

" Special collections for precentor, door-keeper, poor, &c....	239	19	3
" Interest on Scott Poor Fund, applied to the poor.....	12	6	0
" Repairs and alterations of Church	82	0	3
" Revd. R. H. Story.....	200	0	0
" Jewish Mission.....	62	10	0
" Gas and other accounts....	52	5	0
" Balance on hand.....	26	9	2
	£1192	18	8

We understand that measures are being concerted to provide a stipend for an Assistant Minister from the Pew Rents without applying to individuals of the congregation for subscriptions. This statement indicates a healthy state of affairs, though we might have desiderated information as to the amount of the special collections as distinguished from the ordinary contributions.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

From a printed copy of the last annual report of the Trustees of this Church we are pleased to learn that the temporal affairs continue to be in a prosperous state. The Treasurer's financial statement shows a gross revenue of £1049 7s. As compared with the amount of the previous year, we notice a considerable increase in each source of permanent income.

Pew rents for 1858-9, ...	£486	0	5
1857-8, ...	465	3	9
Increase,	20	16	8
Ordinary Sabbath Collections, 1858-9,	£288	16	3
1857-8,	252	15	1
Increase,	36	1	2
Special Sabbath Collections			
1858-9,	£171	16	7
1857-8,	117	14	8
Increase,	54	1	11

The following are the Special Collections:—

For the Montreal Ladies' Benevolent Society,	£28	2	6
For Maintaining a Student at Queen's College,	30	7	11
For Ministers, Widows and Orphans' Fund,	40	0	2
For French and Jewish Missions, ...	41	19	9
For Synod's Temporalities Fund, ...	31	6	3

The accommodation in the basement of the Church has been enlarged and improved at a cost of £140. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounts to £52 7s. 11d.

The Trustees justly attach great importance to the weekly contributions at the Church door, and express the hope that the system of giving coppers will be discontinued as much as possible by the adult members of the congregation, and that of giving silver coins substituted in its stead. This is obviously a very practical way of securing an increased revenue. We heartily recommend this suggestion to all congregations whose Temporalities may be afflicted with the copper disease.

LAY ASSOCIATION.

Subscriptions received by the Lay Association of Montreal from the following for 1859:—

Alex. Morris, Montreal,	\$ 6.00
John Campbell "	10.00
Arch. Ferguson "	5.00
Wm. Christie "	5.00
Thos. B. Ross "	5.00
T. A. Gibson "	4.00
Rev. Wm. Snodgrass	2.00
R. Hay "	2.00
W. C. Menzies "	2.00
John L. Morris "	2.00
S. Greenshields, Son & Co.,	12.00
John Smith, Montreal,	20.00
Geo. Stephen "	10.00
Peter Robertson "	2.00
J. & J. Mitchell "	10.00
Geo. Templeton "	3.00
Wm. Stephen "	10.00
Robert Muir "	5.00
Thos. S. Scott "	5.00
Thos. Paton "	5.00
Robt. Cassells "	5.00
Wm. Ross "	2.00
Geo. W. Campbell, M.D.,	5.00
Geo. Macdonald, Montreal,	3.00
Walter Benny "	4.00
Alex. Watt "	1.00
Geo. Mackenzie "	1.00
A. W. Ogilvie "	4.00
M. Ramsay "	4.00
Don. Ross "	4.00
G. Low "	5.00
Arch. Ogilvie "	1.00
Wm. Shakel "	5.00
Thos. Watson "	4.00
Wm. Dow "	5.00
James Goudie "	4.00
Kingan & Kinloch "	5.00
J. S. Hunter "	4.00
Geo. Starke "	1.00
R. Adams "	2.00
Stewart & McIntyre,	5.00
Carter, King & Muir,	5.00
A. Macpherson, Montreal,	1.00
Andw. Macfarlane "	5.00
Thos. Peck "	3.00
John Fraser "	4.00
W. D. Hamilton "	2.00
C. Bowie "	1.00
Robert Morris "	4.00
John Boston "	4.00
John McLean "	4.00
Wm. Edmonstone "	5.00
Hugh Allan "	5.00
Andrew Allan "	5.00
C. D. Proctor "	1.00
R. Cross "	2.00
W. R. Clark "	1.00
James M'Nab "	4.00
E. McLennan "	2.00
J. G. "	1.00
Wm. Speir & Son "	2.00
John Macpherson "	1.00
J. P. Cowan "	2.00
J. M. McDougall "	4.00
J. A. Glassford "	1.00
John Brown " 1856-1859,	9.00
James Johnston "	5.00
J. & R. Esdaile "	4.00
John Frothingham, Montreal,	6.00
Rev. Joseph Anderson, South Gower, ..	4.00

JNO. KINGAN,
Treasurer.

SABBATH SCHOOL IN NOTTAWASAGA.
To the Editor of the Presbyterian.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Kingston, 6th Jan., 1860.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps you will have space to insert a few remarks on a Sabbath-

school examination in Nottawasaga, which I had the pleasure of attending on the 7th Oct. last, and, but for want of time, would have forwarded to you before this date.

The Rev. Mr. John Campbell has 4 Sabbath-schools in the Township of Nottawasaga, and these assemble annually for competition for prizes; the 7th Oct. was the day appointed for their meeting last year. The day was rather unfavourable, being soft, and some of the children and teachers have a considerable distance to come to either of the Churches. Notwithstanding the day and distance a large number of people and about 120 Sabbath-school scholars assembled in the West Church—a fine large frame building which that week had just been finished with new pews, painting, &c. After the meeting was opened with praise and prayer by the Pastor, the several classes took the places appointed to them. An examination of classes then took place, in which the teachers and others took an active part for deciding class prizes. After these had been settled, the most intensely interesting competition then began. Two individuals from the schools presented themselves as competitors for a silver medal, presented by Rev. Mr. Campbell. After a long and searching examination on the whole of the work gone over for a year, I was unable to say who should have the prize, (being a stranger I was appointed to examine them). At length it was suggested that both should have one. This was agreed upon, and both have got their well merited prize. The meeting being closed, a rich repast was furnished by the female teachers and others of everything good for food and pleasant to the taste, so that, after all had eaten sufficiently, there were baskets of fragments taken up. It was then "gloamin," and all took their several ways with marks of full satisfaction, but especially that school to which both the medals had been awarded.

To me, an old and rather successful Sabbath-school teacher, the appearance of the children and people that day was most interesting; lately from the land of Bibles, of Churches, of schools, "of every land the pride," where the general notion is that Canada has little to boast of but a "pathless world of woods," the scene was most gratifying. Coming south from Collingwood, about 4 miles, where you would fancy there was nothing away to the west but unbroken woods, the towering blue mountains of Collingwood pass a mile and a quarter west, and there you get into an opening like a fine garden, and on a beautiful rising knoll at the opening bursts upon your view the fine frame Church, a monument of the faith and zeal of their father-land, (a large proportion here are highland Scotch.) Both of the Churches of Nottawasaga have been put up by the people in the township without applying to any other place or people for assistance.