Tenth Annual Report

(For 1895)

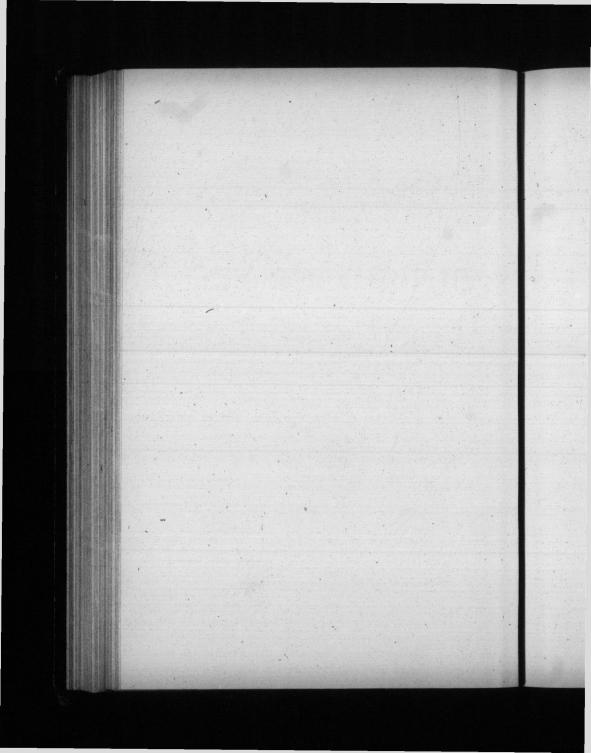
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1896.



MELVILLE CHURCH,

WESTMOUNT,

Pastor - - REV. J. MACGILLIVRAV, B.A., B.D.

SESSION.

REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY, Moderator. WILLIAM GREIG, J. K. MACDONALD. N. MCLEOD, M. HUTCHINSON, D.C.L. A. C. HUTCHISON, Session Clerk.

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My DEAR PEOPLE,

I make a new departure this year by addressing to you this pastoral letter in the hope that I may be able thereby to speak to you more confidentially and affectionately.

First of all, permit me in a word (but a word that has my whole heart in it) to again express to you my gratitude for your exceeding kindness to me during my illness. My feeling is that where sympathy and love are most felt they can be least readily expressed, and therefore my hope is that you may be thanked more heartily by my services than by my words. My long months of separation from you were spent in spirit with you more fully than I can tell. It was an advantage to be able to look so long over my past eight years' work. I came back with two great longings in my heart : to make Christ better known to you, and to give the Holy Spirit. His rightful place of honor in our midst. How far these desires have been fulfilled, it is not for me to say; but there are signs that give good cheer. There is a marked increase in Church attendance. I am encouraged especially by our evening services. You seem to understand the value of this service as an opportunity for the presentation of the gospel. And yet we ought not to be satisfied till we see evident tokens of the Spirit's power through His word in our midst. May I, therefore, affectionately urge upon all who long to see souls saved to come, if they can, to our evening service, not so much to be profited themselves as to pray in faith that God would glorify His Son in the salvation of souls.

The Session in their report refer to the prosperity of the agencies under their care. This is no forward statement. It is seen in every department. It is, however, with special joy we point to the splendid work of the Missionary Committee in doubling our missionary contributions in ten months. I am sure that we all trust and pray that the late president, Mr. Phymister, to whom is largely due this success, may come back to us in restored health.

I am sorry that there is one Church service only indifferently sustained—our weekly prayer-meeting. I am well aware of the many claims upon your time, but I am also aware that in many cases this is no reason for non-attendance at the prayer-meeting,-because claims far less important find time in the busiest week. I shall never forget the impression made upon me as letter after letter that reached me in my exile referred to the earnest prayers that were offered each ssing to ereby to

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ently sushe many cases this se claims ver forget ached me ered each week on Monday and on Wednesday evenings for my restoration to health. These references touched me through and through, and they recur to me now, as we gather together at our weekly meeting, and offer up our petitions for our sick and suffering ones. I am sure I could confidently appeal to those who attend this service regularly to give evidence of its quieting, refreshing, helping power. I ask only a conscientious consideration of this matter so vital to the spiritual life of the congregation.

And, now, may we be guided and blessed in all our work this year, doing our best heartily and cheerfully, and giving our God no rest till He establish and till He make our Jerusalem a praise in the community to the glory of His name.

Your affectionate Pastor,

J. MACGILLIVRAY.

Report of the Session of Melville Church.

The Session at the close of another year would acknowledge the goodness and guidance of God in the several departments of work under their care and supervision, and feel that they have cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the way in which we have been led in trying to advance the Kingdom of Christ in their midst.

In the later months of last year, our beloved Pastor was laid aside from active work by reason of failing health, and was compelled to seek its restoration in other lands. In the month of June he was, in the kind providence of God, able to return and resume his oversight of the congregation, as we trust, fully restored to health.

During the absence of our pastor, the duties of Moderator of Session were filled by Professor Ross, who also under an arrangement made jointly between the Session and Board of Management, undertook to provide pulpit supply; but as he was unable, owing to his other duties, to occupy the pulpit from Sabbath to Sabbath, he arranged that Professor Macadam should preach regularly and conduct the prayer-meetings, besides attending to such pastoral work as might be required.

The Session feel that they are under a debt of gratitude to Professors Ross and Macadam for so ably filling the pulpit with so much acceptance to the congregation, during our temporary vacancy. At the beginning of the year there were 244 communicants on the roll; of these, two were removed by death, sixteen by certificate, and the Session removed the names of nine for continued neglect of ordinances.

There were added during the year, two on profession of faith, and fourteen by certificate from other Churches, making the membership at present 233, a decrease of eleven.

During the year, two members, Mrs. Geo. Singer and Mr. Wm. Robertson, were taken away. The Session extends to the bereaved families its sincere sympathy, and pray that the God of all comfort may afford the needed consolation.

The Session are rejoiced to observe evidences of growth in the congregation, such as an increased attendance on Sabbath services, the formation of a Women's Missionary Society, the re-organization of the Mission Band, and the continued prosperity of the established organizations. There is one service, however, that the Session would earnestly urge upon the congregation to more generally sustain, the weekly prayer-meeting.

In the month of October, the Session desired to increase their number, and asked the congregation to elect two members as elders. A meeting of the congregation was held for this purpose on the sixth November, and Messrs. M. Hutchinson and Robert Greig were duly elected. Mr. Greig subsequently decided to decline the election. Mr. Hutchinson was ordained to the office of elder on Sabbath the first day of December.

The following civil acts were performed during the year :

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Burials					5		
Marriages					6		
Baptisms				1.	9 *		

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF KIRK-SESSON POOR FUND.

Jan. 1.	To Balance from 1894 " Collections at Communion services " Interest on deposit	75.00	
Dec. 31.	By Disbursements for year " Balance	\$ 60.00 101.97	\$161.97
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Annual Congregational Meeting.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church, on Wednesday, 15th January, 1896.

The President, Mr. Harvie, occupied the chair.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. A. C. Hutchison, the Clerk of Session, the minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The annual report of the Board of Managers and the financial statement for the year 1895 after being thoroughly discussed, were adopted and ordered to be printed.

The office-bearers for 1896 were elected as follows :---

President, R. Harvie; Vice-President, D. McCormick, Q.C.; Treasurer, W. Minto; Secretary, J. A. Nicholson, M.A.; Members of the Board, G. W. Wood, R. Greig, G. H. Cornell and C. E. Ray; Auditors, W. C. Jarvis and J. H. Wallace.

It was decided that an adjourned meeting be held on some convenient date in March, at the call of the Managers, to consider, among other matters, ways and means for building a new church, and the motion brought forward regarding publishing the names of contributors and the amounts contributed.

The Session report and the reports of all organizations connected with the Church were read, adopted and ordered to be printed.

Votes of thanks were awarded to the Choir and to the Board of Managers for their valuable services during the ^{\$} year.

Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Managers.

The Managers have pleasure in presenting their report for the year 1895.

In the last annual report reference was made to the enforced absence of the Pastor through ill-health. It is now matter for congratulation that he is again in our midst with vigour renewed.

The receipts for ordinary revenue (on maintenance) were \$3,166.07 as against \$3,284.21 last year, a decrease of \$118.14. The expenditure being \$3,132.21 against \$3,244.07 last year, a decrease of \$111.86.

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The total receipts from ordinary sources for the year, however, amounted to \$4,179.72 against \$4,030.98 last year, an apparent increase of \$148.74. This increase occurs chiefly in the contributions for reduction of debt.

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The total number of contributors is now 143, being a net increase of five (5) for the year. But although this increase in numbers has taken place, the contributions do not show a corresponding increase. In fact, a slight decrease is noticeable. This is accounted for by sixteen former subscribers giving \$10.65 per week, being replaced by twenty-one new subscribers giving only \$6.75 per week.

For all further particulars regarding the financial affairs the Treasurer's statement, which has been printed and is now in your hands, supplies all the detail.

This being the tenth (10th) year of our existence as a congregation, the Managers feel that, looking forward to the urgent need for increased accommodation, a determined effort should be made during the early months of the year to wipe off the whole mortgage debt (\$2,000.00), and thus be able with a free hand, to enter into arrangements for increasing the accommodation in a proper manner.

It was not considered wise to make any extensive repairs or alterations to the building during the past year. But to keep it habitable, something more will probably be wanted this year, therefore, permission is requested to expend what sum may be found necessary for the purpose. .

During the year, enquiries were made of leading congregations in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, into the different modes in use for raising Church revenue, and it appears that the plan adopted by this congregation is the one most in use in these cities.

In conclusion, the Managers have pleasure in recommending an increase of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Pastor's stipend this year.

The retiring Officers and Managers are : President, R. Harvie ; Vice-President, C. E. Ray; Treasurer, W. Minto; Secretary, R. Greig; M. Hutchinson, G. H. Cornell, D. McCormick, R. Harrower; Auditors, W. C. Jarvis, J. H. Wallace. All these gentlemen are eligible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBT. HARVIE, President. H. C. RUSSELL, Sec'y pro tem. 1895.

Treasurer's Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

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	Westmount, 4th January, 1896.		

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ANNUAL REPORT OF

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Melville Church Missionary Society, for 1895.

OFFICERS OF	THE	MISSI	ONARY	SOCIETY FOR 1896.
President,				W. C. JARVIS.
Vice-President				ROBT. GREIG.
Secretary-Treasure	r			GEORGE N. HUTCHISON.
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The Missionary Committee beg leave to report that the total amount received during the past year amounted to \$512.85, being an increase over the preceding year of \$294.96.

In February last, the Committee issued a circular to the Congregation stating that the young ladies who distributed the *Records* would collect subscriptions to the Missionary funds of the Church, and also that members not desiring to contribute in this way, could continue their offering by envelope as formerly. The great success of the former scheme will be seen from the financial statement— \$366.60 being collected by subscription, and \$146.25 by envelope. The first month's subscribers numbered 43, which has since been increased to 65, but we are sorry to state that there are a great number who do not contribute in either way.

Your Committee would earnestly commend this scheme to the members of the Congregation, as last year's results show what can be attained by systematic giving.

The contributions received have been allocated by the subscribers as follows :---

Home Missions	\$109.50	
Foreign "	80.13	
French Evangelization		
North-West (Dr. Robertson)	69.50	
Pointe-aux-Trembles	10.00	
Honan	7.23	
		\$299.11

The sum of \$34.16 has been received from the Christian Endeavor Society for distribution as follows :---

Home M	lissions	\$ 17.23	
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The Committee beg leave to recommend that the funds now in hand be allocated as follows :---

Home Missions	\$130.00
North-West (Dr. Robertson)	70.00
Foreign Missions	85 00
French Evangelization	40.00
Pointe-aux-Trembles	10.00
Augmentation Fund	50.00
City Missions	25.00
Presbyterian College	20.00
Aged and Infirm Ministers	15.00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	15.00
Honan	25.00
Lumberman's Mission	10 00
Students' Missionary Society	10.00
City Jewish Mission	10.00
	\$515.00
Balance	

\$518.76

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PHYMISTER, President. GEO. N. HUTCHISON, Secy-Treas.

MELVILLE CHURCH MISSION'Y SOCIETY-TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIVED.

To	Balance, 1894	\$242.80
""	Weekly Contributions (envelopes) \$146.25	
"	Monthly " (subscription) 366.60	
	and the second	512.85
	Contributions Y. P. S. C. E	34.16
"	Bank Interest.	5.75
	and the second	\$795.56

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Dec. 31.	By amount allocated at last annual meeting :
	Home Missions \$36 00
	Foreign " 54.25
	French Evangelization 10.35
	North-West (Dr. Robertson) 20.85
	Mhow (India) 10.35
	Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund 8.00
	Widows' and Orphans' Fund 8.00
	Honan 20.00
	City Missions 20.00
	City Italian Mission 5 00
	Melville Church
	\$242.80
	By paid Printing envelopes, Mission books, &c. 9.00
	" " 100 copies Record 25.00
	" Balance on hand 518.76

Audited and found correct, WM. MINTO, Auditor. Westmount, 10th Jany, 1896. GEO. N. HUTCHISON, Sec'y-Treas.

The Ladies' Aid Society

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Have much pleasure in presenting this their Tenth annual report of work done during the year 1895.

The main work of this Society is for the providing of clothing for three inmates of the Mackay Institute, who are deaf and dumb. This year it has been enabled to do a little more, and has made a number of flannel garments suitable for women and children, which have been given to Miss McSween, City Missionary, who daily comes in contact with deserving poor.

The members of the Society take this opportunity of thanking those ladies who could not be present at the weekly meetings but sent liberal subscriptions, thereby encouraging us to greater effort.

We trust that next year our membership will be larger, and our attendance even better than during 1895.

MRS. M. L. BRODIE, President. MRS. H. C. RUSSELL, Secretary-Treas. T. C. R. J. W

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT-MELVILLE CHURCH LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Balance on l	and	 \$	9.36	
Ordinary su	scriptions	 4	13.00	
Material sol		 	2.03	
Kirk-Session		 1	5.00	
		-		\$69.39
Material pur	hased	 \$ 7.93	-	
"		 18.27		
"	"	 31.83	58.03	•
Balance, bei	g cash on hand	 1	1.36	
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Westmount, 15th January, 1896.

MRS. H. C. RUSSELL, Sec'y-Treas.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF

Melville Church Sabbath-School.

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS.

Honorary President	 	REW. J. MACGILLIVRAY, B.A., B.D.
Superintendent	 	A. C. HUTCHISON.
Assistant do.	 	D. MCCORMICK, Q C.
Secretary	 	ROBINA R. KERR.
Treasurer	 	JESSIE HARVIE.
Librarian	 	WM. B. HUTCHISON.
Assistant Librarian	 	NORMAN K. MACDONALD.
Organist	 	MARY RUTHERFORD.

TEACHERS.

D. MCCORMICK, Q.C. J. A. NICHOLSON, M.A. Bible Classes.

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T. J. RUTHERFOR C. E. T. WOODL		Miss J. MCCALLUM, " J. HARVIE,
R. GREIG,	Mrs. M. BRODIE,	" J. NELSON.
J. LOCKE,	Miss GRACE BROWN,	" M. ELLIOT,
W. HENRY,	· · · · R. R. KERR,	" HARROLD.
J. R. GREIG,	" A. SMITH,	" G. MINTO,
A. PAXTON,	" M. DUFFIN,	" M. RUTHERFORD,
A. WILLS,	" A. RUTHERFORD,	" M. MCDONALD,
R. MCDONALD,	" M. FERGUSON,	
	Infant Class.	
Miss	A. LINTON, Miss M	I. HARVIE,
	J. MCARTHUR, "L	GREIG,
	E. JARVIS, "J.	E. BROWN.

The Officers and Teachers present the following report of their work in the Sunday-School during the past year.

ATTENDANCE.—At the l	beginning	of	the	year	the	number	on	the	
roll was as follows :									

Teachers and Officers		32
Scholars, Bible Class		16
Do. Sabbath-School, boys		123
Do. do. girls		127
The roll at the end of the year stands as foll-	-	298
Teachers and Officers, male		•
Do. do. female	15	
		30
Scholars, Bible Class		16
Do. Sabbath-School, boys		143
Do. do. girls	•••	120

Total .. 309

The avera	ge attendance of Teachers and Scholars during the year	was
	Teachers and Officers 27	
	Scholars, including Bible-class, boys 106	
	girls 90	

This slight decrease from the previous year is accounted for by a smaller attendance than usual in the month of September, thus lowering the average for the year.

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COLLECTIONS.—During the year, the sum of \$167.62 was collected in the school. According to a resolution passed by the Teachers at the beginning of the year, that the School should be self-supporting, the amount necessary to meet the expenses of the School was taken from these collections, and the balance remaining on hand was allocated to mission work as follows :—

For support of pupil at Pointe-aux-Trembles	\$50.00
French Evangelization	15.00
Home Missions	15.00
Foreign Missions	15.00
Sunday-School Union	10.00
	\$105.00

LIBRARY.—Early in the year a collection was taken in the Sunday-school for the purchase of books for the Library, which amounted to $\$_{31.20}$. This sum was increased by a donation of $\$_{15.00}$ from the Librarian and a like amount from the funds of the School, making in all the sum of $\$_{01.20}$. This was was expended in the purchase of 77 new books. During the summer, the Christian Endeavor Society kindly donated 14 volumes. These with the new books and those formerly on the shelves make a total of 1,263 volumes at present in the Library. During the year, 367 books have been re-covered, and the "Elsie" Series, 14 volumes, which had become much the worse of wear were replaced by new books. The average issue of books during the year has been 75 volumes per Sunday.

Seeing that the library is so much used by the scholars, and presumably by the parents and friends, the Officers and Teachers would respectfully request the friends of the School to assist in keep ing it in a state of efficiency by the donation of suitable books or money for their purchase.

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SOIRÉE.—The annual Soirée held in the month of January, proved a great success. Tea having been served, a programme of music and recitations was provided by the scholars, after which our esteemed friend Rev. Prof. Campbell gave an address.

PICNIC.—The annual picnic was arranged for the month of June, but owing to the very unfavorable weather on the day chosen, it had to be postponed, to the great disappointment of the scholars and their friends. It was hoped that arrangements could be made for its taking place later in the season but as no favorable opportunity presented itself it had to be abandoned. The funds collected from friends for defraying the expenses are held by the Treasurer for next season.

BIBLE CLASS.—The Bible Class for Young Men under Mr. D. McCormick has met regularly with a fair attendance, but we express the hope that more of the young men of the congregation will attend it in the future than have done in the past.

Mr. Nicholson has kindly consented to conduct a Bible Class for young ladies, and arrangements are being made for the opening of the class during the present month.

INFANT CLASS.—Some important changes are about to be made in the organization of the Infant Class which it is hoped will increase its members and be a benefit to the school.

During four months last winter we were without the help of our Superintendent who was travelling in Europe. The work of the School was efficiently carried on during his absence by the Assistant-Superintendent and Officers.

We regret very much that our Assistant-Superintendent Mr. Jas.' Phymister, who has been connected with the School for over fifteen years, had to resign as an officer and teacher on account of ill-health. It is our earnest prayer and wish that he may be restored to health and enabled again to resume the work he loves in our midst.

MISSION BAND.—On the re-opening of the School after the summer holidays, the Mission Band was re-organized under the superintendence of Mrs. MacGillivray. Their report is herewith submitted.

In conclusion, we pray that our usefulness in the cause of Christ among the little ones may increase during the year, and that His kingdom may be advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

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ROBINA R. KERR, Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT-MELVILLE CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL.

1895.		SCHOOL AND MISSION FUND.		
Jan. 1.	То	Balance	\$ 14.05	
		Subscription to Soirée	29.00	
		" " Picnic	25.45	
		Collections	167.62	
	"	Interest	1.75	
				\$237.87
Feb.	By	Expenses of Soirée	\$ 28.75	
	"	Picnic tickets	2.35	
	"	Wm. Drysdale & Co	70.88	
		D. Bentley & Co	4.75	
		Morton, Phillips & Co	1.60	
		Pointe-aux-Trembles School	50.00	
		S. S. Union	10.00	The -
	"	Home Missions	15.00	
		Foreign "	15.00	
		French Evangelization	15.00	
		Balance, Picnic	23.10	
	"	Balance	1.44	
		Dumaco		\$237.87
1895.		LIBRARY FUND.	ï	
Jan. 1.	То	Balance	\$ 15.25	
	"	Collections		
		W. B. Hutchison	15.00	
				\$ 61.95
	By	Wm. Drysdale & Co	\$ 57.50	
		Mitchell & Wilson	2.75	
	"	G. W. Reed	.89	
	"	Balance	.81	
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JESSIE S. HARVIE, Treasurer.

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OFFICERS, 1896.

President		JAS. R. GREIG.
Vice-President		JESSIE HARVIE.
Recording-Secretary		JANET MCARTHUR.
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Treasurer		A. N. PAXTON.
Look-Out Committee,	Convener,	DAVID FULTON.
Prayer-Meeting "		ROBERT H. MACDONALD.
Social 1 "	"	AGNES RUTHERFORD.
Missionary "		MAUD ELLIOTT.
Music "		WM. PHILIPS.

At the close of another year we would gratefully acknowledge the Divine blessing on the various departments of Christian work which it is our privilege to undertake.

Our membership roll shows at the end of the year, 28 active and 7 associate members. During the year several of our oldest members have withdrawn from the Society, and their names have been added to the honorary list.

The weekly prayer-meetings have been well attended throughout the year. Two union meetings have been held with the Westmount Tabernacle Society, which, we trust, have been helpful to both Societies.

In the early part of the year, we missed the loving council of our Pastor, and in acknowledging God's mercies to us, we would not forget His loving kindness in restoring him to us, and we pray that his strength may increase from day to day.

The Charitable Committee has given assistance to several poor families who were in need of help, and it has also continued to clothe a pupil in the Mackay Institute. A donation of three tweed quilts, made under the supervision of the Charitable Committee by the Society, was made to Madam Duclos, of the Montreal Women's Missionary Society.

The Missionary Committee has during the year held four missionary meetings, which we trust have increased our interest in missions. The sum of \$34.16 has been collected for missionary purposes, \$17.23 for Home and \$16.93 for Foreign Missions. The

books contained in our missionary library were also handed over to the Sunday-School library, and a flag was sent out to the Rev. Mr. White, of the Crowstand Mission.

The Flower Committee has still continued the work of placing flowers in the Church every Sunday, besides taking them to the sick of the congregation, and to the hospitals where they are highly appreciated.

The work of the other Committees has been carried on faithfully and well, and we pray that all our work may be acceptable to Him who graciously acknowledges our humble efforts, and has said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

MAY BRODIE, Secretary.

MELVILLE CHURCH Y. P. S. C. E. -- TREASURER'S STATEMENT, 1895.

1895.		SOCIETY FUND.		
Jan. 1.	То	Balance	\$ 9.32	
	"	Contributions per envelopes	31.34	
	"	Collections	11.96	
and State		" Charitable Committee	23.85	
				\$76.47
	By	Provincial C. E. Union		
	"	Montreal C. E. Union	3.00	
	"	Charitable Committee	32.40	
	"	Flowers	6.75	
	"	Topic Cards	6.50	a di la
	"	Stationery, postage, &c	9.58	
	"	Church Fund	5.00	
	"	Balance	. 8.24	\$76.47
1895.		MISSION FUND.		
Jan. 1.	То	Home Missions, per envelopes	\$15.23	
	"		2.00	
	"	Foreign " " "	16.93.	
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The Melville Church Mission Band.

OFFICERS 1895-96.

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President,	Mrs. J. MACGILLIVRA
Vice-President,	Miss Snowdon.
Superintendent,	Mrs. GEO. WOOD.
Secretary,	Miss MAY BRODIE.
Treasurer,	Miss BROWN.

The children of Melville Church were called together on September 9th, 1895, to re-organize a Mission Band. It was decided that the object of the Society would be to clothe a pupil in the Mackay Institute, to make a box of clothing for the children of Labrador, and to pay for a Cot in the General Hospital.

In order to meet expenses a fee of twenty-five cents was charged each member.

The attendance has been very encouraging and with the help of some of the young ladies of the congregation, a large quantity of warm clothing has been made.

Before Christmas a number of dolls were dressed and scrap-books made to brighten the lives of those unused to toys. Some were sent to the Mackay Institute, some to the General Hospital, and some kept for Labrador.

Mr. Hutchison kindly gave a lecture in October, in aid of the support of the Cot in the Hospital.

An afternoon Tea was given to December, when the parents and friends of the children were invited, that they might see the work accomplished by the Band.

At our regular meetings interesting reading cheered the busy workers, and many happy hours were spent in this way, the children learning the delights of giving and doing for others.

MAY BRODIE, Secretary.

Mission Band of Melville Church-Treasurer's Statement, 1st October, 1895, to 1st January, 1896.

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RECEIPTS,		
Membership Fees	\$11.75	
Fines for non-attendance	.77	
Amount obtained from Lecture by A. C. Hutchison, Esq., on		
8th November, 1895	35.45	
Balance from Mission Band of 1893	17.84	
Amount realized from Mission Band "At Home," Dec. 13th,		
1895	18.62	
Balance from Junior Christian Endeavor, 1895	2.31	
Balance on hand	60.82	
		\$86.74

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Colonial House, Jas. A. Ogilvy, Brophy, Cains & Co.,		
for Cottons, Flannettes, &c	\$21.82	
Printing for Lecture	1.00	
Printing, Flowers, &c. for "At Home."	3.10	
Balance on hand	60.82	
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23 Melville Church Momen's Missionary Auxiliary.

OFFICE-BEARERS:

President	 	 Mrs. J. MCGILLIVRAY.
Vice-President	 	 " M. A. BRODIE.
Secretary	 	 Miss M. L. FERGUSON.
Treasurer	 	 Mrs. J. CAMPBELL.

This Society, which meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 3 P. M., has not yet had an existence of three months, having been organized October 23rd, 1895.

Its object is to awaken and deepen an interest in mission work among the ladies of the congregation, all of whom are earnestly invited to attend its meetings.

The three meetings already held, have been most interesting and instructive. In November, Mrs. Macmaster read a paper upon the work done by the Montreal W. M. S. ; whose President, Mrs. Grier, addressed our December meeting upon Mission work throughout the world ; while at our meeting of this month, Mrs. Thompson, by her earnest appeal, awakened our sympathy on behalf of the Chinese Mission.

Though, of work accomplished, we have nothing yet to report, we look to the future hopefully, praying that He who has promised to be with every two or three gathered together in His name, will guide our Society and make it an influence for good.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FERGUSON, Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY OF MELVILLE CHURCH,

From November 5th to January 7th.

	Mrs. Macmaster for L'Aurore		
	and the second		\$63.58
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Total Annual Revenue from all Sources.

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		Ordinary Revenue
"	"	Building and Property account
	"	Special Collections
	"	New Church Fund 324.90
"	"	Missionary Society 518.60
"	"	Ladies' Aid Society 45.03
."	"	Sabbath-School 223.82
"	"	" Library Fund 46.70
"	"	Young People's Society of C. E 67.15
"		" Mission Fund 34.16
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MEMBERS OF MELVILLE CHURCH.

31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

Anderson, Janet Archibald, C. E. Archibald, Mrs. C. E. Archibald, Jno. Archibald, Mrs. J. Armstrong, Jos. Armstrong, Mrs. J. Armstrong, Eva A. Barber, W. H. Barber, W. H.

Barber, Mrs. W. H. Blair, Mrs. Hugh. Brodie, Mrs. R. Brodie, Mrs. R. Brodie, Jane Eva Brodie, Bobt. Jr. Brodie, Molt. Jr. Brodie, Mifdred Brodie, Mifdred Brodie, Mist. Mary L. Brown, Grace Brown, Jas. Brown, Mrs. Jas. Brown, Mrs. J. H. Brady, Thos Brady, Mrs. Thos. Brady, Jno. Brisbane, Wm. Brisbane, Wm. Brisbane, Wm. Brisbane, Wm. Brethour, Carrie Brethour, Geo. Baker, F. W. Birch, Robt J.

Campbell, John, D.D. Campbell, Mrs. Jno. Campbell, Rolland P. Currie, Flora Currie, Mary Ann Cornell, G. H. Cornell, Mrs. G. H. Caldwell, Herbert

Deacon, Robt. S. Deacon, Mrs. R. S. Dow, Mrs. A. W. Duffin, Martha A. Duffin, Gertrude L. Elliot, Annie Elder, Jno. M. D. Elder, Mrs. Jno.

Finlayson, Duncan J. Finlayson, Mrs. D. Finlayson, Alex Finlayson, Mrs. A. Forbes, Mrs. A. Finlayson, Miss. J. M. Ferguson, Mary L. Ferguson, Alex. Ferguson, Alex. Findlay, Robt. Findlay, Mrs. R.

Gray, Mrs. J. Greig, Wm Greig, Mrs. Wm. Greig, Robt. Greig, Mrs. Robt. Greig, John G. Greig, Jagne R. Greig, Jass. R.

Harvie, Robt. Harvie, Mrs. R. Harvie, Janet S. Harrower, Robt. Hardman, Miss Hardman, Lily Hardman, Alex. Hawthorne, Wm. Hawthorne, Mrs. W. Hoy, G. B. Hoy, Mrs. G. B. Hobus, Louis Hutchison, Alex. C. Hutchison, Mrs. A. C. Hutchison, Wm. B. Hutchison, Chas. Alex. Hutchison, George N. Hutchinson, M. Hutchinson, May D. Hudson, Mrs. T. H. Hyndman, Mrs. Sarah

Jarvis, W. C. Jarvis, Edith M. Junod, Mrs. H. E.

Kerr, Jno. Jr. Kerr, Isabella D. Kerr, Janet Kerr, Harriet P. Kerr, Robina Kinsella, Miss

Lee, Mrs. P. Locke, Joseph Locke, Mrs. J. Locke, Ernest E. Laycock, George

Martin, Mrs. L. Mathie, Jane Mason, Jas. Mason, Jas. Mason, Mrs. J. Marotte, Samuel Marotte, Mrs. S. Millar, Hannah Minto, Mrs. Wm. Minto, Ins. H. Minto, Gertrude B. Minto, Gertrude B. Minto, Gertrude B. Minto, C. H. Munto, Jessie Murray, J. S. Murray, Mrs. J. S. Murray, May

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Murray, Isabella Murray, And. F. Murray, Alex. Jr.

Macdonald, J. K. Macdonald, Mrs. J. K. Macdonald, Norman K. Macdonald, Robt. H. Macfarlane, Mrs. W. MacFarlane, Mrs. W. MacGillivray, Mrs. J. MacLennan, W. H. MacLennan, W. H.

McArthur, Wm. McArthur, Mrs. Wm. McArthur, Lachlan McArthur, Andrew McArthur, Elizabeth McArthur, Isabella McArthur, Jean McBean, Geo. McBean, Mrs. G. McBean, G A. McBean, Grace E. McBean, Thos L. McCormick, D. McCallum, Annie McCauliff, Mrs. McDaniell, Jane McIntyre, Angus McIntyre, Mrs. A. McKay, Jas. B. McKay, Mrs. J. B. McLeod, Norman McLeod, Mrs. N. McLeod, Ida McMaster, J. A. McMaster, Mrs. J. A. McMaster, A. R. McMillan, Jno.

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Ramsay, E T. Ramsay, Mrs. E. T. Ray, C. E. Ray, W. C. S. Robertson, Geo. A. Robertson, Mrs. G. A. Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Robertson, Arch. L. Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Rolland Louisa Rolland, David A. Ross, Wm. Ross, Mrs. W. Russell, H. C. Russell, Mrs. H. C. Rutherford, Agnes S. Rutherford, Mary

Sharp, Robt. Sharp, Mrs. R. Shewan, Jessie A. Singer, Geo. Smith, Jas. Smith, Marion Smith, Mobt. D. Snowdon, Jas. Snowdon, Mrs. Jas. Stewart, Henry

Thomson, Robt. Thomson, Mrs. R. Thomson, Annie Trenholm, Mrs. N. W. Trenholm, A. K. Trenholm, H. W.

Walker, J. R. Walker, Mrs. J. R. Wallace, Mrs. Jas. Wallace, John H. Wallace, Robert Wallace, William Willso, Alex. Wilson, Norman Wood. Geo. W. Wood, Mrs. G. W. Wodd, Mrs. G. W.

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