

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Gould Street Congregation

OF THE

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

TORONTO,

FOR 1866.

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Members of Session.

(WITH DISTRICTS.)

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MR. ALEXANDER GEMMEL, | MR. DAVID FOTHERINGHAM,
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MR. THOMAS FOTHERINGHAM.

MR. WILLIAM KERR, - - - - - CLERK.

- DISTRICT 1. West of Yonge Street, and South of Albert Street,
Mr. William Kerr, Elder.
- " 2. West of Yonge Street, and between Albert and Elm
Streets, Mr. George Smith, Elder.
- " 3. West of Yonge Street, and between Elm and Grosvenor
Streets, Mr. Alexander Gemmel, Elder.
- " 4. East of Yonge Street, and South of Cruickshank Street,
Mr. John Reid, Elder.
- " 5. East of Yonge Street, and between Cruickshank and
Gerrard Streets, Mr. James Campbell, Elder.
- " 6. East of Yonge Street, and between Gerrard and Alexander
Streets, Mr. Thomas Fotheringham, Elder.
- " 7. North of Grosvenor and Alexander Streets, Mr. Archibald
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Committee of Management.

CHAIRMAN: MR. JOHN DOUGLAS.

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Sabbath School.

SUPERINTENDENT: MR. WILLIAM KERR.

TREASURER: MR. JOHN REID.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT: MR. ALEXANDER GEMMEL.

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MR. W. KERR, *Secretary and Treasurer of the Missionary Society.*

MANAGERS' REPORT.



The Managers, in presenting their Annual Report, are happy to say that the prosperity which the Congregation has for some years enjoyed still continues.

The increase in the attendance during the past year has been considerable, and the extraaccommodation supplied by the gallery is now to a great extent occupied. The addition to the membership, though not quite so great as in either of the two preceding years, has been very encouraging. Sixty-six members have been added, leaving, after deducting removals, an increase of 20.

The income of the Congregation, during 1866, has been in excess of that of 1865. The receipts from weekly offerings, collections and quarterly subscriptions, were \$2,315.11 as against \$2,039.32 from the same source during 1865.

During the past year no special effort has been made in connection with the Congregation, but the Managers believe that the time has now arrived at which an effort can be made, and made successfully, not to reduce the debt but to pay it off entirely. The debt now amounts to \$5,856.00, and it is proposed to raise this sum by subscription, payable by instalments during the next three years. The Managers have every confidence that the subscription now proposed will be such as to accomplish this object, a few liberal members having already pledged themselves to subscribe the amount of \$3,935.

The Missionary Society and Sabbath School have both shared in the general prosperity of the Congregation, as will be seen from the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

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Report of the Missionary Society.

It is gratifying to know that progress has marked this as well as the various other efforts of the congregation during the past year. It is true, more might have been done considering the prosperous state of the community and the additions made to the membership of the church throughout the year. Still the Session congratulate the congregation on the steady advance in the number of contributors, and in a few cases in the amount contributed also. As a consequence they have to report not only a larger income than that of the former year, but an increase over it greater than has been realized on any previous occasion.

The amount taken up by the Missionary collectors, is \$314.25, which, together with two donations to Knox's College of the value of \$40 and \$25 respectively, makes the entire amount \$379.25.

In order to give a full view, however, of what the congregation has done for the schemes of the church, and for the assistance of various benevolent enterprises throughout the year, various other sums need to be included in this statement: Additional contribution to the French Canadian Mission, through the agent, Rev. Mr. Byrne, \$26; Contributions of the Sabbath School for Missionary purposes, appropriated as below, \$54.69; Subscription for scholarships to candidates for the Ministry while pursuing their literary studies, \$135; Subscription to aid Erskine church, Woodstock, in erecting a new church, \$100; Collection for aged Ministers and widows' fund \$50, making in all \$744.94; the contributions of the congregation for Evangelistic purposes beyond its own limits, a sum which more than fulfils the expectations in regard to the givings for the year, expressed at our last annual meeting but which no one will regard as the limit beyond which we need not expect to go.

The congregation is again reminded through this report, that the monthly contributions to the Collectors are designed to cover the givings of the members for Home Missions, (including supplement of small stipends,) Knox's College, Foreign Missions and Synod Fund. How many in the congregation might be expected to contribute for these objects, when thus united, \$1 per month and over: surely not fewer than twenty. The thanks of the congregation are due to the collectors, and a kind welcome is bespoken for them. With the appropriation of the moneys recommended by the session and adopted by the congregation at its annual meeting, the whole will stand thus:

Home Missions.....	\$190 00
Knox's College.....	140 00
Scholarship Fund.....	135 00
Erskine Church, Woodstock (building fund).....	100 00
Widows and aged Ministers' Fund.....	50 00
French Canadian Mission (including pay- ments through the agent.....	46 00
Foreign Missions.....	20 00
Synod Fund.....	9 25
Sabbath School contributions for	
Muskoka Mission.....	\$18 00
" Calabar.....	18 00
" East end Mission School.....	18 69
	54 69
	<u>\$744 94</u>

WILLIAM KERR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The following are the Missionary Collectors for 1867.

Miss Reid,
 " Elizabeth Stewart,
 " " Bruce,
 " Wightman,
 " Mary Wightman,
 " Smith,
 " Dalton,
 " Ewart,
 " Buick,
 " Drummond,
 " Cruickshank,
 " Gemmel.

Sabbath School Report.

In the general prosperity of the congregation during the past year, the Sabbath School has shared largely, the increase in scholars being very marked indeed.

The report last year showed the number of scholars' names on the roll to be : boys, 63 ; girls, 95 ; an increase of 34 over 1864 ; at present the total number of names on the books is 205—boys, 85 ; girls, 120 ; shewing an increase of 47, an evidence certainly of progress.

At present the number of teachers on the roll is 9 male and 18 female. Total 27.

The names of the teachers are :

Miss Stewart,	Miss Hoig,
“ Smith,	“ Ewart,
“ E. Stewart,	“ Tempest,
“ A. Stewart,	“ Drummond,
“ Farquhar,	“ McMillan,
“ Dalton,	“ Wightman,
“ E. Bruce,	“ Buick,
“ White,	“ Christie,
“ Turnbull,	“ Henderson.
Mr. Gemmell,	Mr. Fotheringham,
“ Reid,	“ Cassells,
“ Stewart,	“ Gibbs,
“ Smith,	“ Young,

Mr. D. Fotheringham.

Librarian : MR. A. WILLS.

Assistant Librarian : MR. J. EWART.

Superintendent : MR. KERR.

The average attendance of scholars during the year has been good, and their general behaviour very satisfactory.

The Edinburgh scheme of lessons is still used by the Bible classes, and found on the whole to answer the purpose intended.

The library is about to be improved by an addition of several hundred volumes.

The *Children's Paper*, as in former years, has been distributed monthly to the scholars, and a copy of the *Juvenile Missionary Magazine*, published by a committee of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, has also been placed in the hands of each family represented in the school.

The amount collected for missionary purposes during the year 1866 was \$54.69, being an increase over 1865 of \$10.92. This has been allocated as follows: \$18.00 to the Calabar Mission; \$18.00 to the support of the Muskoka Mission, and \$18.69 to the support of Mission Sabbath Schools in this city.

The general fund of the Sabbath School received during the past year from the managers of the church a collection of \$36.00, also the balance after paying expenses of the Congregational Soiree, held in November, amounting to \$21.59, and a donation from a friend of \$5.00, which money met all expenses of the school for the year, and left a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$15.94.

On the first day of January, 1866, through the kindness of a member of the congregation, each scholar was presented with a volume on some Christian topic.

In March the Annual Social Meeting of the School was held and largely attended by the scholars, with a goodly number of their parents and friends.

The summer gathering of the School took place in July, in the Queen's Park, when, as in former years, salutary amusement and social enjoyment was participated in fully by all present.

The weekly and monthly meetings of the teachers are still maintained and found profitable in many ways, and are an essential to the success in the best sense of the school.

In addition to those already named as engaged in teaching in the Congregational Sabbath School, the following members of the congregation are employed in the Mission School, opened about eighteen months ago, in the east end of the city, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Teachers' Union:—

MR. THOMAS ROBIN, *Superintendent.*

MR. PHILLIP MCGREGOR,	MR. ROBERT MILLS,
" ALEXANDER GOWANS,	" MACKAY,
" ROBERT DRUMMOND,	MISS REID,
" JAMES BAIN,	MISS BUTT.

Minister's Bible Class.

The classes for young men and young women have met during the past year as usual, the former on Sabbath at 3.15, the latter on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The attendance of both continues to increase. There are on the roll of the young men's class about 50, with an average attendance not greatly less; on that of the young women's class over 60, with an attendance of 50.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, 1866.

COLLECTED.		EXPENDED.	
Balance on hand, January 1st, 1866	\$17 22	Rev. J. M. King's stipend	\$1,293 15
Quarterly Contributions, &c.	526 62½	Interest	409 92
Weekly Offerings	1,142 54½	Ordinary Expenses	288 28½
Weekly Collections	645 94½	Church Officer's Salary	126 00
		Discount on Silver	28 10
		Widows' Fund	50 00
		Sabbath School	36 00
		Poor of the congregation	33 00
		Balance on hand	67 88
	<u>\$2,332 33½</u>	Total	<u>\$2,332 33½</u>
Balance on hand	\$67 88		

Financial Statement for 1866.

Received by Managers	\$2,279 11½	
“ Missionary Society	\$690 25	
“ S. S. Missionary Association. 54 69		744 94
“ for Sabbath School purposes.....		62 59
		<u>\$3,086 64½</u>

Statistics.

The number on the Communion Roll in May, 1863, was—150 .

Year.	Added by Certificate.	On Profession.	Total.	Removed.	Increase.
1863.	18	13	31	7	24
1864.	50	21	71	17	54
1865.	47	25	72	21	51
1866.	42	24	66	46	20

Number on the Roll—January, 1864, 129

“ “ January, 1865, 183

“ “ January, 1866, 234

“ “ January, 1867, 254

Number on the Roll of Bible Classes.....99

“ “ Sabbath School.....205

Number of Teachers, &c..... 27

Total Annual Incomefor 1863, \$4,023 62

“ “1864, 4,019 11

“ “1865, 4,133 59

“ “1866, 3086 64½