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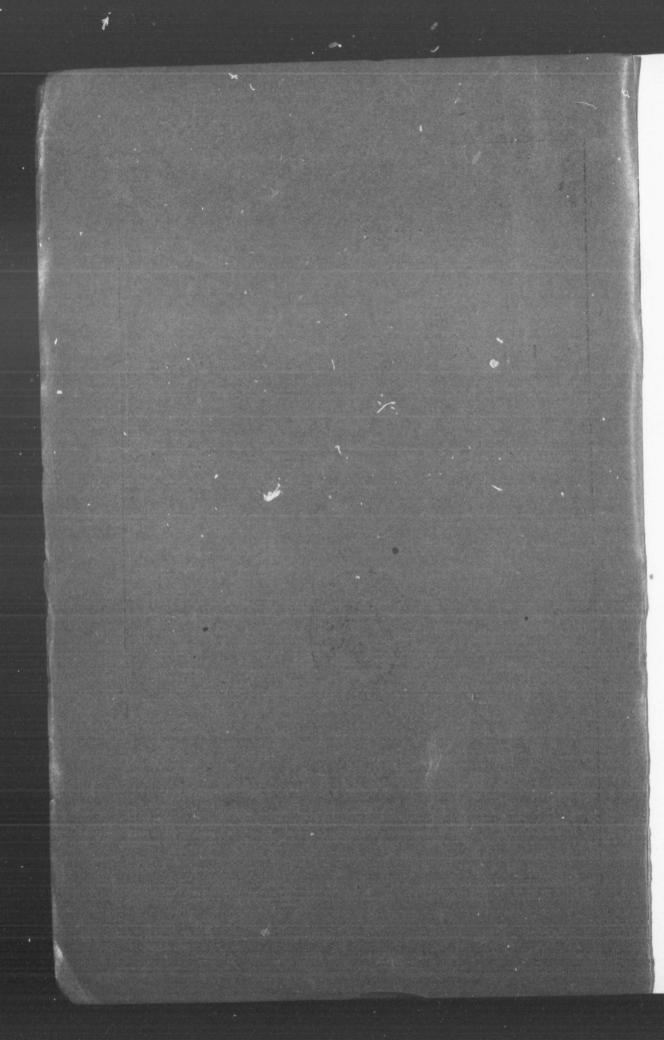
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## The Saint Gabriel Church, Montreal.

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### Kirk-Session.

#### MINISTER.

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, M.A., 68 STE. FAMILLE STREET.

#### ELDERS.

JAMES LILLIE;	 	 			Longue'Pointe.
*	 	 			Coteau St. Luc.
JOHN A. STUART,	 	 		50	Panet street.
JAMES H. MICHAUD				53	Courville street.
WILLIAM DARLING,		 		92	Union avenue.
DANIEL DRUMMOND		 			Petite Cote.
GILBERT A. FLETCH		 		75	Berri street.
THOMAS GRAHAM,	 	 	1	112	St. Lawrence street,
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The Session holds stated monthly meetings.

### Board of Trustees.

WILLIAM ARNOTT,	 	 35 Parthenais street.
DAVID CUNNINGHAM,		 52 Chenneville street.
WILLIAM DARLING, Chairman,		 Hochelaga,
	 	 112 St. Lawrence street.
I HOMILO CITATION		1452 St. Catherine street.
ARCHIBALD MCNAUGHTON,		464 St. Mary street.
ANDREW MCNIECE,		44 St. Paul street.
		613 Craig street.
WILLIAM REED, Secretary,		
		866 Sherbrooke street.
DAVID SLEETH,	 	 85 Parthenais street.
	 	 54 St. Hypolite street.

The Board meets on the first Wednesday in each month.

#### AUDITORS.

CHARLES BYRD,	 	 		219 Bleury street,
ARCHIBALD WATT,	 	 	,.	386½ Dorchester street.

Church Officer, -JOHN LOUGHEAD, 51 St. URBAIN STREET.

The Congregation is divided into Eight Districts, each of which is assigned to an Elder. It is his duty to visit the families in his District, to note changes of residence, and to inform the Minister and Session of special cases of sickness or poverty.

DISTRICT NO. I .- JAMES LILLIE, Elder.

From Papineau Road and Square, East, including Hochelaga, Longue Pointe and Longueuil.

DISTRICT NO. II.-JOHN A. STUART, Elder.

From Papiueau Road and Square, West to Campeau street, including the latter.

DISTRICT NO. III.—GILBERT A. FLETCHER, Elder.

From Campeau Street to Gosford and St. Constant Streets, the latter excluded.

DISTRICT No. IV .- J. H. MICHAUD, Elder.

From St. Constant Street, included, to Bleury Street, excluded, and from Dorchester Street, excluded, northwards.

DISTRICT No. V.—THOMAS GRAHAM, Elder.

From St. Constant Street, included, to Bleury Street, excluded, and from Craig Street to Dorchester Street, both included.

DISTRICT NO. VI.—ROBERT BRODIE, Elder.

From Bleury Street, included, westwards, and from St. Antoine Street, included, northwards.

DISTRICT No. VII.—WILLIAM DARLING, Jr., Elder.

From Gosford Street, westwards, and southward of Craig and St. Antoine Streets, both excluded.

DISTRICT No. VIII.—DANIEL DRUMMOND, Elder.

Petite Cote, St. Michel, and all outside the city limits northwards.

#### CHURCH SERVICES.

Hours of Divine Service on Lord's Day, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING on Wednesday, 8 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER is observed on the third Sabbath in March, June, September and December.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered on the first Sabbath in each month.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS.

Meets every Lord's Day at 3 p.m.

Superintendant,-Rev. R. Campbell, M.A. Assistant Superintendant,—Mr. J. A. Stuart. Secretary-Treasurer,-Mr. John Wilson. Librarian,—Mr. William Sleeth.

Assistant Librarians,—Messrs Peter Turner and Donald McNaughton. Representative to S. S. Association,-Mr. G. A. Fletcher.

Teachers,-Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Stenton, Misses Macqueen and E. Macqueen, Miss M. Patton, Miss E. J. McNaughton, Miss S. L. Mc-Naughton, Miss Darling, Miss McKay, Miss Orr, Miss Watson and Miss M. E. Campbell; Messrs Campbell, Stuart, Dow, Fletcher, Fraser and

Teacher of Bible Class,—Rev. R. Campbell.

#### LADIES' DORCAS SOCIETY.

President,—Mrs. Campbell. Vice-President,—Mrs. W. Darling. Secretary-Treasurer,—Mrs. Haldimand.

The Association meets fortnightly during the winter season, and affords help to other deserving charities, besides providing for the poor of the congregation.

#### ST. GABRIEL CHURCH TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

Honorary President,—Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A. Vice-President,-Mr. David Laurie. President,—Mr. Thomas Watson. Secretary.—Mr. Peter Turner. Assistant-Secretary, Miss M. E. Campbell. Treasurer,—Mr. G. A. Fletcher.

Executive Committe, -Messrs J. A. Stuart, John Campbell, Jerome McDonald, Stewart McNaughton, Wm. Bickerstaff, and R. McIntosh, and Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Annie Laurie and Miss E. J. McNaugton.

The Association has had monthly concerts to which the public have been invited and on these occassions it has had an opportunity of testifying in favour of total abstinence. It has been instrumental in doing much good, by way of keeping the young in the path of safety, as well as in helping some that were weak to be strong. The pledge taken was mostly for twelve months at a time, and the Association numbered 103 members during the year.

The receipts of the Association amounted to \$63.20.

#### MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

President,—Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A.

Vice-Presidents,—Wm. Darling and Thomas Graham.

Treasurer,—Chas. Byrd. Secretary,—Wm. Peddie.
Auditors,—J. M. Taylor and Thos. Watson.
Collectors,—District No. 1, Misses Soutar and E. Taylor; No. 2, Mrs. J. Hood and Miss McNaughton; No. 3, Misses M. E. Campbell and Emma Ennis; No. 4, Misses A. Michaud and C. Patton; No. 5, Mrs. Hood and Miss

Miller; No. 6, Miss Ferguson and Mrs. Wilson; No. 7, Miss Irving.

Committee,—Messrs W. Darling, jr., A. Irving, M. Hodge, J. Hood, H. Irwin,
J. M. Patterson, W. Patton, James Robertson, D. Sleeth, jr., D. Strachan, J. A. Stuart, and Archd. Watt.

#### STATISTICS.

No. of Families in the Congregation	76
No. of Families in the Congregation	37
No. of Single Persons not connected with Lamines	
No. of Communicants on Roll 1st January, 1880	375
No. added during 1879	40
No. removed by Certificate to other Churches	10
No. removed by Death	5
No. struck off for long continued absence	9
Net increase during the year	16
No. of Baptisms	29
No. of Deaths	20

### In Memoriam.

The following Members and Adherents of the Congregation were removed by death during the year 1879:—

AN	NE SCOTT8th January.
	s. John Hardie1st February.
	s. Robert Murray25th February.
	RNE CAMPBELL McRobie14th March.
	IN FORSYTH SMEALL
	TE LOUISE BRUCE
	NALD JACKSON26th April.
	ss. G. P. Schroeder
	NET SUSAN TURNER 16th June.
	OMAS STEELE12th July.
	PHEMIA S. T. LUSCOMBE13th August.
	ARGARET WELLS27th October.
JA	MES TURBAYNE12th November.
Is	ABELLA DARLING 30th November.
Lu	LIAN MAY KEARNS9th December.

### TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is now four years since I have had the opportunity of addressing to you a few words on the occasion of publishing an annual report of the Congregation. Those years have been trying ones to the most of the Congregations in Canada, and we have had our share of difficulties. But we have cause to bless God that we have come so well through them. To-day we stand in as prosperous a condition as we ever were in. All that we need now to guarantee an influential and important future to the Congregation is that we go on steadily and patiently in the support of ordinances. We happily are not burdened with any debt worth mentioning; and if the edifice and its equipments are not all that modern taste demands, we may remember how long they were thought adequate to furnish accommodation to the best of Montreal's sons and daughters, while we may cherish the hope at no distant day of being able to erect a more suitable building, in a convenient locality, free of debt. Meanwhile let us stick together. Let us be faithful to the cause which we are charged to maintain in this part of the city, and we need have no fears for the future.

The envelope system, introduced a year ago, has been found to work so well, and has been so generally adopted, that it would greatly lessen the labour of the Treasurer if the few who have not yet fallen in with it could see their way to do so at an early day. There was a slight misunderstanding last year on the part of some as to what the envelope contributions were to be devoted to. All should know that they are for purely congregational objects. We still rely on our Missionary Association and on the occasional collections ordered by the Assembly for the means to aid in the great missionary and benevolent undertakings of the Church, which it has always been our ambition to help forward. Dear brethren, whatever we come short in, let us see that we do not fail to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The large constituency connected with our Church ought to be able to do much more for outside objects, besides efficiently sustaining ordinances at home.

I commend to your careful perusal the separate items of the following report. Read them carefully and take note of what they

"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Your faithful friend and pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

Montreal, February, 1880.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church, was held in the School-room on the evening of Wednesday the fourteenth of January, pursuant to the usual notice, as required by Article 2 of the By-laws of said Church.

On motion, Mr. A. McNaughton was called to preside, and Mr. T. Watson to act as Secretary.

It was then moved by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

"That the Meeting be adjourned until the evening of Wednesday the 4th February, due notice of the same being given from the pulpit, and that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting do stand over to be read at said adjourned Meeting." Carried.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church, was held in the School-room on the evening of Wednesday 4th February, 1880.

On motion, Mr. John A. Stuart was called upon to preside, and Mr. C. Byrd to act as Secretary.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by the pastor Rev. R. Campbell.

The Minutes of the last Annual Congregational Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Trustees for the past year, also the Treasurer's Statement of receipts and disbursements, duly audited by Messrs. C. Byrd and D. Sleeth Jr. for the year ending January 31st, 1880.

Moved by Mr. James Robertson, seconded by Mr. T. Graham, and carried,

"That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that portion of it relating to the position of the finances, be printed in some inexpensive form for circulation among the Congregation."

Abstracts of Reports of the Missionary Association, Dorcas Society and Sunday School were submitted by the Rev. R. Campbell, and ordered to be embodied in the printed Report.

Moved by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, and carried,

"That a vote of thanks be now tendered to Mr. Haldimand, to whom, as Treasurer, the Congregation is under special obligation, during the past year, for the time and consideration given by him to the finances of the Church under the new system."

Moved by Mr. Fletcher, and seconded by Mr. T. Watson,

"That the four retiring Trustees, viz., Messrs. William Darling, William Patton, David Cunningham and David Sleeth, be re-elected." Carried.

Moved by Mr. William McRobie, seconded by Mr. Peter J. Turner,

"That Messrs. C. Byrd and A. Watt be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year." Carried.

Moved by Mr. William Reed, seconded by A. Watt,

"That the warmest thanks of the Congregation are due and now tendered to the Members of the Choir for their services during the past year, their regular attendance, time and labour devoted by them under the direction of our efficient Precentor to the cultivation of the singing in the Church." Carried.

Mr. Stuart, being requested to leave the chair, Rev. R. Campbell was called on to act as Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. William Reed, seconded by Mr. John Taylor,

"That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Stuart, for the efficient manner in which he filled the Chair during the evening." Carried.

The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. R. Campbell, and the meeting closed.

JOHN A. STUART, Chairman. CHAS. BYRD, Secretary.

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

The Trustees have again to lay before the Congregation their

Annual Report and Financial Statement for the past year.

As the new system adopted at last Annual Meeting for the collection of pew rents could only come into force after the acceptance of the proposal of the Trustees by the Congregation, the financial year had to be arranged to close at the end of January, to complete the twelve months under the envelope system. The success or failure of the experiment has naturally been of the greatest interest to the Congregation, and although, as the Financial Statement to be submitted will show, the method is no patent remedy for the ills that the temporalities of churches may be afflicted with, still as far as St. Gabriel Church is concerned, it is apparent from the result of even the first year that the Congregation did a very wise thing in making trial of the principle.

The plan appears to be well liked so far, and the members and adherents generally seem to consider it a convenient method for

contributing to the support of the Church-

The increase of work it gives to the Treasurer is no doubt a serious drawback, only to be lightened by the weekly payments being kept up punctually, it being evident that arrears in such payments

must lead to great confusion.

The Trustees respectfully submit, that in this respect the Congregation has a duty to perform towards the Treasurer, to whom they are under a deep obligation for the time expended during the past year and the necessary additional labour required in establishing and putting in working order an entire new system of keeping his accounts with them.

While congratulating the Congregation on the very general recognition of the principle of weekly offerings, the Trustees regret to be obliged to report that though the receipts from all sources have about met the current expenses of the year, this has only been done by again employing the interest accruing from the balance due on the sale of the Manse property, which it was hoped might have been used to extinguish the debt on the Building Fund, the weekly offerings and ordinary collections proving insufficient without it. These amount to \$2,080.61, that part under envelope being \$1,778.94, about \$34 for each Sabbath offering, which may be considered a low average. On these weekly contributions nearly \$100 of arrears have accumulated for the past year.

The receipts from all sources up to the 31st January are \$3,130.66, and disbursements, \$2,854.07, leaving a balance of \$276.59.

These disbursements, however, being for all claims on the Church for the financial year ending on the 30th November, against this balance on hand must be placed the amount needed to made good our engagements for the months of December and January, in the shape of stipend, etc., \$321.66, which will place the Church in debt to the Treasurer in the sum of \$45.07, instead of having a balance in hand to begin the year with, which would have been the case if the promised contributions had not fallen behind, as has been already alluded to.

No great progress has been made in the collection of the old arrears which existed at the beginning of the year, from which it was hoped that something might be realised that would at least have helped in the reduction of the unpaid arrears on the stipend fund, which remains in the same unfortunate position as reported at last

annual meeting.

Under these circumstances, it will be the manifest duty of the Congregation to make some special effort by which the debt may be promptly liquidated, the Trustees having hitherto hesitated making a direct appeal to individual assistance in a matter which affects the Church as a whole, and which ought to be provided for by the ordinary revenue.

The amount required for this purpose is \$633.

It may here be mentioned that a member of the Church has very handsomely offered to give \$100 towards clearing off this, if the

Congregation will make up the balance.

There is also the debt of the Building Fund, originating in the money borrowed for the purpose of erecting the School-room, and executing the necessary repairs to the Church itself—amounting to \$1,787, the interest on which being a charge on the revenue—some provision should be made for gradually extinguishing this debt.

Relieved from the anxieties of these burdens, which tend so much to impair its usefulness, there is no reason why the Church should not enjoy a fair measure of financial prosperity. The new system of weekly offerings has so much to recommend it to the members and adherents as being an easy method of contributing, that it is hoped many will be able hereafter without much effort or sacrifice to increase their weekly payments, as a very small amount individually would have a marked effect on the revenue in the aggregate.

The retiring Trustees at this time are Messrs. Wm. Patton, Wm. Darling, D. Cunningham, and D. Sleeth, all of whom are eligible for

re-election.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. DARLING, Chairman. WILLIAM REED, Secretary.

THE TRUSTEES OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH in account with W. L. HALDIMAND, from 1st December, 1878, to 1st February, 1880.

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\$64.91 2100.00 195.00 136.66	109.62 62.52 63.35	34.50	16.00	13.00	13.30	20.00	105.48		117.24 37.50 37.50	\$3175.73
Balance due Treasurer.  By paid Minister's Stipend  " Precentor's Salary  " Church Officer's Salary	Interest (Widow's and Orphan's Fund) Fuel Account	Printing " Insurance	Assembly Fund	Synod and Assembly Expenses	Water Rate	For Repairs to School	Receipts	French Evangelization Fund. 24.88  Home Mission Fund. 35.25  Poor of Church. 31.48	1 : :	
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"Collections for month of Jan., 1879	" Special Collections viz: "Presbyterian Record"		Pool Church Fund 20.00		Interest (J. H. Mooney)					\$3175.73

Audited and found correct,

CHS. BYRD. D. SLEETH, JR.

#### ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

No death occurred among the scholars during the year. The entire number on the roll was 223. The number on the roll at the end of the year was 183. Seventy new names were added to the roll, while 40 were removed, representing a net gain of 30. There was a gain in the average attendance of 13. There are 87 males on the Register and 96 females. The silver medal offered for the perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism by Mr. James Robertson, was won by Alberta Lognon, a girl of eight years of age. The prizes given for the largest mission-box collections were taken by Nellie Stuart and Mary E. Campbell. The number of volumes in the Library remains the same as last year, 400; but it now greatly needs replenishing. There is excellent work done in the Sabbath School, which will tell on the eternal destiny of the young of the Congregation attending it.

TREASURER'S REPORT, St. GABRIEL, SABBATH-SCHOOL, 1879.

Jan. 1. Cr.  To Balance on hand.  " Proceeds Conversaziones held since 1st Jan  " Net Proceeds of Picnic.  " " " Concert.  " Missionary Boxes.  " Sunday Collections.  " Interest.	10.70 30.00 7.62 72.48 .47	\$223.90
By Paid Donation to Presbyterian S. S. Association  " " French Scholarship	17.87 .86 60.00 90.00 15.18	\$223.90

THE DORCAS SOCIETY OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH in account with M. A. HALDIMAND, Treasurer.

1878. Nov	. To cash on hand	01.01	\$122.93
1879. Nov. 1.	By expended for aid of poor	OI . IX	\$122.93

# ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Although the amounts collected in five out of the seven districts into which the Congregation is for the purposes of collecting divided, were slightly greater than those for the previous year, the aggregate sum obtained would have fallen short, were it not for \$10 that had been collected before, but not paid over till last year. Matters would have been still worse, had not one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. Darling, Jr., raised by special subscriptions the sum of \$55 for the Home Mission Scheme last summer.

Several who formerly contributed once a month to the Mission Fund, ceased to do so under the impression that part of what they put into the weekly offerings and the envelope system would be available for mission purposes. It is enough to let them know that no part of those weekly offerings is designed for the schemes of the Church. We still have to rely upon the efforts of this Association for the means to aid the several mission enterprizes of the Church. What has been done in this direction will appear from the Treasurer's statement appended.

# TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR 1878-79.

The following are the summarized returns for the several Districts during the year:—

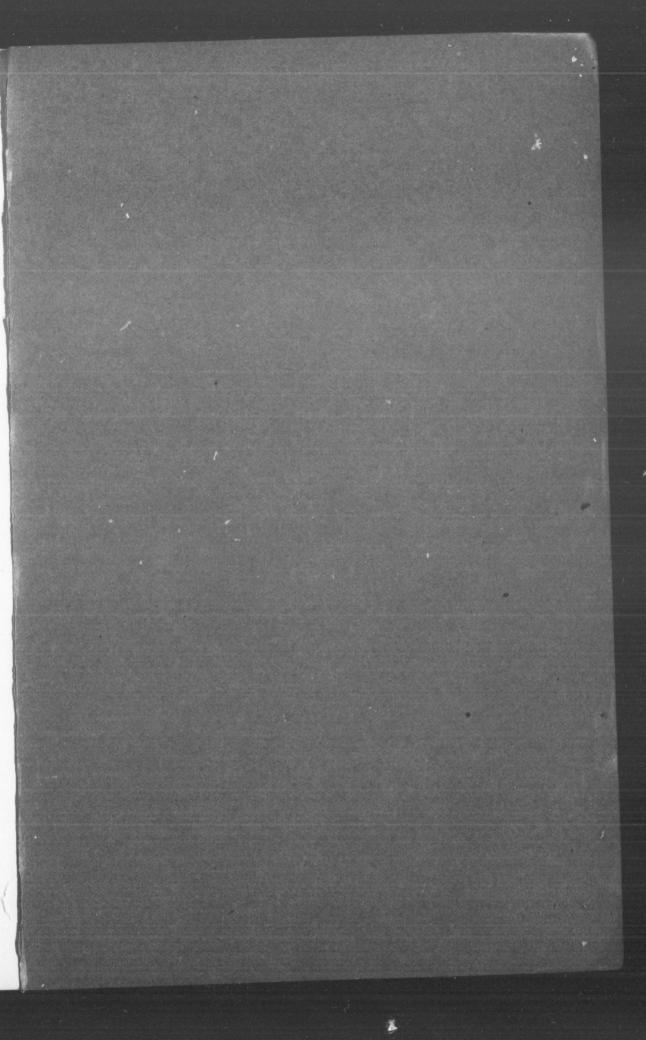
during the year :-		
District No. 1—Misses  " 2—Mrs. I  " 3—Misses  " 4— "  " 5— "  " 6— "	S E. Taylor and A. Soutar  Hood and Miss McNaughton  S McRobie nnd Turner  C. Patton and E. Michaud  J. Robertson and Michaud  Patton and Ferguson	\$40.00 23.88 29.95 70.85 41.25 58.25 14.75 10.00 \$289.3\$
1878. Nov. 23. To Dec. 23. " 1879. Feb. 28. " March. 21. " May 1. " 16. " June 9. " July 14. " Sout 11. "	Paid Collectors Books,	\$5.25 30.00 20.00 25.00 25.00 35.00 30.28 80.00 30.00 2.80

(Signed) CHS. BYRD, Treasurer. JOHN M. TAYLOR, Auditor.

### SUMMARY OF THE FINANCES.

Weekly Offerings and Collections	\$	2540.42
Interest on money invested		413.00
Special Collections		168.24 289.38
Sabbath School		63.20
Temperance Association  Dorcas Society		50.10
Contributions to Queen's College		309.00
" Stanley St. Church		30.00
Received for Sunday School Picnic and	Soffee	\$4258.55
Expended upon	,	
Strictly congregational purposes  The Schemes of the Church  Other religious and benevolent objects		100.00
Total		\$4258.55





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