it on. At least \$700 per annum from the churches is required for that purpose. An effort has been made to reach all the churches that have applied for his services, but as several pastors are frequently appealing for his help at the same time, it is inevitable that disappointment must often result. The length of time to be given to any one mission must be left largely to the judgment of the evangelist himself, but the rule of the Committee has been to allow two or three weeks to each place applying for his services, as far as possible in the order of the application, but with a due regard to the cost and travel involved.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

The Executive have recently disposed of a number of dis-used church-properties belonging to the denomination, in localities where there is no prospect, in the near future, of their being required for Congregational worship. Among those thus disposed of during the past year are the properties at Portage la Prairie, Man.; Unionville, and Vankleek Hill, in Ontario; and Philipsburg, in Quebec. The proceeds of these sales, amounting in all to about \$3,595, have been added to our Church Extension and Building Fund, which now has to its credit \$25,133. We hope shortly to realize upon other properties not now occupied.