

MISSION SCHEMES REPORT.

This branch of our work has been diligently prosecuted and with fair success during the past year; and the financial result, while slightly less in amount than that of last year, compares yet favorably with previous years.

The amount of receipts last year, at this date, and from the same source, was \$582.35. The amount this year is \$567.82, just \$14.53 less than last year. The deficiency could be accounted for in the case of one contribution, which this year is \$15.00 less than it was last year. But why there should be a deficiency at all, although one or two subscriptions should fall short; or why, instead of a deficiency, there is not rather an increase in the amount of the fund, I could not so easily explain. Let every one answer this for himself.

Our stated and permanent contributors have indeed again made proof of their interest in this work by maintaining their usual record of liberality. Some increased and a few doubled their contributions. Only for these neither this fund nor any other fund would present but a sorry figure to the church. And yet it is evident that while the rate of giving by the majority keeps so low, it will be always necessary to call for a special collection in order to afford a fair share of support to the schemes of the church. But this again only means another instalment out of the pockets of the few who have already contributed freely.

Let us hope, however, that this fund will yet make a fresh start. With a strong, energetic staff of ladies, who love their work, to visit and deliver *The Record* and receive contributions, engaged in this work, and with a fair measure of sympathy and co-operation on the part of all, we should have creditable advances to report in future years. The voice of our Missionaries is crying loudly in our ears for more laborers and more liberal financial aid.

Where any irregularity has been observed in the delivery of *The Record*, I would ask your consideration and indulgence on behalf of the lady visitors. They all have other work to do besides, and they may at times be unavoidably delayed in making their calls as early, or as regularly, as is desirable and proper; but these defects will be remedied as much as possible in future.

Any who should find himself passed over, and not receiving *The Record*, is asked to notify the lady visitor of his district of the fact and the matter will be readily attended to.

CORRECTION:—Attention is called to an error which inadvertently occurred in the account of last year's report, viz: the omission in the column of disbursements of an item of \$50.00, which had been paid to Mr. Durie on the 14th March, 1891, on *The Records* of 1890.

M. MacKINNON,

Secy.-Treasurer.