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REPORTS
OF THE
SECULAR COMMITTEE,
AND THE
Missionary & Benevolent Societies,
OF THE
LAGAUCHETIERE STREET
CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
MONTREAL,
FOR
1862.

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ALEX. G. FOWLER,

THE
Twenty-Ninth Annual Report
OF THE
SECULAR COMMITTEE.

The year 1862, at the beginning of which, your Committee were set in charge of the secular concerns of the Congregation, having fulfilled its mission, has disappeared from view, but many events to which it gave birth, will not permit it to be easily torn from our memory. He who controlleth the universe, and causeth the purposes of men to work that which He desireth, hath graciously condescended in time of trouble, to shield our land from desolating war, preserve peace within our borders, and diffuse a general prosperity upon the people.

Upon this Congregation likewise, have many tokens of His favor been poured. Our pastor, enjoying good health, has been enabled to enforce with clearness and vigour the Gospel message. The Church has been exceedingly well filled throughout the year. The Contributions (as will be observed further on,) in the aggregate, surpass those of the preceding year. While there has been comparatively little expense incurred in maintaining the Edifice, chiefly due to the cleaning and adornment done in the summer of 1861. Surely these call for the utterance of our thanks.

Although foreign to a Report of this nature, it will no doubt be pardoned, if we again allude to the fusion of the two Christian Bodies, so felicitously adverted to, by our predecessors, at the

last Annual Meeting. A perfect harmony has reigned within the United Churches, great good having been experienced both by Ministers and people. Kindlier feelings have arisen, before which, former coolness and prejudice have manifestly waned. The members of each, now look upon their interests as identical, and reflection has led them to acknowledge, that the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, will by this measure be greatly promoted indeed. We trust that this Union which gives *true* strength, may never be marred.

Early in the year, a Printed Report was placed in your hands, showing the condition for the year 1861, of the Congregational Missionary Society, and Sabbath School, as well as the temporal state of the Church, which, it is hoped, may have increased the interest of the congregation, in its internal organization.

In the month of February, our esteemed Pastor, as the Representative of the Session, brought under our notice the "Widow and Orphans' Fund," instituted about 15 years previously by the Ministers of the former Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the benefits of which, shortly after consummation of the Union, had been placed at disposal of the Ministers of our Body on compliance with one condition, to wit: "to raise a sum of \$6000 in the course of the three ensuing years," which would place them on a level with the Capital already existing. At a special Congregational Meeting held in March, it was with great unanimity resolved "to put this within the reach of our Ministers, and to raise within ourselves for this object, the sum of \$600." At the termination of the meeting almost the entire amount was subscribed. At one of the Assemblies of the United Synods in the course of the year, your Committee were happy to observe it stated that the \$6000 required, had been obtained. Your Committee deem it scarcely necessary to remark upon the assistance such a Fund will afford, nor the comfort of mind that will be experienced by those of our

Pastors, who shall connect themselves with it. The advantages are sufficiently obvious.

With reference to the Church property, your Committee would merely mention that they caused a copy of the Proceedings at the meeting upon 8th January last, properly signed, to be entered in the Registry Office in this city, and certified by the Registrar—transferring the same to the Board of Trustees. In passing from this, your Committee would not omit acquainting you with the considerate and generous action of the Law Agent, Mr. Day—declining to accept remuneration for his services in putting the Church Deed of Property to rights, he yet intimated that if your Committee insisted on valuing these, the same should be bestowed upon the Poor Fund. Fifty (\$50) Dollars were at once voted, and our thanks conveyed to Mr. Day.

Towards the close of 1861, a Printed Appeal was made to the Congregation to furnish the Financial Secretary with the Name; Residence; Amount of Subscription; and number of sittings required, that he might be the better enabled to allocate the pews and to form as near an estimate as possible, of the revenue for the succeeding year. The result, it is to be regretted, did not come up to the wishes of your Committee—not over two-thirds having responded. We would therefore again urge you, to lighten our labours to the utmost, by attending to this matter—in itself simple—in its results, important. The Sittings in the area are all let; it might, without deviating from the truth, be said, they are over let. The holders, however, have been agreeable and accommodating, and have borne patiently the inconvenience of crowding. It is pleasant to witness this exhibition of the Christian Spirit, and we would express the hope that it will continue. The gallery is nearly all occupied, only a few Seats, in that part over the porch, being at our disposal.

Your Committee would now invite your close attention, to the most important feature in this Report—the Finances. Dur-

ing this year there has been raised for the ordinary purposes of the Church : \$2193.79. The amount is

Less than the year 1861, by	-	-	-	-	\$130.16
“ “ “ 1860, “	-	-	-	-	67.36
“ “ “ 1859, “	-	-	-	-	149.48

It would therefore appear that we are following an unnatural law—instead of progression, there is retrogression. The short-coming is as usual to be ascribed to the Pew arrears unpaid. Notwithstanding every exhortation by our predecessors in office, to pay the subscriptions at the beginning of each month, or even each quarter, we are grieved to find that this is still disregarded by the majority. More than one-fifth of the subscriptions are kept back till the last month of the year—December. Our Treasurer, to whom we are under obligation, is, every other part of the year, from £70 to £100, out of pocket. Some endeavour ought to be made to remedy this. The expenditure has been \$2159.82, leaving us in the Treasurer's debt to the extent of \$14.54. In order that our present financial condition may be thoroughly comprehended, we submit the following :

There are Accounts due to various parties, amounting to \$200. this, it is expected, the arrears will cover.

The loan obtained in 1861 and falling due next year, is \$500

“ “ 5 years ago, from the ladies, is \$400.

Shewing the Congregation as behind :—\$900.

Three years ago, one of your Committees rejoiced in the fact that we were virtually free of debt, it is clear, however, that it has again crept upon us. It will be perceived, vigorous exertion is absolutely requisite not only to extinguish some portion of this debt, but also to prevent a further sinking.

In conclusion, your Committee having thus laid before you as plain a narrative of the position of affairs, as is in their power, do now resign their trust.

The whole respectfully submitted, by

JAMES ROSS,
Recording Secretary.

Dr. Johnston Thomson, Treasurer, in account with LaGauchetiere St. Canada Pres. Church, Cr.

1862.
 Dec. 31. To Collections and Subscriptions \$2193 79
 " Balance due Treasurer - 14 54

1862.
 Jany. 1. By Balance due Treasurer - - - \$43 51
 Dec. 31. By Paid Stipend - - - 1440 00
 " Precentor's Salary - - - 100 00
 " Sexton's do - - - 144 00
 " Pulpit Supply - - - 15 50
 " Insurance Premiums - - - 27 00
 " Constitue and Interest - - - 160 00
 " City Assessments & Water Works 74 50
 " Gas and Fuel - - - 137 50
 " Printing and Sundries - - - 64 02

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Examined and found correct,

(Signed,) JNO. WATSON, |
 ALEX. G. FOWLER, | *Auditors.*

General Abstract,

FOR 1862.

Ordinary Revenue,	-	-	-	-	\$2193 79
Missionary Society,	-	-	-	-	833 26
Special subscription for St. Joseph Street Station -					359 00
Widow and Orphans' Fund	-	-	-	-	212 00
Poor Fund	-	-	-	-	104 11
Synod and College Fund	-	-	-	-	93 43
Magdalen Asylum	-	-	-	-	26 07
St. Andrew's Society and Irish Protestant Benevolent					50 15
Sabbath School	-	-	-	-	97 83
Bible Class	-	-	-	-	40 00
Dorcas Society	-	-	-	-	29 25
					\$4019 49

OFFICE BEARERS
OF
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
For 1863.

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Misses BROWN,
DOUGALL,
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GARVEN,
JACKSON,
KING,
LINTON,
MACKAY,
McQUIN,

Misses MAXWELL,
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MORICE,
MARGARET MORICE,
PATON,
POET,
NISBIT,
SNOWDEN,
TURNER.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday Evening, 11th of February 1863. Rev. Dr. Taylor in the Chair, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Moved by Mr. George Rogers, seconded by James Haldane, Esq.

Resolved,—That the Report now read be adopted, printed and circulated among the members of the Congregation, and that the following be the Office-Bearers for the ensuing year. (See preceding page.)

Resolution 2nd, moved by Mr. Warden King, seconded by Mr. David MacKay.

Resolved,—That this Meeting hears with gratitude of the continued success of the Mission School and hereby authorises the Committee to continue it as heretofore.

Resolution 3rd, moved by Mr. Andrew Robertson, seconded by Mr. John Watson.

Resolved,—That as the Mission House at Mile End might be rendered a greater blessing than it now is by having the Gospel preached there, and as some generous friends have offered to contribute largely to the support of a Missionary to labor there, the Committee are hereby authorised to make such arrangements as they may find themselves able to carry out for the fuller occupation of the field.

Resolution 4th, Moved by Mr. Laird Paton, seconded by Mr. J. C. Becket,

Resolved,—That this meeting rejoices to hear of the success which has attended the effort of the three Congregations of the Canada Presbyterian Church in this City, in extending Gospel privileges ; and in opening Sabbath Schools in various quarters of the City ; and hereby authorise the Committee to assume a reasonable proportion of the expense attending such efforts.

Resolution 5th, Moved by Principal Dawson, seconded by Johnston Thomson, Esq.

Resolved,—That as formerly agreed upon, One Hundred Dollars be appropriated for supplementing the stipend of the New Glasgow Congregation, and One Hundred Dollars to the general Home Mission Fund of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and also, that One Hundred Dollars be appropriated to the Foreign Mission Fund of the Nova Scotian Church.

Resolution 6th, moved by James Roy, Esq., seconded by Mr. James Williamson.

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be given to the Lady Visitors and Collectors, for their efficient services during the past year.

REPORT

OF THE

Missionary Society,

For 1862.

Another year has passed in the history of your Society, and your Committee have again to submit for your consideration the usual report of their proceedings, and proceed to notice very briefly the various schemes dealt with.

MISSION SCHOOL.

For a few months succeeding the last Annual Meeting, the school continued well attended, and seemed to promise a still more increased usefulness, but its efficiency was interrupted by another removal to a new locality. The proprietors of the school-house required the site for a new Church, and with some regret your Committee were compelled to search for other premises. At the request of your Committee the building at Mile End, erected for Mission purposes was placed at your Committee's disposal, and in May the School was removed there. Although your Committee preferred the previous one, the success which has attended the new location continues very encouraging.

The class of children attending are similar in character to those referred to in our last Annual Report—the poverty and neglect in which they are being brought up claiming for them the deepest commiseration. The number of children at present

on the roll is 73, with an average attendance of 55. Twelve pay 3d. per week. Among the children are 10 Irish Roman Catholics, 4 Canadians, 5 Germans, and 3 Gipsies. Previous to the Christmas holidays, 22 Roman Catholic children attended, but the influence of the Priests has since induced their parents to withdraw them. At the approach of winter, many of the children were very ill-off for clothing, and the Society's thanks are due to a few friends who sent donations in money and clothes.

The success of the School has been much aided by a few ladies who, by their visits at the houses in the district, found out and invited the class of scholars for whom the school is designed.

The thanks of the Society are due to a friend for a donation of five maps, and to another for a liberal donation of books and prizes.

At an examination of the scholars towards the end of the year, your Committee, along with a number of the Members, had an opportunity of seeing the progress made by the pupils, and of the satisfactory manner in which the teacher, Miss Russell, had performed her duties.

HOME MISSION FUND.

This fund, many of you are aware, is now confided to the various Presbyteries of the Church for distribution: and any surplus remaining at the end of the year forwarded by them to the General Fund of the Synod. This fund is of very great importance to a large number of congregations in the rural districts of the country, and its claims are so universally appreciated and recognised as to require no commendation from your Committee.

NEW GLASGOW CONGREGATION.

This congregation still continues under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Mr. Binnie, and is likely to receive aid in future from the Presbytery of the Bounds, so that, beyond the present year, a special appropriation to it from our funds is not likely to be required.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the absence of a Foreign Mission of our own denomination, we have, for some years, taken an interest in the Mission of the Nova Scotian Church to the New Hebrides. At the date of our last report the most disastrous calamities had befallen the Missionaries and the Missionary buildings and property, which threatened to sweep entirely away the work of many years, and the object of many prayers and hopes. Since the last report, the Board of Missions have accepted several substitutes to supply the places of those taken away, and your Committee rejoice to know that the Missionaries left on the field send most encouraging reports that the blood of those Christian martyrs has not been shed in vain, but promises to bring about more tolerance for their successors, more enlightened inquiry into the message they bring, and it is to be hoped many converts from the darkness of Heathen ignorance and sin.

FRENCH CANADIAN COLPORTEUR.

Shortly after the last Annual Meeting, when your Committee communicated with the Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society, Mr. Ami, who had formerly been assigned as our agent, was in Montreal studying for the ministry, and there seemed no other at the time suited to take the place he formerly occupied as such.

After some time, Mr. Ami went to work in a new field, and sent in several reports, which your Committee had great pleasure in receiving, confirming their opinion of the great importance of the field in which he is engaged. As the French Canadian Missionary Society, however, has now recovered from the financial embarrassment that occasioned our entering on this agency, and other objects having a still more pressing claim on your funds, your Committee respectfully suggest that this be left entirely in the hands of the French Canadian Missionary Society.

FUNDS AND COLLECTORS.

Your Committee have great pleasure in noticing that this year there is again an increase in the amount of your contribu-

tions. They accept it as an evidence for good, and that having thus shown you appreciate and acknowledge the claims of the destitute, the ignorant, and the heathen, on your sympathies and liberality, they believe you will not stop short of the full measure of your ability, as God hath prospered you.

Your Committee again express the obligations of the Society to the collectors for their services during the past year, which have materially aided the prosperity of the Society.

IN CONCLUSION.

Your Committee think they only express the individual desire of every member of our Society, that each succeeding year should be more successful than its predecessor in works of zeal and liberality for the cause of Christ and humanity.

Appeals for aid and personal exertion multiply around us, illustrating the words of the Saviour, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already for the harvest." Be it ours, then, in the spirit of the servant of old, who said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—to give and work prayerfully, earnestly and liberally, that His kingdom may come and His will be done throughout the whole earth.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD FERRIE,

Secretary.

Dr. Warden King, Treasurer, in Account with Missionary Society, Cr.

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1862.	1862.
To Cash Balance - - - - - \$352 56½	By Cash Home Mission - - - - \$200 00
“ Per Collectors’ Books - - - 713 86½	“ Foreign “ - - - - - 100 00
“ Donations - - - - - 9 12½	“ French Colporter - - - - - 120 00
“ “ per Home Missions - 3 00	“ Miss Russell’s Salary - - - 240 00
“ “ “ Mission School - 3 00	“ Proportion Rent of School - 69 20
“ “ from Sabbath School	“ Sundries for School - - - 26 84
being \$10 per Mission “	“ Missionary Records - - - 54 17
and \$20 per Colporteur. 30 00	“ Printing Report and Collec-
“ Annual Collection - - - - 35 64	tion Books - - - - - 10 50
“ Monthly “ - - - - - 10 56	“ Balance on hand - - - - - 365 71
“ Premium of Exchange - - - 1 43	
“ School Fees - - - - - 27 24	
\$1186 42½	\$1186 42½
1863.	
To Cash Balance brought down, 365 71	

We have compared the above account with the vouchers, and find the same correct, and the balance in the Treasurer’s hand to be three hundred and sixty five dollars seventy one cents.

ANDREW ROBERTSON, } Auditors.
JOHN WATSON, }

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO
Missionary Society,
For 1862.

Archibald, Alexander	\$2 25	Ferrie, Archibald	6 00
Archibald, Adam	3 00	Guthrie, Mrs.	32½
Barrington, George	1 26	Gemmill, Mrs.	6 00
Brown, Mrs.	1 50	Garven, James	3 00
Bruce, George	1 00	Gray, James	3 23
Burns, John	3 50	Gilmour, William	1 50
Brown, David	12 00	Grant, Mrs.	1 50
Becket, J. C.	3 00	Gillespie, Miss	80
Brown, Miss	1 50	Hodges, John	3 00
Blackhall, Mrs.	2 50	Higgins, William	1 00
Buchanan, Mrs.	2 00	Henderson, Hugh	1 95
Beattie, William	1 62	Henderson, Mrs.	3 00
Brown, Alexander	2 25	Hislop, Miss	75
Brodie, Charles	1 50	Houston, Mrs.	1 50
Bennett, John	1 50	Haldane, James	3 00
Brown, James	1 50	Hodgson, Jonathan	3 75
Christie, C. T.	2 00	Hall, Mrs.	3 00
Cochrane James	6 00	Hutchison, John	6 00
Caton, Mary	1 50	Harrold, John	3 00
Church, Miss	1 50	Irvine, Thomas	3 00
Cassils, John	3 00	Johnston, James	1 50
Crosby, John	6 00	Johnston, Samuel	6 00
Cameron, Allan	3 00	Jeffery, James	1 50
Copeland, E. H.	15 00	Knox, James	2 00
Chipchase, James	3 00	Kerr, Miss	1 12½
Cowan, Hugh	37½	Kyle, Alexander	1 25
Creighton, James	1 00	King, Warden	18 00
Drysdale, Adam	1 50	Lilley, James	3 00
Dow, William	3 00	Laing, Murdoch	3 00
Dow, Finlay	1 50	Leighton, Mrs.	1 87½
Dougall, George	3 00	Lawson, William	70
Dougall, Helen	50	Lewis, John	4 00
Dougall, Jane	3 00	Laurie, James	2 25
Dawson, Dr.	6 00	Laurie, James Jr.	1 75
Duncan, Mrs.	1 40	Linton, Samuel	1 50
Duffrin, William	75	Loudon, John	75
Evans Stewart	6 00	McLean, Archibald	2 50
Evans, Samuel	1 50	McCulloch, Andrew	3 00
Fowler, Alexander	3 00	McCulloch, Michael	3 00

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McNaughton, A. Jr.	75	Rodgers, George	24 00
McQueen, Daniel	1 50	Rose, Alexander	6 00
McNaughton, A.	3 00	Roy, James	12 00
McCann, John	1 50	Robertson, John	23 00
McKenzie, William	3 00	Richardson, Mr.	6 00
McLaren, J. C.	2 00	Russell, Miss	3 00
McKenzie, Robert	5 50	Ross, James	20 00
McDonald, A.	3 00	Robertson, James	2 75
McFarlane, David	12 00	Russell, James	3 00
McCulloch, Mrs.	4 00	Robertson, Andrew	30 00
McGregor, James	4 50	Rutherford, William	12 00
McKay, David	6 00	Robb, William senr.	2 25
McKay, Samuel	2 50	Robinson, Thomas	3 00
McLaren, John	3 50	Rodger, David	4 00
McDonald, Mrs. D.	6 00		
McAdam, James	3 00	Shephard, George	2 50
McGuiness, Mrs.	1 50	Sutherland, Mrs.	3 00
McDougall, Alexander	3 00	Stuart, Mr.	50
McMillian, Donald	75	Stoddard, Helen	1 56
McNaughton, Mrs.	2 50	Smith, William	4 00
McConnell, James	2 00	Smith, Francis	1 50
McAdam, Chas.	1 37½	Smillie, David	1 50
Maitland, William	3 00	Sutherland, James	3 00
Morrow, W. W.	1 25	Sleath, David	1 85
Morrison, Mary	1 50	Smith, Mrs.	1 50
Maxwell, James	2 00	Stewart, William	3 00
Maxwell, Miss	1 50		
Monteith, Miss	1 87½	Taylor, Rev. Dr.	18 00
Marcou, J. L.	1 75	Taylor, Dr. Wm. M.D.	2 25
Middleton, William	3 00	Taylor, James	6 00
Morgan, Henry	12 00	Taylor, Alexander	75
Millar, Mr.	2 00	Thorburn, George	5 00
Millar, Miss	2 00	Thomson, Johnston	6 00
Maxwell, Edward	6 00	Thompson, John	3 00
Martin, Mary	50	Turner, Peter	4 80
Maxwell, A.	1 50	Turner, Miss	2 40
Morice, James	9 00	Thomson, James	3 00
Morice, John	1 50	Thomson, Robert	1 50
Murray, Alexander	3 00	Thomson, David	75
Nisbet, Henry	3 00	West, J. R.	3 00
Norval,	1 00	West, A. B.	1 50
Nimmo, Mr.	50	Wilson, Robert	2 00
		Walker, James	18 00
Oliver, Jane	3 00	Wood, Samuel	2 00
Oliver, R. S.	10 00	Watson John	13 00
		Wright, William	80
		Wark, David	3 00
Paterson, N.	2 50	Wylie, James	1 50
Poet, Mrs.	4 00	Watson, John	1 50
Paton, Laird	21 00	Wark, Mrs.	3 00
Paterson, W. J.	2 25	Young, Christina	2 00

SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIETY.
OFFICE LEARERS FOR 1863.

President

REV. WM. TAYLOR, D.D.

Vice-President.

MR LAIRD PATON.

Superintendent.

JAMES WALKER.

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DAVID MACKAY.

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JAMES MAXWELL.
JAMES ROSS.
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WM. RUTHERFORD.
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SAMUEL WOODS.

Mrs TAYLOR.
" WARK.
" BUCHANAN.
Misses. BROWN.
CHURCH.
COCHRAN.
POET.
MACKAY.
McCULLOCH.
FERGUSON.

Misses GUTHRIE.
MAXWELL.
EVANS.
MARTHA BROWN.
WYLLIE.
SOPHIA MAXWELL.
CAUYCHON.
RICHARDSON.
McDONALD.
FULLARTON.

Miss MORICE.

R E P O R T
OF THE
Sabbath School,
For 1862.

Since my installation in office about this period last year, the Spring, the Summer, the Autumn, have come and passed, and the revolution of time has brought again the hour when it becomes my duty to lay before you the usual summary of the transactions of the year gone by.

It will be remembered, that at the close of the Children's Soiree upon the 24th of January last, several friends kindly intimated, through our reverend pastor, that they were desirous to encourage, stimulate, and interest the youth attending the Sabbath School, by bestowing Silver Medals upon those who should stand highest for the following:—

- 1st. For repeating the Gospel of St. Matthew from the 5th chapter onwards.
- 2nd. For repeating the greatest number of the Psalms.
- 3rd. For the best attendance at Church and School.
- 4th. For introducing to the Sabbath School the greatest number of children who have not been attending any such School before.

Before proceeding further, I would mention that, on consideration, it was deemed utterly impracticable to make a satisfactory settlement on the 3rd matter in the list, and accordingly at a meeting of the teachers it was agreed, with the consent of the donor, to transfer it to the 4th.

The 1st, which is the only one yet competed for, was, after a patient and impartial hearing, awarded to Master James Henderson, a member of Mr. Paton's class.

There were but four boys who publicly strove for the reward, viz.:—

MASTER JAMES HENDERSON.

“ JOHN HODGE.

MASTER ROBERT CROSBY.

“ JOHN CROSBY.

with the result announced.

The others, however, acquitted themselves so satisfactorily, that, as an appreciation of their efforts, each received a handsome book appropriately inscribed.

It cannot be concealed, that in this instance, the incitement to engrave Scripture truth upon the mind has very much failed of its anticipated effect, when, out of 150 scholars, not more than four have been found willing to exert themselves.

The other prizes will be competed for in a very short time, and will be properly introduced into the succeeding year's Report.

This year a new publication has been introduced into the School entitled “Treasury for the Young,” edited by the young person, spoken of by Dr. Taylor at the last Annual Meeting, which has appeared to please and rivet the attention of the children quite as much as the American Publication heretofore circulated. The anecdotes have been short, simple, suggestive—the illustrations fair, while the Scripture questions propounded have been of a nature to engender thought, bring the memory into exercise, and incite to a more diligent search of the Word of Life.

The Library, under the charge of Messrs. T. Mackay and Richardson, (Mr. James Brown having resigned office in the month of June) has been efficiently conducted, and has afforded a large amount of instruction to the children as well as to some of the teachers. The Report laid before you at last Annual Meeting, stated that it had been supplied with entirely fresh reading matter, consequently some time will elapse ere the complaints we were in the habit of hearing, are likely to arise.

On the Teacher's Roll these alterations have taken place:—

- 1st. Miss Middleton, who, by marriage has been withdrawn from us.
- 2nd. Miss Dougall, who has removed to the School at Mile End.
- 3rd. Miss McDougall, who has gone for a time to New York.

I am happy, however, to say that their places have been well filled by Misses Cauychon, Ferguson and Sophia Maxwell, likewise that Mr. John Brown has become an Assistant Teacher, while a valuable accession has been made to our ranks by the return of Mr. Paton.

The attendance has been very regular throughout the year, and the teachers when asked to assist in opening or closing the exercises have willingly responded.

I would merely remind you of the decease of one who was wont with whole heart and mind to co-operate in this good work—Miss Evans. That she did what she could while in health, must have proved a source of comfort while languishing with sickness. She hath been taken—we are left. See that *our* privileges are improved.

The children, in their attendance, have been very regular, the average, in the course of the year, being 142. Though some, of the boys especially, show a levity and carelessness of behaviour, sadly at variance both with the place and what is taught, yet the larger number afford great encouragement to their teachers by their attentive and respectful bearing, their anxiety to comprehend and feel the truths set forth, and the accurate manner in which they repeat what they have committed.

I cannot say that any child has fallen under my notice as sensible of its being a lost sinner, and apprehensive of the mercy of God. These emotions may, notwithstanding, be operating invisible to the eye of man.

The Devotional Meeting upon Sabbath morning has been sustained as in former years.

The whole respectfully submitted, by

JAMES WALKER,

Montreal, Dec. 24, 1862.

Superintendent.

Dr.

Sabbath School Mission Fund, in account with D. Mackay, Treasurer.

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1863.	
January.	To Collections in 1862, - - \$36 87
	“ Collections received this month, 3 24
	“ Amount received from children by cards at Soiree, - - - 56 70
	“ Sabbath School on St. Helen's Island for Foreign Missions, per L. Paton, - - - 1 02
	“ Balance due Treasurer, - - 3 80
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1862.	
January.	By Balance of 1861, - - - \$ 63
	“ Vote at Soiree:
	Mission School, - - - 10 00
	French Canadian Missionary Society, - - - 10 00
	C. P. C. Sabbath School As- sociation, - - - 10 00
	C. S. School Union, - - 5 00
	Labrador Mission, - - 5 00
	New Mission Ship, Nova Sco- tia Foreign Mission to New Hebrides, - - - 51 00
	C. P. C. Home Mission, - 10 00
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Examined and found correct,

JAMES WALKER.
JAMES ROSS

Doreas Society.

President.

MRS. TAYLOR.

Secretary and Treasurer.

MRS. JOHN WATSON.

The Society is conducted by the Ladies of the congregation. The poor of the congregation and the children of the Mission School are supplied with clothing, and other needy cases are attended to when the funds admit.

Donations in cash received during the year, \$29-25, also a number of parcels of clothing.