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REPORTS

—1883—



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
MONTREAL.

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REPORTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1883.



Montreal:

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1884.

Names of Ministers and Elders,

*in the order of their appointment from the formation of the Congregation
until the present time.*

MINISTERS.

Names.	When appointed.	Remarks.
REV. EDWARD BLACK, D.D.	1832,	Died 8th May, 1845.
REV. ROBERT MCGILL, D.D.	5th Nov. 1845,	Died 4th February, 1856.
REV. WM. SNODGRASS, D.D.	4th Nov. 1856,	Now Minister of Canonbie, Scotland.
REV. JOHN JENKINS, D.D.	27th June, 1865,	Resigned, 25th October, 1881.
REV. JAMES BARCLAY, M.A.	11th Oct. 1883.	

ELDERS.

PHILIP ROSS	} The First Kirk-Session.	{ Died in Montreal. Died in Montreal, 17th April, 1857. Died in Montreal, 23rd July, 1863, Died in Montreal 8th April, 1842.
ROBERT ARMOUR		
JAMES CARSWELL		
WILLIAM KERR		
JOHN REDPATH	do.	Resigned, 30th January, 1844.
GEORGE MCKENZIE	do.	Died in Montreal, 13th February, 1868.
JOHN BRUCE	do.	Died at Lachute, 19th January, 1866.
<u>HON. PETER MCGILL</u>	28th Decr., 1845.	Died in Montreal, 28th September, 1860.
DUGALD STEWART	do.	Died in Montreal, 25th January, 1852.
GEORGE McDONALD	do.	Died in Montreal, 20th November, 1869.
WILLIAM GUNN	do.	Died in Quebec, 16th December, 1856.
WILLIAM CHRISTIE	do.	Died in Montreal, 26th September, 1882.
WILLIAM ROSS	do.	
THOMAS A. GIBSON	do.	
ARCHIBALD FERGUSON	13th May, 1855.	Died in Montreal, 9th October, 1876.
JOHN GREENSHIELDS	do.	Died in Montreal, 23rd March, 1867.
HEW RAMSAY	do.	Died in Montreal, 22nd February, 1857.
A. B. STEWART	do.	Resigned, January, 1867.
ROBERT WEIR	do.	
DAVID MORRISON	17th March, 1867.	
WILLIAM R. CROIL	do.	Died at Nassau, N.P., 3rd April, 1873.
ALEXANDER MACPHERSON	do.	
JAMES RIDDELL	23rd April, 1871.	Died at Montreal, 22nd August, 1875.
ALEXANDER MITCHELL	do.	
NEIL J. MCGILLIVRAY	do.	
ROBERT WATSON	do.	Resigned, September, 1879.
CHARLES D. PROCTOR	do.	
WILLIAM REID	do.	
JAMES CROIL	do.	
JAMES ROSE	25th Feb., 1877.	
JAMES TASKER	do.	
JAMES A. CANTILE	do.	
JAMES MOORE	do.	
RICHARD JELLYMAN	do.	
ALEXANDER MOFFAT	do.	Resigned, December, 1881.

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Organist
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The Kirk-Session.

MINISTER.

REV. JAMES BARCLAY, M. A. .. 747 Dorchester Street.

MINISTER EMERITUS,

REV. JOHN JENKINS, D.D., L.L.D. .. 140 Mansfield street.

ELDERS.

THOMAS A. GIBSON,	Residence, 845 Ontario Street.
WILLIAM ROSS,	" Laval avenue.
ROBERT WEIR	" 51 Anderson street.
ALEXANDER MACPHERSON,	" 74 McGill College avenue.
DAVID MORRISON,	" 13 Brunswick street.
JAMES CROIL,	" 158 Mansfield street.
NEIL J. MCGILLIVRAY, B.A.,	" In Scotland.
ALEXANDER MITCHELL,	" 83 Simpson street
CHARLES D. PROCTOR,	" 724 Sherbrooke street.
WILLIAM REID,	" 1746 St. Catherine street.
JAMES CANTLIE,	" 152 Mansfield street.
RICHARD JELLYMAN,	" Canning street.
JAMES MOORE,	" 196 Peel street.
JAMES ROSE,	" 127 Shuter street.
JAMES TASKER,	" 81 Mance street.
<i>Session-Clerk,</i>	T. A. GIBSON, M.A.
<i>Treasurer of Kirk-Session,</i>	JAMES TASKER.
<i>Representative Elder,</i>	ALEXANDER MITCHELL.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ANDREW ALLAN,	ROBERT A. RAMSAY,
EDWARD B. GREENSHIELDS,	JOHN RANKIN,
ALEXANDER EWAN,	ALEXANDER MITCHELL.
JOHN HOPE,	JOHN C. WATSON.

Chairman ANDREW ALLAN.
Secretary, E. B. GREENSHIELDS, 305 Peel street.
Treasurer, ALEXANDER EWAN, 265 Drummond street.

Organist J. H. ROBINSON.
Superintendent of Sabbath-School. JOHN L. MORRIS, 292 Peel street.

Sexton. THOMAS GARDINER, who resides at the Church.

Elders' Districts.

The Congregation is divided into Fourteen Districts. Each District is assigned to one or more Elders. The Elders visit the families in their respective Districts, note changes of residence, and acquaint the Minister and Session of cases requiring special attention, such as sickness, &c. *For residence of Elders see preceding page.*

DISTRICT No. I.—Mr. PROCTOR, *pro tempore.*

From McGill Street (inclusive) to Dalhousie Square.
From Craig Street (inclusive) to the River.

DISTRICT No. II.—Mr. TASKER, *pro tempore.*

From Craig to Sherbrooke Streets (not including either).
From St. Charles Borromee Street (inclusive) to Papineau Road.

DISTRICT No. III.—Mr. PROCTOR, *pro tempore.*

From St. Charles Borromee Street (not inclusive) to St. Denis Street.
From Sherbrooke Street (inclusive) to Petite Cote, etc.

DISTRICT NO. IV.—Mr. WEIR.

From St. Charles Borromee Street (not inclusive) to Bleury Street (inclusive).
From Craig Street to Dorchester Street (including both).

DISTRICT No. V.—Mr. TASKER.

From St. Charles Borromee Street (not inclusive) to Bleury Street (inclusive).
From Dorchester Street (not inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No. VI.—Mr. GIBSON with Mr. MOORE.

From Bleury Street to Union Avenue (not including either).
From Dorchester Street (inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No VII.—Mr. MITCHELL.

From Union Avenue to McGill College Avenue (both included).
From Dorchester Street (inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No. VIII.—Mr. PROCTOR.

From Bleury Street to St. Genevieve Street (not including either).
From Dorchester Street to Craig and St. Antoine Streets (both included.)

DISTRICT No. IX.—Mr. CANTLIE.

From St. Genevieve to Mountain Street (both included).
From Dorchester to St. Antoine Streets (both included.)

DISTRICT No. X.—Mr. REID.

From Mountain Street (not inclusive) to farthest West.
From Dorchester Street to Bonaventure Street (not including either.)

DISTRICT No. XI.—Mr. MACPHERSON.

From McGill College Avenue to Mountain Street (not including either).
From Dorchester Street (not inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No. XII.—Mr. CROIL.

From Mountain Street (inclusive) to Cote St. Antoine.
From Dorchester Street (inclusive) to Cote des Neiges.

DISTRICT No. XIII.—Mr. MORRISON.

From McGill Street to Mountain and McCord Streets (inclusive).
From St. Antoine Street (not inclusive) to the Canal.

DISTRICT No. XIV.—Mr. REID, *pro tempore.*

From Mountain and McCord Streets (not including either) to farthest West,
including Wheel House and Lower Lachine Road.

Memoranda.

- PUBLIC WORSHIP on the Lord's Day, at Eleven A.M., and Seven P.M.
- WEEKLY SERVICE IN THE CHURCH, Wednesday Evening at Eight o'clock.
- THE SABBATH-SCHOOL meets every Sabbath at Three P.M.—except in the months of July and August, when the School is closed.
- THE MINISTER'S BIBLE-CLASS meets in the Church every Sabbath afternoon at ten minutes past Three o'clock.
- THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER is usually administered in the months of January, May and October.
- ORDINARY MEETINGS of the Kirk-Session are held on the first Sabbath of each month, immediately after the Morning Service.
- THE MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT SCHEMES of the Church are under the management of a Committee, consisting of the Kirk-Session and Board of Trustees, and other members elected annually by the Congregation.
- J. M. SMITH, *Chairman*; JAMES TASKER, *Secretary-Treasurer*.
- The Treasurer's Address is 81 Mance Street.*
- THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation for the transaction of business is held in the School-room of the Church, on the second Monday of January in each year.
- THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION meets in the School-room every Sabbath Morning at a quarter past Ten o'clock, and on alternate Monday Evenings at Eight o'clock during the winter months.
- THE DORCAS SOCIETY and LADIES AID ASSOCIATION meet at Two o'clock on Tuesday afternoons during the winter months.
- APPLICATIONS FOR SITTINGS may be made to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees or to the Sexton at the Church.
- MEMBERS changing their residence are requested to notify the Elder of the District in which they reside.
- CASES OF SICKNESS should be made known to the Elder of the District and reported by him to the Minister with as little delay as possible.

To the Members and Adherents of St. Paul's :

DEAR FRIENDS,

I take advantage of the Annual Report to express my thankfulness for the cordial welcome you have extended to me as your pastor. Your common sympathy and kindly appreciation enable me to begin another year of my ministry with a grateful and hopeful heart. The attendance at Divine worship has been most encouraging. May this continue, as irregularity or carelessness in this is not only extremely discouraging alike to minister and worshippers, but is almost sure to be followed by a decline in spiritual life and by a loss of Christian influence.

The Wednesday evening services will, I trust, be found a helpful break in the middle of the week's cares and temptations. It is cheering to me that so many young men have responded to my invitation, and that their Association has been revived with good prospects of success. I have a strong desire to gather the young men around me and enlist their active sympathies in the life and work of the Church.

The reports of the Kirk-Session and Trustees demand your careful attention, and I hope we will all do everything in our power to support those who are freely giving valuable time and taking anxious trouble towards the welfare of the congregation. In the matter of our weekly offerings, which the Trustees hope to see largely increased, let us all honestly give as God prospers us, judging not what others can or ought to give, but asking earnestly what *we* can give, and regarding the collection as a by no means unimportant part of the Sabbath worship. May the only rivalry known in our congregation be the beautiful rivalry after whatsoever is a virtue and whatsoever is a praise. On you, to a large extent, depends the welfare of St. Paul's, and by that I mean, not so much the outward success of apparent prosperity, but the truer success of a growing and deepening spiritual life.

"A minister may bring to you the Divine materials out of which the temple of a holy character may be formed; he may point you out the plan of the building and the best way to accomplish the object; but none can build for you. If the edifice is ever to be reared, your own hand must do it. You must build yourselves up in your most holy faith."

Receive with meekness and with prayer and hope that Word which is able to save your souls, and may God's richest blessing rest on our congregation. May the religion alike of pulpit and pew be a religion of spirit rather than of letter, and of conduct as well as creed.

Your affectionate pastor,

JAMES BARCLAY.

Report of the Kirk-Session,

1883.

It is cause for devout thankfulness that the "lengthened vacancy" referred to in last annual report has terminated, and that the choice of the congregation has fallen upon a minister of large experience and acknowledged ability, whose record in other spheres of labour encourages us to believe that his coming amongst us will be a blessing not only to this city and congregation but also to the Church at large.

THE REV. JAMES BARCLAY, M.A., formerly of St. Cuthbert's Edinburgh, was unanimously selected by the committee entrusted with the important duty of securing the services of a minister for this Church in room of Rev. Dr. Jenkins who retired from the active duties of the ministry in October, 1881. In that selection the congregation having unanimously and heartily concurred, Mr. Barclay was inducted by the Presbytery of Montreal on the 11th of October last. It was very gratifying to the congregation that their venerable ex-pastor was appointed to preside at the induction and also that the Rev. Andrew Paton of Penpont, the convener of the the sub-committee in Britain, was present on that occasion and on the following Sabbath introduced Mr. Barclay to the congregation. The Session hopes and prays that the new relationship thus formed may long continue, and that by the united efforts of pastor and people this congregation may not only continue to prosper as it has done in the past, but that it may by the blessing of God enter upon a career of increased and ever increasing usefulness. For twelve months prior to Mr. Barclay's induction the work of the congregation was carried on by Dr. Jenkins, with the assistance of Mr. Heridge, now minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, and so efficiently that the congregation passed through the trying ordeal of a two year's vacancy without any appreciable diminution of its numbers. It may not be out of place to mention here that both of the former assistant ministers of St. Paul's are also occupying, with marked ability and success, prominent positions in the Church—the Rev. Robert Laing, as minister of St. Matthews congregation, Halifax, and Rev. W. R. Cruikshank as minister of St. Matthew's congregation, Montreal.

The Session notices that, compared with former years, the hand of death has been but lightly laid on us. Last year there were *twenty-six* burials: this year only *eight*,—enough, however, to remind us of the uncertainty of life and to admonish us to work for the Master while we may.

The various organizations of the Church are again in full operation. One of the first official acts of the new minister was to revive the Young Men's Association, which has this winter entered upon a new departure with an encouraging attendance. The Minister's Bible-class, held in the Church on Sabbath afternoons, and which is open to all the members of the congregation, has been largely attended and highly appreciated. To both of these the Session earnestly invites the attention of the young people of the congregation especially, as opportunities for self improvement and for the systematic study of the Word of God. A much larger number might connect themselves with these and share in the benefit to be derived from them. A weekly service is held in the Church every Wednesday evening commencing at eight o'clock, which all the members and adherents of the Church are cordially and earnestly invited to attend. The Church and the Mission Sabbath-schools are in a flourishing condition. The Dorcas and the Ladies' Aid Societies continue their labours of love with zeal and diligence and many are benefitted by their kindly efforts.

The communion was dispensed as usual in the months of January, May, and October. The number of communicants at present on the roll is 521. The number admitted to membership during the year was 45. The number of removals by certificate was *eight*; by death *two*. The net increase was *thirty-five*. The number of baptisms was *seventeen*; of marriages, *five*; of burials, *eight*.

Respecting financial matters, the Session respectfully reminds the congregation that under the present system of management the Trustees of the Church look for a considerable portion of their revenue from the ordinary Sabbath collections. This is one of the ways in which every member and adherent may contribute according to their several abilities for the support of ordinances. It is hoped therefore that the suggestions made in this behalf in the report of the Trustees will be carefully considered and conscientiously acted upon. Perhaps the least encouraging feature of the transactions of the year is in connection with the report of the Schedule Committee. The amount contributed for the Missionary and Benevolent Schemes of the Church is less than in the previous year, and there are still apparently a large number connected with the congregation who do not recognize the duty and privilege of contributing to those measures which have for their object the maintenance of religious ordinances in our own country and the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands.—Brethren, this ought not so to be. "As ye abound in every thing, see that ye abound in this grace also."

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In the report of the Trustees mention is made of a bequest of one thousand dollars received from the executors of the late Mr. David J. Greenshields "to help the deserving poor of the congregation." The same large-hearted donor bequeathed *ten thousand dollars* for the Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and one third of the amount, \$3,333.33, was this year paid into the Home Mission treasury. The executors of the late Mr. William Christie have also handed to the Treasurer of the Kirk-Session the sum of \$500, being one-half of Mr. Christie's bequest to the Session "to be dispensed in such acts of benevolence and mercy as the Lord may incline them to, with the suggestion that the same or any part thereof may be employed in assisting any poor worthy student struggling to become an ordained missionary or minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." The considerations which moved our late venerable and beloved brother to make this disposition of a portion of his property are stated with touching pathos in his last will and testament as follows:—
 "I hereby will and bequeath to the Session of St. Paul's Church of Montreal in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, of which I have been an ordained elder since the year 1845, and in full communion with the congregation since its formation in 1832, the sum of one thousand dollars &c.; and feeling that such a lengthened Christian fellowship, with its concurrent blessings, causes me, an aged Pilgrim, to make this demonstration of love and attachment to my beloved Zion and place of worship—praying that peace may be within her walls."

The memory of our departed friends is indeed blessed. We do not sorrow for them "as others which have no hope." Let it be our aim to imitate them in so far as they followed the example of HIM who went about continually doing good.

A few short years of evil past,
 We reach the happy shore,
 Where death-divided friends at last
 Shall meet, to part no more.

In name and in behalf of the Kirk-session.

31st December, 1883.

THOMAS A. GIBSON,
 Clerk.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY THE TREASURER OF THE
KIRK-SESSION TO 31st DECEMBER, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1882.....	\$ 52.44
From the Treasurer of Board of Trustees.....	150.00
“ Executors of late Wm. Christie, first instal- ment of bequest.....	500.00
“ Collections for the poor as under:	
January 21.....	\$ 89.03
June 3.....	127.22
September 30.....	108.67
November 8.....	152.87
	477.79
	\$1180.23

PAYMENTS.

By relief to the Poor in eight families.....	\$377.50
“ for Poor, per Dr. Jenkins.....	10.00
“ Session Clerk.....	100.00
“ Communion elements.....	21.65
“ Church Social.....	50.10
“ Bursary to Theological Student.....	50.00
“ “Witness” account.....	10.00
“ Roll book and printing.....	19.90
“ Bank of Toronto, on special deposit.....	500.00
Balance on hand.....	41.08
	\$1180.23

Montreal, Dec. 31st, 1883.

J. TASKER,
Treasurer.

The Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Church, held within the School-room of the Church, on Monday the fourteenth of January, 1884, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Andrew Allan was called to the chair, and Mr. E. B. Greenshields requested to act as secretary.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the minutes of the last annual meeting, held 8th January, 1883, and of the special meeting, held 11th April, 1883, were confirmed.

The report of the Trustees, and the statement of the Treasurer were submitted, and were, by consent of the meeting, taken as read, having been printed and distributed prior to the meeting.

It was then moved by Mr. W. B. Smellie, seconded by Mr. James Tasker, and resolved,

That the report of the Trustees be approved of and adopted, and that it, with the Treasurer's statement, and the minutes of this meeting be printed for circulation among the members of the Congregation.

The report of the Standing Committee on the Missionary and Benevolent Schemes of the Church was then called for, and was read by the chairman, Mr. J. Murray Smith, with the relative cash statement.

Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. D. B. Macpherson, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lusk, and resolved,

That the report of the Committee be received, approved, and printed with the other reports for distribution; that the Committee be thanked on behalf of the Congregation for the manner in which it has managed the funds contributed by the members of the Congregation during the year, and that the Committee be re-appointed.

It was then moved by Mr. Hector Munro, seconded by Mr. Gavin Houston, and resolved,

That the thanks of the Congregation be tendered to the Trustees for their able and satisfactory management of the financial affairs of the Church during the past year.

The chairman then stated that it fell to the meeting to elect two Trustees to replace those retiring by rotation.

Whereupon it moved was Mr. Alex. Macpherson, seconded by Mr. C. D. Proctor, and resolved,

That Mr. John Hope and Mr. Alex. Ewan be re-elected Trustees for the usual term.

It was then moved by Mr. A. McFee, seconded by Mr. H. W. Aird, and resolved,

That Messrs. John Fair and P. S. Ross be thanked for their services as auditors for the past year, and that they be requested to continue their office for the present year.

It was then moved by Mr. John Hope, seconded by Mr. Alex. Mitchell, and resolved,

That the thanks of the Congregation are due, and are hereby tendered to the organist for the attentive and able manner in which he has conducted the musical service of the Church, and to the members of the choir for their valuable assistance.

Thereafter it was moved by Mr. R. A. Ramsay, seconded by Mr. John Hope, and resolved.

That the special thanks of the Congregation have been deservedly earned by Mr. Alex. Mitchell by his judicious and self-sacrificing services during his visit to Scotland at the request of the Congregation to secure a new minister for St. Paul's, a mission which he conducted with so much tact to a successful issue.

It was then moved by Mr. James Johnston, seconded by Mr. J. C. Watson, and resolved,

That the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was closed with prayer.

ANDREW ALLAN, *Chairman.*
E. B. GREENSHIELDS, *Secretary.*

Report of the Trustees

*of St. Paul's Church, for the year 1883, submitted to the Congregation
at the Annual Meeting on 14th January, 1884.*

The Trustees, in laying before the Congregation this report of their management of the finances of the Church, have much pleasure in noting that the transition stage, through which the Congregation was passing when the last two reports were made, has now happily ended. The Congregation enters hopefully upon a new year under the ministration of the Reverend James Barclay, M.A. who accepted the call of the Congregation, and, having been inducted to the charge on the 11th of October last, has since entered upon his duties with much success, and with satisfaction to all.

The Trustees desire in this report especially to record their deep sense of the help which the Rev. Dr. Jenkins has rendered to the Congregation during the past year and they hope long to see him among the members of St. Paul's.

It will be observed, by reference to the accounts herewith, that the special expenditure of the year caused by the recent vacancy, and by the necessary operations of the Committee charged with the choice of a minister, has been heavy, but this fortunately will not, of course, recur, and next year's accounts will consist nearly exclusively of regular and known items of expenditure.

The amount received from pew rents has been slightly in excess of that of last year, and the Trustees are glad to note that they have been paid with greater punctuality than heretofore, the arrears of the year being only six per cent. From pew rents, at the present rates, no great increase can be expected, as only 17 sittings are available unlet, beyond the free sittings which are 56 in number. Several members of the Congregation have, however, expressed a desire to contribute to the increased expenses of the Church, by voluntary additions to their pew rents. While no alterations are intended in the existing rates (although these are lower than in many of the city Churches), this mode of contribution to the general fund is commended to the consideration of those whose views it meets.

In the plate collections the Board notes with satisfaction an increase of over four hundred dollars, which has been entirely within the last months of the year, and is due doubtless to the larger and more regular attendance at services since the termination of the vacancy. The Trustees hope that a continued increase in this branch

of revenue can be counted on, for it must be confessed that the average of Sunday collections of past years has not been what in this Church it should be. It has been in the past only about forty dollars per Sunday, and the Board, thinking that this should be doubled, recommends increased liberality in this matter most strongly to the members.

The Congregation has, at the special meetings held during the year, been made aware of and sanctioned the increased permanent expenditure assumed by the Board in the way of stipend, and has also been informed of the provisions devised for meeting that liability with regularity, by the means of a Supplementing Fund. To this many members of the Church have contributed, some of them very liberally. It is intended during the present year to bring this matter in different forms before the members more generally, in order that all may have the opportunity of assuming such share of the common responsibility as their feelings and abilities may justify. Meantime the Trustees confidently believe that they see their way to carry on the financial affairs successfully, with the assistance of this fund, relying upon all to contribute liberally and cheerfully in some of the various ways indicated to the common liability. It was one which the Congregation undertook with confidence founded on well authenticated reports. These our own experience of the last three months has amply justified, and the Congregation enters upon a year full of hope.

The Trustees have received during the year, from the executors of the late Mr. David J. Greenshields, the sum of one thousand dollars, which that gentleman, so long known as a zealous and liberal member of the Church, thoughtfully bequeathed, as his will expressed it, "to St. Paul's Church, of which I am a member, to be invested safely, and the interest paid annually to the minister for the time being, to be by him disposed of by helping the deserving poor of the Congregation, who may have too much honest pride to permit of their applying to the Session of the Church, or the many city charities for relief. The minister to give no account of his disbursements."

The long continued and liberal services of Mr. S. Greenshields as organist were terminated in the early part of the year by his resignation, and the Trustees desire to place on record in this report their thanks for the aid so long and ably rendered by him to the Church.

The Trustees who now retire by rotation are Messrs. John Hope and Alexander Ewan, who are, however, eligible for re-election.

ANDREW ALLAN, *Chairman.*

Dr.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1883.

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RECEIPTS.

1883.		
Jan. 1.	To balance forward from 1882.....	\$2,462.18
Dec. 31.	Cash received during the year:	
	Pew Rents 1883 to date.....	\$5,274.85
	" Arrears.....	267.50
	Plate Collections:	\$5,542.35
	Ordinary.....	2,516.52
	Special.....	588.72
	Interest on Bank Account.....	3,105.24
	Cash from Treasurer of the Supplementing Fund.....	46.17
		1,300.00
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		\$12,455.94

EXPENDITURE.

1883.		
Dec. 31.	By Cash paid during the year:	
	Rev. Dr. Jenkins.....	\$2,000.00
	" Mr. Barclay.....	3,650.00
	" Mr. Herridge.....	399.99
	Pulpit Supply.....	840.00
	Expenses, &c., Committee, <i>Re</i> New Pastor &c.....	1,423.89
	Church Officer.....	\$8,313.88
	Kirk-Session for Ses'nal purposes.....	500.00
	" Poor Fund Collections.....	477.79
	" Ladies' Aid Society Collection.....	100.00
	Organist's Salary.....	727.79
	Tuning Organ and Water for same.....	641.63
	Music for Choir.....	81.89
	" ".....	49.37
	Water rates.....	772.89
	Coal account.....	114.00
	Gas.....	330.86
	" ".....	206.06
	Insurance (3 years).....	650.92
	Alterations, Pulpit, &c.....	325.00
	Repairs to furnaces.....	341.74
	" ".....	132.20
	Sundry accts. per detailed list.....	473.94
	By balance on hand forward to 1884.....	393.73
		297.79
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		\$12,455.94

Audited and found correct

JOHN FAIR, Auditor.
P. S. ROSS, Auditor.

Montreal, 31st Dec'r, 1883.

ALEX. EWAN, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

The return of Schedules is as follows :

2	contributions of	\$1.00	.....	\$2.00
2	" "	1.50	.....	3.00
5	" "	2.00	.....	10.00
5	" "	3.00	.....	15.00
4	" "	4.00	.....	16.00
11	" "	5.00	.....	55.00
1	" "	7.00	.....	7.00
3	" "	8.00	.....	24.00
11	" "	10.00	.....	110.00
1	" "	12.00	.....	12.00
2	" "	12.50	.....	25.00
4	" "	15.00	.....	60.00
1	" "	16.00	.....	16.00
8	" "	20.00	.....	160.00
7	" "	25.00	.....	175.00
4	" "	30.00	.....	120.00
1	" "	35.00	.....	35.00
3	" "	40.00	.....	120.00
15	" "	50.00	.....	750.00
1	" "	75.00	.....	75.00
7	" "	100.00	.....	700.00
1	" "	145.00	.....	145.00
1	" "	200.00	.....	200.00
1	" "	205.00	.....	205.00
1	" "	250.00	.....	250.00
1	" "	300.00	.....	300.00
1	" "	400.00	.....	400.00
11	included in above amounts			
115 Total				\$3990.00

Three anonymous contributions were received during 1883, viz., one of \$10, another of \$25, and another of \$50.00. These could not be acknowledged in the usual way.

We regret that the amount contributed for the Missionary and Benevolent Schemes of the Church this year, is about \$1200.00 less than it was for the previous year. This is accounted for, largely, by deaths and removals from the city.

While gratefully acknowledging the contributions of those who have responded to the appeals made, we cannot but feel disappointed that so few comparatively (only 115 out of a total membership of about 500) consider that they have a duty to discharge in this matter. This is an age of missions and of missionary enterprise. Christian people, the world over, are

\$12,455.94

Montreal, 31st Dec'r, 1883.

ALEX. EWAN, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct
JOHN FAIR, Auditor.
P. S. ROSS, Auditor.

more and more realizing their responsibility, and contributing liberally, and cheerfully of their means for the furtherance of the blessed gospel of Christ.

The messengers of the Cross are in every land, and the people who sit in great darkness, are coming to the light ; soon the earth will be filled with His glory. Come Lord Jesus, quickly come ! Let us see to it that we are doing our part to hasten on the glorious consumation.

J. MURRAY SMITH,
Chairman.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SCHEDULE SYSTEM.

CASH ACCOUNT OF TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC. 1883.

1883.		RECEIPTS.	
Jan. 1.	To Balance from 1882	\$8.70	
	Arrears for 1882	4.50	
		\$13.20	
Dec. 31.	" Schedule contributions for 1883	3938.50	
	" Interest on Bank account	21.50	
		\$3973.20	

For special purposes named in Schedule :

1883.		PAYMENTS.	
Dec. 31	By Home Mission Fund	\$800.00	
	" Foreign Mission Fund	500.00	
	" French Evangelization	325.00	
	" College Fund	600.00	
	" Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund	150.00	
	" Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	176.00	
		\$2551.00	

For other purposes named in Schedule :

1883.			
Dec. 31	By City Missionary	\$250.00	
	" Manitoba College	100.00	
	" St. Paul's Sabbath-School	250.00	
	" Victoria Mission	300.00	
	" Students' Missionary Society	50.00	
	" Lumbermens' Mission	50.00	
	" Montreal General Hospital	100.00	
	" Sabbath-School Association	25.00	
	" General Assembly Fund	32.50	
	" Presbytery Expense Fund	32.50	
	" " Presbyterian Record "	75.00	
	" St. Paul's Ladies' Aid	25.00	
	" Taylor Church	75.00	
	" Printing, Postage, &c	20.15	
		1385.15	
		\$3936.15	
	Balance on hand		\$37.05

81 Mance Street,
Montreal, Jan. 12th, 1884.

J. TASKER, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct. A. MACPHERSON, *Auditor.*

The Sabbath - School.

JOHN L. MORRIS,	..	..	..	..	<i>Superintendent.</i>
F. E. JODERY,	
JOHN FAIR, JUNR.,	..	..	..	..	<i>Librarian and Secretary.</i>
KENNETH McLEA,	..	..	..	..
WM. CAMERON,	..	..	..	..	} <i>Assistant Librarians.</i>
ARTHUR BEERS,	..	..	..	..

TEACHERS.

Mrs. MORRIS,	Miss HENDERSON,	Miss McLEOD,
" TASKER,	" BROWN,	" CALDWELL,
" BOVEY.	" CHRISTIE,	Mr. ROSS,
" JENKINS,	" CROIL,	" ROACH,
Miss RAMSAY,	" McCULLOCH,	" H. NEWMAN,
" REDPATH,	" HELEN GAIRDNER,	" JODERY,
" ROBERTSON,	" SHANKS,	
" FAIR,	" DRUMMOND,	
" JESSIE SHANKS,	" OGILVY.	

The Bible-classes, formerly conducted by Messrs. J. Murray Smith, and D. M. Gregor, have been assumed by the Rev. J. Barclay, the result being a large increase in numbers and in missionary collections.

The average attendance at the Bible-class has been about 150, and the whole number upon the roll of the school, inclusive of this Bible-class, being about 360.

A great improvement has been made in the singing of the scholars under the able tuition of Mr. Robinson, who has gratuitously devoted a great deal of his time to this object. And on Christmas day the scholars took part with the choir in leading the service of song, and with excellent effect.

The scholars of the infant class, as usual, supplied gifts for a Christmas tree to the sick children in the Montreal General Hospital, and this School still supports a cot in the children's ward there, called the St. Paul's Church S. S. Cot, at a cost of \$60.00 a year. Besides other objects, the School has undertaken the support of a Sabbath-school in Formosa, under Dr. Geo. Leslie Mackay, for which \$75 a year is required. A short time ago the Sabbath-school had the privilege of an address from Rev. John Morton of Trinidad, and it is pleasing to state that a growing interest in regard to the missions of our Church is yearly becoming more apparent among our young people.

J. L. MORRIS.

Victoria Mission Sabbath-School.

EXECUTIVE.

Mr. JOHN LARMONTH,	..	..	..	<i>Superintendent.</i>
" WM. GEO. KINLOCH,	..	..	..	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
" GEORGE WILSON,	..	..	..	<i>Secretary.</i>
" WM. S. LEE,	..	..	..	<i>Treasurer.</i>
" CHAS. TYMONDS,	..	..	..	<i>Librarian.</i>
" PETER MCPHEE,	..	..	..	<i>Assistant Librarian.</i>

Caretaker—Mr. CHAS. BROCKWELL, 88 Menai Street.

TEACHERS.

Mr. S. R. CLENDINNENG,	MRS. TYMONDS,
" G. A. EDWARDS,	MISS ROUGH,
" W. T. CASTLE,	" PARKER,
" W. E. OUTHWAITE,	" WILSON,
" GEO. DUNCAN,	" SCOTT,
" ROBT. DONALDSON,	" FINLAYSON,

Mr. W. R. S. WILSON.

There has been a slight increase in the number of scholars on the roll, and also in the average attendance. At present we have 201 on roll and 152 average attendance. The Teachers roll has decreased and is at present 18.

The Bible Classes have been without teachers since the opening of the School in September—making a difference on the School roll of about 25.

The Missionary collections for the year were \$93.22.

The usual "Children's Service" was successfully conducted during the months of July, and August, the average attendance being about 50.

The Library of the School contains 600 volumes, and an average of 70 volumes are distributed each Sunday. The children continue to receive monthly their illustrated periodicals.

The Treasurer's annual statement shows a balance on hand to carry forward to 1884, leaving the School entirely free of debt, apart from the existing mortgage of \$1,200.

A concert by the choir of our Church conducted by Mr. J. H. Robinson, our popular organist, and ably presided over by our worthy pastor, was held in the Chapel on the 21st Dec'r. The object of the concert was to assist in reducing the mortgage to \$1,000, but we regret to say the results, financially, were not a success.

Sunday Evening Services are conducted by Mr. J. H. Higgins of the Presbyterian College, and are well attended. They are under the control of St. Matthew's Church Session, and are self-supporting.

JOHN LARMONTH.

The Young Men's Association.

REV. JAMES BARCLAY, M.A.,	} <i>Honorary Presidents.</i>
REV. JOHN JENKINS, D.D., LL.D.	
JOHN L. MORRIS,	<i>President.</i>
PROFESSOR BOVEY,	<i>1st Vice-President.</i>
DR. G. W. BEERS,	<i>2nd Vice-President.</i>
W. ALEXR. CALDWELL,	<i>Secretary-Treasurer.</i>

Committee.

ALEX. MCFEE,	JOHN SHAW,
JOHN FAIR, JR.	JOHN A. SAMUEL,
F. E. JODERY,	W. S. ROSS.

This Association, revived by Mr. Barclay, has so far been carried on with great success. It already numbers 65 members, and has prepared a most attractive syllabus for this winter's session.

A religious meeting for the study of the Scripture and prayer, is held every Sabbath morning, and has been made very interesting, being conducted by the young men themselves.

J. L. MORRIS.

Ladies' Aid Society.

MRS. BARCLAY,	} <i>Joint Presidents.</i>
MRS. JENKINS,	
MRS. REID,	<i>1st Vice-President.</i>
MRS. A. MACFARLANE,	<i>2nd do.</i>
MRS. TASKER,	<i>Sec.-Treas. Dorcas Society.</i>
MISS SANDERSON,	<i>Sec.-Treas. Ladies' Aid Society.</i>

In recording from year to year the operations of such a society as ours a certain repetition of routine and results is unavoidable, but there is always something interesting in reporting any pleasing details of the work accomplished, and now, as the circling year brings us to the close of another season, your secretary feels encouraged to again present a brief account of the time appropriated to the objects aimed at by the members of this society. As stated in the last report, the DORCAS SOCIETY and LADIES' AID have been united, meeting at the same time every Tuesday during the winter months—the money collected for the Dorcas being devoted entirely to the needs of the poor of the Congregation, the Ladies' Aid assisting, as far as they have the means, the public charities of the city. The first months of this year were occupied in working for the Industrial Rooms Bazaar, and as the result of many cheerful meetings a large amount of handsome work was given to that worthy object. Towards the middle of March, we were

waited upon by the pastor of Stanley St. Church asking our coöperation in an effort that conregation was making to pay off its debt. After due consideration we resolved to relinquish for this year our own Annual Sale, and to aid our sister Church. To this object our time was devoted during the autumn with gratifying success. The table at Stanley St. Bazaar, presided over by some of our own members, realized a handsome addition to their funds. Soliciting a kindly interest from all those who consider our aim and end a good and deserving one, we pray for increased earnestness to work for the Master's sake, and we are encouraged by the thought that each is doing what little she can towards ministering to the needs and comforts of our fellow creatures less favoured than ourselves—Our financial statement is as follows :—

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDED.
Balance on hand \$ 11.03	Materials Industrial Bazaar . . . 49.25
Christmas collection, 1882. 35.22	Women's Pres. Miss. Society . . . 107.00
Collected for Women's Pres. Mis. 107.00	Industrial Rooms Bazaar 90.50
Do. Industrial Rooms. 90.50	Stationery 2.00
Loan from Dorcas 10.00	Namur Mission 8.00
Members' fees and donations . . 33.00	Loan from Dorcas 10.00
Grant from Schedule Committee 25.00	Eromanga Mission 100.00
Collected for Eromanga. 100.00	Stanley St. Bazaar 83.26
Christmas collection 1883. 100.00	Balance on hand 61.74
Total \$511.75	\$511.75

1129 Dorehester Street,
31st December, 1883.

JESSIE SANDERSON,
Sec'y-Treasurer.

Dorcas Society.

Owing to the change in the date of closing the accounts, the Treasurer's statement covers a period of fourteen months, embracing the contributions for two years—the collections being taken each year during the months of November and December.

There is nothing new to report in connection with the work of this Society which has been carried on in its usual quiet way from month to month, bringing comfort to not a few, in the distribution of warm clothing, and by monthly payments towards rent of rooms, &c. There were given out 255 yards of unmade material, consisting of flannel, wincey, tweed and and grey cotton, besides yarn, stockings, boots and several made up garments. The thanks of the Society are due to the ladies who so kindly undertook the arduous duty of collecting.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FROM NOV. 1ST 1882, TO DEC. 31ST, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

1882.	To contributions as under:—	
	Per Mrs. J. R. Macphie and Miss St. John.....	\$59.50
	“ Mrs. Walbank and Miss Ramsay.....	26.00
	“ Miss Davidson.....	12.75
	“ Miss Kinloch.....	40.25
	“ Mrs. J. B. Macdonald and Miss Forsyth.....	18.50
	“ Mrs. Tasker and Miss Brown.....	15.25
1883.		
March 28.	Loan to Ladies' Aid, repaid.....	\$172.25
Nov.	To contributions as under:—	10.00
	Per Mrs. J. R. Macphie.....	\$47.50
	“ Miss Davidson.....	12.00
	“ Mrs. Walbank and Miss Ramsay.....	28.00
	“ Mrs. and Miss McArthur.....	17.00
	“ Miss McCulloch.....	33.50
	“ Mrs. Tasker.....	13.25
	“ Mrs. J. B. Macdonald and Miss Forsyth.....	10.75
	Payments to Treasurer.....	39.50
		\$201.50
		\$383.75

DISBURSMENTS.

1882.		
Nov. 1.	By balance due Treasurer.....	\$9.78
Dec. 12.	Loan to Ladies' Aid.....	10.00
1883.		
March 6.	By City Missionary for a poor family.....	5.00
	Payments on account of house rent &c., for five families.	150.00
	Clothing.....	65.90
	Boots.....	12.80
		\$253.48
	Balance on hand.....	\$130.27

Montreal, Dec. 31st, 1883.

ELIZABETH G. TASKER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Choir.

Miss TAYLOR,
“ EVANS,
“ J. EVANS,
“ REID,
“ LUSHER,
“ NICHOLL,
Mrs. DARLING,
Miss MARTIN,
“ MACDONALD,
“ HASTIE,
“ C. HASTIE,

Mr. J. SHAW,
“ HOUSTON,
“ ROSS,
“ GRAHAM MACPHERSON,
“ KENNETH MACPHERSON,
“ H. TAYLOR,
“ A. F. ANGUS,
“ JOHN BROWNING,
“ R. SHAW,
“ M. PORTEOUS,

As in former years, the highly efficient services of the Choir are rendered gratuitously. In addition to those whose names are given a number of other friends have kindly given their assistance when required.

J. HY. ROBINSON,
Organist and Choir Director.

Summary of Revenue and Contributions.

Received by the Board of Trustees, per account	\$8,693.76
“ by Committee for the Schemes of the Church	3,960.00
“ Presbyterian College, Montreal, special subscriptions	635.00
Queen's College, Kingston, Endowment Fund	200.00
Supplementary Stipend Fund, St. Paul's.	11,045.75
Church and Manse Building Fund in the North-West	1,325.00
Presbytery of Montreal Augmentation of Stipend Fund	1,249.00
General Hospital, by subscription	1,198.00
Temporalities Expense Fund	100.00
House of Industry and Refuge subscriptions and donations	2,365.00
Sabbath-School and Bible-Class Missionary Collections	295.00
Dorcas and Ladies' Aid Association	688.25
Sundry purposes—Manitoba College, aid to weak Congregations, Church-building &c. &c.	1,525.00
Total,	\$33,279.76