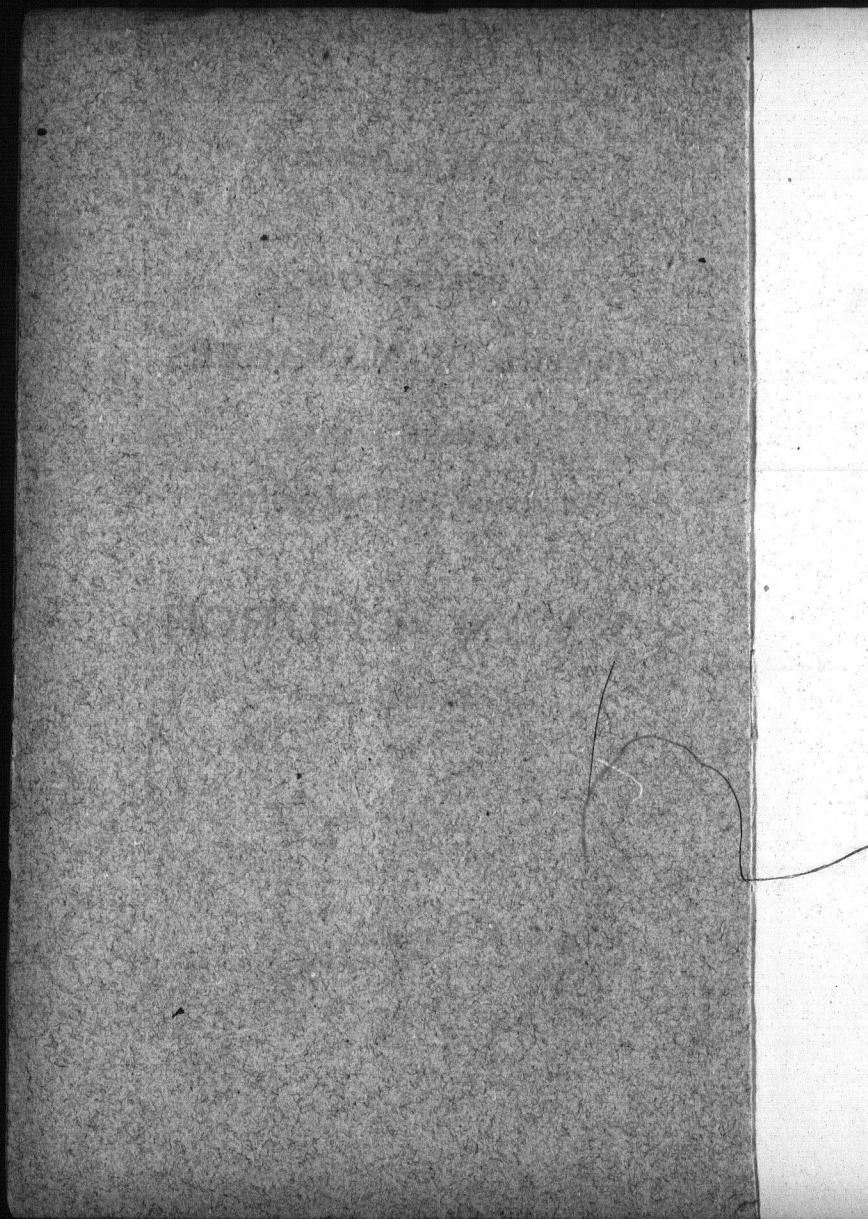


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STATED MEETINGS.

DIVINE SERVICE every Sabbath forenoon at 11 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock P.M.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL and BIBLE CLASSES, meet at 3 o'clock on Sabbath afternoon.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be dispensed (D.V.) on the third Sabbath of March, June, September and December, respectively.

THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, holds its Annual Meeting in the end of February. The Collectors visit their districts, once in each month to receive subscriptions, and will please hand in their books and collections to the Secretary-Treasurer, half an hour before the Prayer-Meeting, on the last Wednesday of each month.

THE WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING is held on Wednesday evening at a quarter to eight o'clock. The last Wednesday evening of each month will be devoted, in part, to *Missionary Intelligence*.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation is held in the month of March.

THE SESSION, meets at the close of the Prayer-Meeting, on the first Wednesday of each month.

Attendance for Letting Pews, at close of Wednesday evening service.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS, meets on first Thursday of each month, at eight o'clock P.M.

THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM will be administered on the first Sabbath of each month. Parents are requested to give notice to either the Pastor, or Elder of the district, during the week previous, of their intention to present their child for Baptism.

MEMBERS OF SESSION.

REV. JAMES FLECK, B. A. . . . MODERATOR.

EDWARD MOORE, *Session Clerk.*

W. MACBEAN,

GEO. IRVING,

D. AIKMAN,

JOHN LAMPARD,

TRUSTEES.

W. D. McLAREN,

WM. MCGIBBON,

ROBERT GARDNER,

D. AIKMAN,

ALEX. MURRAY,

A. S. EWING.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

FOR 1878.

H. B. PICKEN, JR., *President.*W. D. McLAREN, *Treasurer.*GEO. W. LUNDIE, *Secretary.*

MANAGERS.

W. MCGIBBON,

W. S. EVANS,

WALTER PAUL,

R. GARDNER, JR.,

JAS. SNOWDON,

A. M. EWING,

A. SWAN,

H. McLAREN,

A. S. EWING.

AUDITORS.

J. McD. HAINS,

JAMES GARDNER.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 29th March, 1878, the Rev. James Fleck, B.A., Pastor, in the chair.

After devotional exercises, the Chairman addressed the meeting on the spiritual progress of the Church, a report of which will be found in the Statement from the Session.

The Secretary then read the Annual Report and the Treasurer the Financial Statement of the Board of Managers.

It was moved by Mr. W. D. McLaren, seconded by Mr. W. Paul,

That the Reports as read be adopted, printed, and circulated among the congregation, as usual.—Carried.

This being the year for the triennial election of Trustees, those retiring by rotation, namely, Messrs. W. D. McLaren, Robert Gardner and Alex. Murray, were unanimously re-elected, and Mr. A. S. Ewing elected in the place of the late Mr. Stevenson.

The annual election of office-bearers was then proceeded with.

Nominations for President of the Board of Managers being called for, Mr. Wm. McGibbon was proposed by Mr. A. S. Ewing. In Mr. McGibbon's absence, a gentleman informed the meeting he was authorized by Mr. McGibbon to state that he (Mr. McGibbon) could not accept office, on account of the distance at which he resides from the place of meeting.

Mr. H. B. Picken, Jr., was then elected to the office of President.

Mr. W. D. McLaren was re-elected Treasurer.

Mr. George W. Lundie was elected Secretary.

The following were elected Managers: Messrs. Walter Paul, A. M. Ewing and A. S. Ewing for three years, to replace those retiring by rotation; Mr. H. McLaren, for two years, to replace Mr. Lundie, elected Secretary.

Messrs. Jas. Gardner and John McD. Hains were elected Auditors.

Mr. Paul having in a complimentary speech proposed a vote of thanks to the Choir, for its valuable assistance during the year, the same was carried by acclamation.

After some remarks from the Chairman, and from several members of the congregation, the business part of the evening's proceedings being concluded, devotional exercises were engaged in, after which those present were invited to partake of refreshments provided by the ladies.

STATEMENT OF SESSION

MADE BY THE MODERATOR AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

MARCH, 1878.

At the Annual Meeting it is usual to expect from the Session some account of the spiritual condition of the congregation. I have the authority of the Session to give such account to-night.

To determine correctly the state of religion among a people is always difficult; yet, as far as we have means of judging, we believe we can confidently say that progress in Christian life is very noticeable in our Church. In improved attendance at public worship; by increased activity in all the Church organizations for Christian work; in more liberal contributions to Missionary schemes, notwithstanding the unabated depression in business; and in the perfect peace and harmony which continue to prevail throughout the congregation;—by all these tokens we judge the Church is advancing spiritually.

In the past year the Session gave its sanction to the formation of a Young Men's Association in connection with the Church, and now commends it to the Church's sympathy and care.

In the course of the year we have had to record 12 deaths in the Church, 12 marriages and 12 baptisms.

Since our last report we have added 46 names to our Communion Roll, and have struck off 12. Of these 12, 5 died and 7 left the city. The total number now on the Roll is 296, as compared with 262 at same time last year.

For all these evidences of vitality and growth in grace, we thank the Great King and Head of the Church, and enter upon another year of work trusting in His promise: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX CHURCH
For Year ending 28th February, 1878.

Another year has passed, and again your Board begs to lay before you a brief outline of the work which has engaged its attention since last annual meeting.

The number of sittings allocated on 1st March was 372, to 127 pewholders, of whom 17 have connected themselves with the congregation during the year, and the seat rent promised for the coming year is \$1948, showing a substantial increase in all the items as compared with last year's report.

The Sabbath School, Missionary, and other Societies in connection with the congregation have been carried on with their accustomed zeal and energy; their reports are intended to be published as usual, rendering further allusion to them here unnecessary.

During last summer our respected Pastor visited his native land, and on his return, after a two months vacation, your Board, assisted by the ladies of the congregation, held a Social for the purpose of welcoming him back amongst us. At this meeting Mr. Fleck gave a very interesting account of his trip, describing life on board ship, Sunday at sea, and picturing the beauties of places he had visited in Ireland and Scotland, affording to all present a very enjoyable evening.

The past year has been, as is well known, an exceedingly depressing one, and this congregation has not altogether escaped feeling, to a certain extent, the great commercial crisis through which the country is passing; for this reason, although several new subscriptions were received during the year towards paying off the small debt now remaining on the church, yet your Board did not deem it advisable or expedient to press the matter. It is much to be regretted that such a debt should still exist, and while acknowledging your liberality in responding to the many calls made upon you in connection with our church, your Board feels that the subject of this debt cannot be too earnestly pressed upon your attention.

From the central situation and convenient size of the church building, it has been frequently in requisition during the year, for the delivery of lectures and the holding of various meetings in connection with the body to which we belong. This, with our own numerous meetings—including those of the Temperance Society and the Young Men's Association—has tended to bring the congregation more together, and has caused a deeper interest to be taken in its welfare.

Your Board has to record with deepest regret the removal by death of one of its most esteemed members, the late Mr. Jas. Stevenson; at a meeting subsequent to this sad event, the following resolution was engrossed on the minutes:

"That this Board desires to record their great grief for the loss that they and Knox Church congregation have sustained by the death of their late brother, James Stevenson, and would at the same time bear testimony to the warm zeal and active interest he manifested in all that pertained to the progress of Knox Church."

In conclusion, your Board, while congratulating you upon the continued prosperity and happy unanimity prevailing in the congregation, desires humbly to acknowledge God's great goodness, and the many mercies received from His most gracious hand. In the mysterious dispensation of His providence, some who were with us one year ago are now removed to the church above, admonishing those who are left to work while opportunity is given, and discharge as far as in us lies our duty as Christians and fellow labourers in the Lord's vineyard. May each and all of us be enabled to do it with a single eye to the glory of God.

The whole respectfully submitted,

H. B. PICKEN, JR.,

Secretary.

Montreal, 27th March 1878.

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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.

— SCHOLARSHIP.

Mrs. G. W. Lundie.....\$50 00

— THEOLOGICAL CHAIR.

W. D. McLaren\$50 00
Alexander Murray..... 50 00
A. S. Ewing..... 50 00
Robert French 25 00
David Aikman 20 00
H. B. Picken, Jr..... 10 00

— SUBSCRIPTION FOR LIQUIDATION OF MORTGAGE.

The collections for this fund have not made much progress during the year, the total amount received on this account since opening the subscription is \$5,437.75; of this, \$3,000 was paid to the mortgagee in 1876, the balance (\$2,437.75) is drawing interest for the congregation at same rate as is paid on mortgage. A further sum of \$1,419.86 is still required to free the Church from debt.

The full list of subscribers, and the amounts paid by each, will be published when the whole has been received.

— KNOX CHURCH, MONTREAL.

POOR FUND.

Statement from 1st March, 1877, to 28th February, 1878.

W. D. McLAREN, *Treasurer.*

To balance, 28th February, 1877.....	\$ 17 95
To Collections	114 40
	\$132 35

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By disbursements	\$125 00
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Balance on hand	\$7 35
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Examined and found correct, 25th March, 1878.

JAMES GARDNER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
H. McLAREN,		

KNOX CHURCH, MONTREAL.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 28TH FEB., 1878

W. D. McLAREN, Treasurer.

By Balance 28th February, 1877	168 71
" Minister's Stipend	2,000 00
" Salaries :—	
Doorkeeper	220 00
Organist	200 00
Organ Boy	28 50
	<hr/> 448 50
" Expense Account :—	
Gas	129 65
Fuel	87 93
Insurance	69 53
Printing	35 00
Water Tax	32 30
Plumber and Gas Fitter's Repairs	35 93
Cleaning out Church	35 00
Sundries	37 25
Presbytery Expense Fund	22 50
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" Property Account :—	
Upholstering Choir Seats	45 00
Interest on Mortgage	280 00
	<hr/> 325 00
" Special objects assisted :—	
Students' Missionary Society of Montreal Presbyterian College ..	60 00
Sabbath School	71 47
General Hospital	21 50
	<hr/> 152 97
	<hr/> 3,580 27
— Dr. —	
To Seat Rents	1,911 17
" Collections (Ordinary)	1,042 70
" Do. (Special)	152 97
" Interest on amount received for Mort- gage Fund	182 73
	<hr/> 3,289 57
Balance due Treasurer	\$ 290 70

Examined and found correct, 25th March, 1878.

JAS. GARDNER, } Auditors.
H. McLAREN, }

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF
KNOX CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH MARCH, 1878.

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The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Lecture-room of the Church on the evening of Wednesday, 27th February, Rev. Mr. Fleck, President, in the chair. After the meeting had been opened with devotional exercises, the Secretary read the following report:

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In presenting the report of this Society for the year 1877, your Committee are glad to be able to report that notwithstanding the long-continued commercial depression which has told so severely on every branch of industry, thereby affecting all classes of society, the number of subscribers has not diminished, and the amount collected shows a slight increase over last year. They do not, however, hesitate to say that but for the depression alluded to, your Committee would have had the pleasure of reporting a much larger increase than they can now do, and they hope that the return of better times will be followed by increased liberality on the part of every member of the Society. Nevertheless, your Committee feel truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for his goodness to us as a Society, and would earnestly pray that He may still continue to bless us more and more.

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At the beginning of the year your Committee intended making some change in the mode of communicating missionary intelligence to the congrega-

tion, and a sub-committee was appointed to draw up a new order of business, but for various reasons this committee was unable to perform the duties imposed upon it. Although the meetings for receiving missionary intelligence were not so regularly held, still the Society was not altogether deprived of hearing how the work progresses in different parts of the world. At various times during the year our people have had the pleasure of hearing some very interesting addresses on mission work. The Rev. A. C. Morton spoke to us on Home Missions, more particularly as conducted by the Presbyterian Students' Missionary Society in the Ottawa district. On another occasion we had a representative of Foreign Missions in the person of the Rev. Mr. Millengen, a gentleman who has labored for some years in Constantinople in connection with the Free Church of Scotland. He spoke of the work he had been doing there, and gave a very graphic description of the manners and customs of the Turks, which was all the more interesting on account of the war then going on between Turkey and Russia. And last, but not least important, we had an account of City Mission work by the Rev. R. Wilson, which revealed to us the terrible truth that hundreds are perishing in our very midst for lack of spiritual food.

Your Committee hopes that all these meetings, combined with the series of missionary meetings of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, (inaugurated in Erskine Church of this city in the month of November last, and which, we believe, are to be held annually,) may be the means of more thoroughly convincing all our people of the necessity of individual effort in order to the more successful extension of the cause of missions.

As suggested in last year's report, "French Evangelization" was, in the course of the year, added to the schemes aided by your Society.

During the year application for assistance from your Society was made by a Committee, appointed by the Presbytery for that purpose, on behalf of Taylor's Church, a newly organized congregation in the east end of the city. Your Committee, after due consideration, unanimously resolved to unite with sister churches in sustaining the movement and in granting the amount asked (seventy-five dollars) for this year.

The other allocations of the Society will be found in the Treasurer's statement.

In conclusion, your Committee would again commend to your earnest and prayerful consideration the objects of this Society, reminding you that the work is the Lord's, and that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Therefore let all who are not members become so, and give as the Lord has prospered them.

The whole respectfully submitted,

WALTER PAUL,

Recording Secretary.

It was then moved by Mr. W. D. McLaren, seconded by Mr. H. B. Picken, Jr., and resolved,

That the Report and Financial Statement now read, be received, adopted, and printed along with the other reports of the congregation.

Moved by Mr. William Henderson, seconded by Mr. James Gardner, and resolved,

That the following be the office-bearers, Committee and Collectors, for the ensuing year :

OFFICE-BEARERS.

PRESIDENT, - - - - -	REV. JAMES FLECK.
VICE-PRESIDENT, - - - - -	REV. PROF. CAMPBELL.
TREASURER, - - - - -	W. D. McLAREN.
FINANCIAL SECRETARY, - - - - -	ARCHIBALD SWAN.
RECORDING SECRETARY, - - - - -	WALTER PAUL.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. AIKMAN,	J. S. BROWN,	JOHN LAMPARD,
JAMES GARDNER,	G. W. LUNDIE,	H. B. PICKER, Jr.,
JAMES BROWN,	J. McD. HAINS,	J. W. CUMMING,
A. S. EWING,	WILLIAM HENDERSON,	J. A. STEVENSON.

LADY COLLECTORS.

The Misses GOULDER, KIMMOND, McLAREN, SWAN, BROWN, FYFE, LOGAN and MOORE.

Moved by Mr. Walter Paul, seconded by Mr. J. McD. Hains, and resolved,

That the thanks of this Society are due and are hereby tendered to the Financial Secretary, Mr. Archibald Swan, and to the Lady Collectors, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties during the year.

The meeting was then ably addressed by the Rev. Peter Wright, of Chalmer's Church, and the Rev. R. H. Warden, on the Missionary work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, after which the meeting was closed with praise and prayer.

KNOX CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

For Year Ending 27th February, 1878.

Dr.

1877.	
March 1.—To balance	43
1878.	
Jan'y 1.—To Savings Bank interest.....	\$ 6 46
Feb'y 27.—To collections for the year.....	650 90
	<hr/> \$657 79

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1878.	
Feb. 28.—By cash allocated as follows:—	
Assembly's Home Mission Fund.....	150 00
Do. Foreign do. do.	100 00
Presbyterian College, Montreal.....	150 00
Do. Sabbath School Association.....	75 00
Assembly's French Evangelization Scheme....	85 00
Presbytery's City Mission (Rev. Mr. Wilson's Salary).....	75 00
100 Copies Presbyterian Record.....	22 50
By balance	29
	<hr/> \$657 79

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W. D. McLAREN,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 28th Feb., 1878.

Audited and found correct, 25th March, 1878.

JAMES GARDNER,
H. McLAREN,
Auditors.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

TO

THE CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

	\$ c.		\$ c.
Aikman, D.	18 00	Maxwell, E. J.	3 00
Baillie, Andrew	3 00	Miller, G. A.	4 00
Barelay, Captain	5 00	Monk, John	5 00
Biggins, James	1 80	Moore, Edward	3 00
Biggins, Mrs.	1 80	Murray, Alex.	20 00
Black, Miss	4 00	Macbean, Wm.	3 00
Bond, George	12 00	McDonald, Miss Mary	1 80
Brown, Isabella	1 80	McDonald, Miss Jessie	45
Brown, George	3 00	McDonald, George	50
Brown, James	12 00	McDonald, Andrew	5 00
Brown, J. S.	5 00	McGill, Mrs.	1 50
Browne, George	42 00	McGillivray, Miss Christina	3 00
Burns, W.	1 00	McGregor, Daniel	3 00
Cairns, W.	3 00	McGregor, Miss	50
Caldwell, W.	3 00	McIntosh, Angus	4 00
Campbell, Rev. Prof.	30 00	McIntosh, Miss	2 00
Cheese, W. E.	12 00	McIntosh, Miss Kate	3 00
Chestnut, John	2 25	McKenzie, David	3 50
Couper, Mrs.	1 85	McKenzie, Mrs. Isabella	8 00
Cumming, John W.	12 00	McLaren, Harry	6 00
Evans, W. S.	12 00	McLaren, Mrs. J. R.	6 00
Ewing, A. M.	3 00	McLaren, W. D.	48 00
Ewing, A. S.	15 00	McLean, Miss Harriet	3 00
Fairley, Mrs.	3 00	McLennan, Mary	6 00
Ferguson, Mrs. G. B.	3 00	McNab, Thomas	4 00
Fleck, Rev. James	30 00	McNab, William	3 00
Forbes, Robert	3 00	McPherson, R. D.	4 00
Fournie, Wm.	1 50	Paul, Walter	5 00
French, Robert	4 00	Picken, H. B., Jr.	10 00
Fyfe, John	3 00	Picken, J. B.	10 00
Gardner, James	12 00	Picken, Lily	5 00
Gillis, Miss	25	Picken, Katy	5 00
Hains, John McD.	5 00	Ramsay, John	3 00
Harold, John	1 50	Reid, James	5 00
Hart, Peter	3 00	Rhind, John	2 66
Henderson, W.	6 00	Rowatt, James	6 00
Irving, George	16 00	Rutherford, Thomas	1 50
Jamieson, Mrs.	3 00	Snowdon, W. C.	1 50
Johnson, W. M.	3 00	Snowdon, James	2 00
Kent, Thos.	1 20	State, Mrs.	40
Kinmond, P. L.	6 00	Stevenson, A. W.	5 00
Lampard, John	3 00	Stevenson, S. C.	4 00
Lampard, J. A.	6 00	Stevenson, Mrs. James	20 00
Leister, J. M.	3 00	Stevenson, A. J.	5 00
Locke, Piers	4 00	Stuart, Robert	1 00
Logan, Mrs. D.	3 00	Sutherland, Miss	3 00
Louison, John	2 00	Swan, Archibald	20 00
Lundie, Mrs. G. W.	12 50	Sweeney, D.	2 00
Lundie, G. W.	12 50	Tennant, Thomas	3 00
Marshall, James	6 00	Wilson, Daniel	2 00
Marshall, T. R.	12 00	Whinton, Mrs.	70

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

KNOX CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL.

FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1877.

The Sabbath School throughout the year has continued in a prosperous condition, and we have cause to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for so blessing our labors among the young.

The school was carried on as usual during the summer months, although the attendance then was smaller than at other times.

The following figures show the present numerical condition of the school :

	Teachers.	Scholars.
Number on roll, - - -	20	173
Average attendance, - - -	18	127

During the pastor's absence in the summer, his Bible Class for young men was discontinued. In the month of October the Rev. Professor Campbell agreed to conduct a joint Bible Class for young men and young women. He chose for the subject of study, "The Development of Doctrine." Great interest is felt in this course of study, and Professor Campbell's teaching is much appreciated by those attending this class.

LIBRARY.

During the year the Library has undergone a complete reorganization. Besides the valuable addition made to it by the liberality of Mr. Robert French, and referred to in last year's report, it has been further augmented by the purchase of some seventy or eighty volumes of choice selection. The cost of these has been defrayed by subscriptions from various friends of the school. Many of the books which

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have been thoroughly read, have been sent to Mission Schools in need of them.

We have to record with feelings of gratitude the receipt of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from Mr. Alexander Murray, being the amount of a legacy bequeathed by the late lamented Mrs. Murray for the benefit of the Library of the Sabbath School. It has been resolved to invest this legacy, and expend the interest yearly in the purchase of new books. This will put the Library on a better footing than it has been heretofore.

The same periodicals as last year are distributed among the teachers and scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM McNAB,

Secretary.

At the annual meeting the following were elected office-bearers :

SUPERINTENDENT, - - - - -	REV. JAMES FLECK.
ASSISTANT-SUPERINTENDENT, - - - - -	D. AIKMAN.
TREASURER, - - - - -	J. McD. HAINS.
SECRETARY, - - - - -	H. B. PICKEN, <i>pro tem.</i>
LIBRARIAN, - - - - -	JAMES GARDNER.
ASSISTANT-LIBRARIAN, - - - - -	GEORGE BOND.
REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER. - - - - -	W. PAUL.

For several reasons no picnic was held during the year, but a strawberry and ice cream festival was held instead in the month of July, which was largely attended by the scholars and their friends, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Considerable improvement is noticeable in the singing of the school, this is largely due to the fact that a choir selected from the scholars was organized during the year ; this choir has rendered efficient service in conducting the school music, and the interest is well kept up.

KNOX CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL, in account with JOHN MCD. HAINS, *Treasurer.*

1877.
Nov. 12.—To Annual Collection from Congregation. \$71.47

\$71.47

LIBRARY FUND.

1877.
June 9.—To Amount received from A. Murray, Esq.,
being legacy bequeathed by late Mrs.
Murray for benefit of S. S. Library.....\$500.00

Dec. 31.—To Interest to date from Savings Bank of
Montreal 11.23

To Donations towards New Books collect-
ed by the following:

Rev. James Fleck \$10.00
Mr. Alkman..... 10.00
Mr. J. Gardner..... 5.00
Mr. J. McD. Hains 5.00
Mr. Jas. Brown 5.00
Mr. Geo. Bond..... 5.00
Mr. J. Lampard..... 5.00
Mrs. Jas. Brown..... 5.00

\$50.00

MONTREAL, January 21h, 1878.

JOHN MCD. HAINS.

1877.
Jan'y 1.—By Balance due Treasurer \$61.41
Dec. 31.—" Balance 10.06

\$71.47

1877.
Dec. 3.—By paid E. Picken for New Books \$61.79
" 31.—" Balance on hand at credit Bank of M. 609.44

\$661.23

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
KNOX CHURCH
CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Children's Missionary Association, organized four years ago for the purpose of creating a more lively interest in Mission work among the children of our Sunday School, still continues in active operation. We have 104 subscribers. The amount collected, \$148.56; which, added to the box collections, amounting to \$82.63, gives us \$231.19 to dispose of this evening. We thank God for what we have been enabled to do in the past, and pray that He may be pleased to bless abundantly our future efforts.

The office-bearers and collectors for the ensuing year are:

OFFICE-BEARERS.

HONORARY PRESIDENT, - - - -	REV. MR. FLECK.
PRESIDENT, - - - - -	MR. D. AIKMAN.
VICE-PRESIDENT, - - - - -	MR. JOHN McD. HAINS.
SECRETARY, - - - - -	MISS JESSIE BROWN.
TREASURER, - - - - -	MASTER H. McLAREN.

COLLECTORS.

REBECCA KENT,	SARAH KENT,	WILLIE BIGGINS,	NORMAN McLAREN,
JEANNIE BROWN,	LIZZIE BROWN,	DAVID COOPER,	ANNIE WHINTON,
TILLY JOHNSTON,	KATIE McLAREN,	ISABELLA BAILLIE,	ETTA CHEESE,
	SELINA JOHNSTON.		

MARY A. BAILLIE,

Secretary.

KNOX CHURCH CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, in acct. with JOHN MCD. HAIRNS, *Treasurer*

1877.

Jan. 1.—To Balance on hand \$270.00

1877.

By Appropriation at last Annual Meeting (Thank
Offering at Union Meeting held in St. Paul's
Church) \$30.00

French Evangelization 100.00

French Bursary 60.00

Montreal College 40.00

Foreign Missions 50.00

\$270.00

By Balance on hand \$231.19

To Collections, as follows:

For Miss Irving.....

David Murdoch \$1.70

Annie Gunn 1.95

Miss Sutherland 2.50

Annie Sweeney 4.55

Annie Whinnon 4.90

Robt. Rhind 3.71

Rebecca Kent 5.30

David Cooper 5.40

Thos. Johnston 7.60

Isabella Bailie 7.40

W. S. Cheese 3.35

Bessie McNab 11.05

Maggie Chessar 18.10

Katie McLaren 19.10

Box Collections 40.65

\$148.66

82.63

\$231.19

\$231.19

MONTREAL, Jan. 25th, 1878.

JOHN MCD. HAIRNS.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
KNOX CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL
TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

A little over a year and a half ago, a strong desire was evinced by the Sabbath School scholars to form a Band of Hope, which being communicated to the teachers, a consultation was held, when it was agreed that we should defer action until after the arrival of our Pastor, who was a firm advocate of total abstinence principles.

Shortly after his arrival, and with his advice, a meeting was called to consider the question, when it was unanimously agreed that, considering the wide-spread evils of intemperance, it was the duty of our Church to put forth her most strenuous efforts to save both young and old from this vice, and extend a helping hand to the many needing it all around us.

Accordingly at a special meeting duly convened for the purpose, our Association was formed and the good work begun.

At our first meeting thirty-three (33) joined the Association, and we rejoice to state, the membership has now reached 167.

Twelve vocal and instrumental entertainments have been held during the Fall and Winter months, supported by volunteer amateurs, and we desire to place on record our high appreciation of the cheerful manner in which they rendered their services.

Notwithstanding that these entertainments were frequently held on stormy and disagreeable nights, their character was such as invariably secured a large attendance.

We desire here to make special mention of the eminent services of the students of the Presbyterian College, who were always ready to assist us in this good work.

Our gratitude is also due to a few kind friends who furnished the pledge cards free of expense.

The only want felt by the Association was that of a good pianoforte, the greatest expense having been incurred in hiring an instrument from time to time. Your committee, depending on the united efforts of the Association to raise funds for payment of the same, thought it better to purchase an instrument, and accordingly procured from Mr. D. McGregor (a member of our congregation) one that will answer not only our own, but all other meetings in connection with our Church.

The whole of our expenditure so far has been defrayed by membership fees and the proceeds of an entertainment given in May last, particulars of which will be learned on referring to the Treasurer's Report.

We would earnestly entreat the countenance and co-operation of every member of our Church to strengthen our hands in this important work.

In conclusion, we are devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for the success of our feeble efforts to remove one of the greatest barriers to the progress of His Gospel, and trust by His blessing that our young Association will continue to be felt as a power for good in our Church and community.

On behalf of Committee,

J. B. PICKEN,

Secretary.

The following were duly elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

President, REV. JAMES FLECK, B.A.
Vice-President, MR. WALTER PAUL.
Secretary, MR. JOHN McD. HAINS.
Treasurer, MR. JAMES McNAB.

COMMITTEE.

MESSRS. J. W. FETHERSTON, JAS. BROWN, HARRY McLAREN, JR.,
 MISSES MILLER, SWAN, ANNIE McLAREN, JESSIE BROWN,
 M. B. BROWN, K. G. MONK, MARY GARDNER.

MONTREAL, Dec. 3, 1877.

KNOX CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

Dr. TREASURER'S STATEMENT. *Cr.*

1877—To Members' Sub-	1877—By Stationery	7 75
scriptions 20 75	“ Printing	7 50
To Proceeds of Con-	“ Advertising	6 00
cert 41 00	“ Music	1 50
	“ Rent of Piano &c 35 00	
	“ Sundries	35
	“ Balance on hand 3 65	
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		\$61 75

JAMES McNAB,
Treasurer.

KNOX CHURCH DORCAS SOCIETY.

<i>President,</i>	MRS. PROF. CAMPBELL.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. MCGILL.
<i>Secretary,</i>	MRS. GEO. BROWNE.
<i>Collectors,</i>	MRS. AIKMAN & MRS. MCGILL.

This Society has continued its operations during the past year. For thirteen weeks its members met in the Session Room for the purpose of making up garments for the poor, and they trust their efforts in this direction have been productive of comfort to those for whom they labored. Besides amount collected, as per Treasurer's statement, donations in clothing, &c., have been received from several ladies of the congregation. The following deserving objects received assistance from the Society:

Grenville Mission, Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Parcel of clothing.
Nazareth Street School.....13 yards Tweed.
Canning Street Helping-hand Society...Five Dollars.
Rev. Mr. Wilson (for city poor).....Parcel Clothing.
East End Mission School.....Do.

HELEN BROWNE,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To balance on hand.....	\$ 4 82
Collected by Mrs. Aikman.....	31 00
“ “ Mrs. McLaren and Mrs. McGill	24 25
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By disbursements for material, &c.....	52 03
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Balance on hand	\$8 04

JANE MCGILL,
Treasurer.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

In response to a circular addressed them by Mr. Fleck, the young men of the Church met on the 8th November, 1877, and formed themselves into an association called "Knox Church Young Men's Association," having for its object the social, intellectual and religious culture of its members and the promotion of the general welfare of the Church. A committee was appointed at this meeting to draft a constitution and by-laws.

The following office-bearers were elected for the session 1877-78:

HONORARY PRESIDENT	- - -	REV. J. FLECK.
PRESIDENT	- - -	REV. PROF. CAMPBELL
1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT	- - -	DAVID AIKMAN.
2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT	- - -	S. C. STEVENSON.
SECRETARY	- - -	J. PERCY BLACK.
TREASURER	- - -	WM. MCNAB.

COMMITTEE.

J. McD. HAINS.	W. JOHNSON.	- GEDDES.
WALTER PAUL.	JOHN McLAREN.	J.W. FETHERSTON
- MCKENZIE.	W. CAIRNS.	A. W. STEVENSON.

The Association meets every alternate Monday evening from November till May.

RECAPITULATION.

Seat Rents.....	\$1911 17
Ordinary Collections.....	1042 70
Poor Fund.....	114 40
Special do	152 97
Interest on Mortgage Fund.....	182 73
Collected by Congregational Missionary Society.....	657 36
Mrs. Murray's Legacy to Sunday School ...	500 00
Collected to buy new books do ...	50 00
Do by Children's Missionary Society	231 19
Do by Church and Sunday School Temperance Association.....	61 75
Do by Dorcas Society.....	55 25
Special contributions to Montreal Presby- terian College.....	255 00
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