

is given for the benefit of Manitoba and the North-West. Whatever has come into our treasury has been from the spontaneous efforts of our people. The grant kindly sent from Ireland was applied as formerly to help weak congregations, and went to aid the fund of another Committee.

Last year's report closed with these words "While thankful to the Parent Churches, for much kindness and great liberality, henceforward we must look entirely to our own people; combining a proper self reliance, with full trust in the presence and resources of Him who is able to make all praise to abound towards us that we always having all sufficiency in all things may be able to abound to every work." *We repeat the words with emphasis.* Our people are both able and willing to carry on their own missions, and are showing that they will do so. 164 congregations have come forward to maintain our funds, and our independence; and the Committee would express cordial thanks for the liberality of many. Had all responded, another object earnestly desired by the Committee, the sending of some five hundred or a thousand dollars to help the missions in the North-West, might have been reached. Indirectly indeed, something has been done. Two hundred and fifty dollars have been remitted to Manitoba College, provision has been made so that gifts hitherto received from Scotland, have been transferred to the newer country, and active supporters from nearly every congregation in the Maritime Provinces some of whom are trained givers, have gone West and will strengthen Church and Mission Stations there. The Committee would gladly have sent more; because they believe in dispersing abroad, in working for, and giving to, the Lord's cause, beyond our own limited sphere; and more especially because they recognize the obligation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, regardless of lines and landmarks, to follow our people over the continent, and to extend the church of Christ, from shore to shore. May this or some other Committee, ere long, be able to report that every Congregation in the Maritime Provinces has sent up its contribution to the Home Mission Work of the Church:

Receipts to May 1st, '82, ..	\$4652 54
Expenditure—Bal. due Trea.	
May 1st, '81, ..	\$653 23
To Located Ministers	1468 87
To Itinerant " ..	645 98
To Students, ..	860 48

To Manitoba College	250 00
To Travelling Expenses of Students, Ministers and and Committee...	211 12
To Agency ..	300 00
To Miscellaneous...	107 54
To Bal. in Fund...	155 32
<b>Gain in the year</b>	<b>\$308 55.</b>

One year ago the Committee enjoyed the services of two conveners, the one resident in St. John and the other in Halifax. They have now to report with much regret that they have not one. The removal within one year, of Dr. Waters to Newark and of Mr. Pitblado to Winnipeg has proved a very serious loss to the Committee and to our Home Mission Work. The Committee look to the General Assembly to acknowledge their services and to fill up, as far as possible the blanks caused by their removal.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Secretary.*

Halifax, May 17, 1882.

The Egyptian Ministers have decided upon the total abolition of slavery, and to enforce it Kader Pasha has been appointed Governor of Soudan, and a special department will be created at Cairo. Instructions in regard to the slave trade are in preparation.

The second Synod of the Tasmanian Presbyterian Church met in October at Hobart Town. The members were refreshed by the presence and powerful mission appeals of the Rev. J. G. Paton, for twenty-four years connected with the New Hebrides Mission.

A Turkish Sheik, calling himself El Medhi, or the "Messiah of Islam," is leading an uprising in Khartoum. He recently defeated an Egyptian army sent against him, and killed three hundred of them, including their leader.

The Tasmanian Church has recently begun to take a special interest in this mission. The Synod recommended all the congregations to form auxiliary associations for the better support of the mission.