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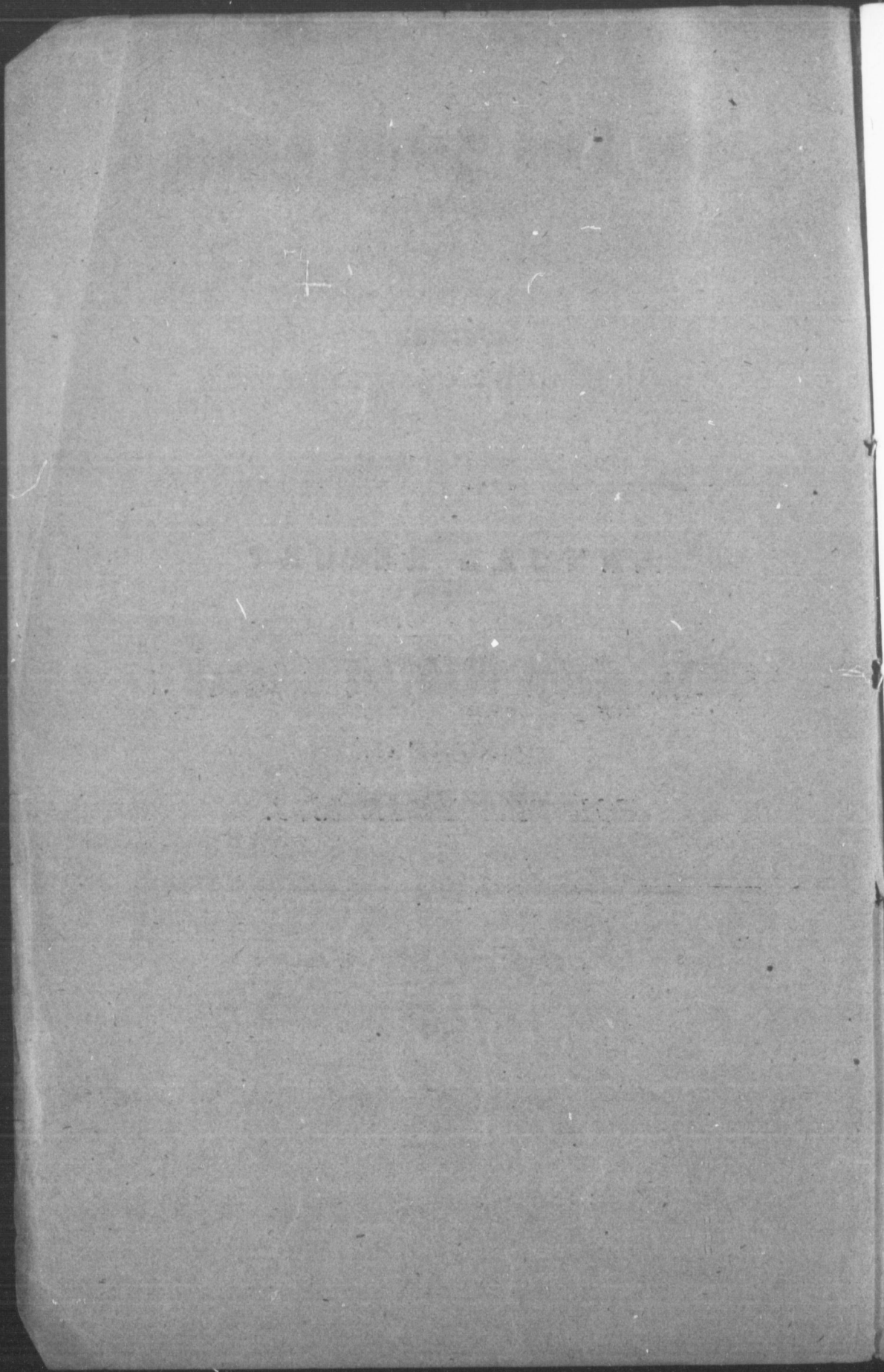
ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Saint Gabriel Church

MONTREAL,

FOR THE YEAR 1873.



The Saint Gabriel Church,

MONTREAL.

(ST. GABRIEL STREET, EAST END OF ST. JAMES' STREET.)

MINISTER :

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, M.A.

(Inducted, 13th December, 1866.)

Residence,—299 DORCHESTER STREET,

After May 1st,—291 ST. CHARLES BORROMEE ST.

ELDERS :

<i>Date of appointment.</i>		<i>Date of appointment.</i>	
A. B. Stewart.....	May 19, 1867.	Robert Brodie....	Nov. 19, 1871.
James Lillie.....	Sept. 13, 1868.	William Hood....	" " "
Wm. Patton.....	" " "	John A. Stuart....	" " "

Clerk of Kirk-Session,—A. B. Stewart.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES :

Alexander Bertram,
Alexander R. Brown,
William Darling,
James Duncan,
William L. Haldimand,
William Hood,

E. J. Kemp,
William Patton,
William Reed,
James Robertson,
David Sleeth,
David Strachan.

Chairman,—W. Darling, 30 St. Sulpice Street.

Secretary,—W. Reed, 309 Commissioners Street.

Treasurer,—William L. Haldimand, 253 St. Paul Street.

Auditors,—D. Tait and Thos. Watson.

The Board of Trustees meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Church Officer,—DAVID BICKERSTAFF, 152 St. Urbain Street.

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

DISTRICT NO. I.—James Lillie, *Hochelaga*.

From Papineau Road and Papineau Square, East and North, including Longueuil.

DISTRICT NO. II.—John A Stuart, *15 Montcalm Street*.

From Papineau Road and Square, West to Campeau Street, including the latter.

DISTRICT NO. III.—William Hood, *88 St. Hubert Street*.

From Campeau Street to Sanguinet and Gosford Streets, including the latter.

DISTRICT NO. IV.—William Patton, *154 Wellington Street*.

From Sanguinet Street to St. Urbain Street, both excluded, and from Craig Street northward.

DISTRICT NO. V.—Robert Brodie, *2 Bleury Street*.

From St. Urbain Street to St. Radegonde Street and Beaver Hall Hill, and from Craig Street northward.

DISTRICT NO. VI.—A. B. Stewart, *346 St. Antoine Street*.

From McGill, St. Radegonde and Beaver Hall Streets, westward.

DISTRICT NO. VII.—

From Gosford Street to McGill Street, and from Craig Street to the River.

The Kirk-Session holds monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7 o'clock p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Lord's Day—at 11 a.m and 7 p.m.

Weekly Lecture—on Wednesday Evening at 7:45 o'clock.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS.

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

Superintendent,—A. B. Stewart.

Assistant Superintendent,—A. R. Brown.

Secretary,—John MacBeth Taylor.

Treasurer,—Robert Stewart.

Librarian,—William Sleeth.

Assistant Librarian,—Alex. McCubbin.

Teachers,—Mrs D. Hood, Misses Bertram, Brown, Cunningham, Macqueen, McNaughton, Taylor, and Thom; Messrs. Brown, Mantach, McFee, McTavish, Stuart, and Tait.

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

THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Meets every Tuesday Evening, during the winter months, at Eight o'clock.

Honorary President,—Rev. R. Campbell, M.A.

President,—A. R. Brown.

Vice-President,—W. O. McRobie.

Secretary,—R. Stewart.

Treasurer,—T. Watson.

Committee,—W. Darling, jr., John M. Taylor, Angus Thom.

THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

President, Rev. R. Campbell; *Vice-Presidents*, J. Lillie and J. Robertson; *Treasurer*, W. McRobie; *Secretary*, T. Watson; *Auditors*, A. R. Brown and D. Sleeth, jr.; *Committee*, Messrs. Bertram, R. Brodie, W. Darling, J. Duncan, W. Ewing, W. L. Haldimand, W. Hood, W. Patton, W. Reed, David Sleeth, A. B. Stewart, and John A. Stuart; *Collectors*, District No. 1, Misses Bennet and Thom; No. 2, Misses McNaughton and Taylor; No. 3, Mrs. McNiece and Miss Bowie; No. 4, Misses Hood and Macqueen; No. 5, Misses Casler and Cunningham; No. 6, Mrs. D. Hood and Mrs. Brown.

DORCAS SOCIETY.

Directress,—Mrs. Campbell.

Secretary-Treasurer,—Mrs. Haldimand.

Purchasing Committee,—Mrs. A. B. Stewart and Mrs. Haldimand.

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The Synod has appointed public collections to be made in all Churches during the year for the following objects :

(1) The object of the Sustentation Fund is to provide a supplement of at least \$200 per annum to each Minister, in the active service of the Church, who is not in the receipt of an annual allowance or grant from the Temporalities Board. The yearly amount required to meet the claims on this fund is about \$10,000 ; and, by appointment of the Synod, the collections for it are taken up *half-yearly*—on the first Sabbaths of March and September.

(2) The collection for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund is made on the 1st Sabbath of January in each year. The number of annuitants is 38, and of Children 53: the amount paid to whom in 1873 was \$4636. Each Minister of the Church at his ordination comes under an agreement to contribute \$12 annually to this Fund.

(3) The French Mission Fund contemplates the supply of religious instruction for those of our countrymen—speaking the French language—to whom our influence may extend. Mr. Tanner officiates in St. John's Church in the French language every Sunday.

(4) The Scholarship and Bursary Fund is for the assistance and encouragement of deserving students, having the ministry in view.

(5) The Rev. T. Hart, M.A., was sent in 1872 as missionary to Manitoba. He is at present both preaching every Lord's day and teaching in the Presbyterian College during the week. The Rev. W. C. Clarke, formerly Minister of Ormstown, was also recently designated to this field. This Manitoba Mission is now commended to the liberality of our people.

*To the Members and Adherents of St. Gabriel
Church :*

DEAR BRETHREN,

According to what has become now a custom with us, I take advantage of the publication of the Annual Report of the Congregation, to place before you in a permanent form, which you can reflect upon at leisure, a few words in relation to the spiritual affairs of the Congregation. I have to congratulate you upon the prosperity which the Lord has vouchsafed to us. Our experience has, indeed, been of that mingled character that belongs to all human affairs: there have been drawbacks and adversities—there have been backslidings and impieties among us—but, on the whole, as we look back over the way by which Our Heavenly Father has led us, for the past twelve months, I ask you to join me in raising our Ebenezer, and in saying, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” I trust there have been advances in the spiritual life, and a gradually growing intelligence in Divine things. It would be painful to believe otherwise; and the promises of God lead us confidently to expect such results to follow the faithful though inefficient administration of Word and ordinances among a Christian people. So far as statistics are an index, we have ground for encouragement. The Communion roll now contains the names of 331 persons, to which 50 were added during the year, and from which 24 were removed by death or otherwise, leaving an aggregate gain of 26 communicants. The number of families now having a connection more or less intimate with the Congregation is 177. Fifteen new families have identified themselves with us during the past year, while we have lost six by death or removal from the city and district. I have celebrated

17 marriages, solemnized 37 baptisms, and officiated at 21 burials, either personally or by deputy; 7 instances of burial, however, were of strangers or persons belonging to other congregations. From these facts it is manifest that our lot has been a fair specimen of the average experience of mortals on earth: mercy has predominated over judgment, and joy has overtopped sorrow.

All the congregational machinery is in harmonious working order. The Sabbath School is prosperous: the Missionary Association is doing its work effectively though quietly: the Dorcas Society is easily able to overtake with the funds on hand all cases of real want in the Congregation: the Young Men's Association is maintaining its former reputation for vigor and ability: and the Choir is now stronger in numbers than at any former period. Taking these various organizations together, a large portion of the Congregation is embraced in them, and thus that most desirable of all conditions is partially realized, of every one connected with it feeling that he or she has something to do—as John Wesley said, “All working and always working.” And we have only to be true to ourselves, to be devoted to the work of the Lord in this district of the city, to be hearty and united in our efforts to promote the prosperity of the Congregation, to secure a continuance of the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, who hath promised: “Lo, I am with you alway, unto the end of the world.”

Ever your faithful friend and Pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION,
*In accordance with Article 2 of the Rules and Regulations of
 St. Gabriel Church.*

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church was held in the Church on the evening of Wednesday, the 14th January, 1874.

On motion, Mr. A. B. STEWART was called on to preside, and Mr. W. REED requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting was opened by praise, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer by the Rev. R. Campbell.

The minutes of the last annual congregational meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Trustees for the past year; also the Treasurer's statement of Receipts and Disbursements, duly audited by Messrs. Tait and Watson, for the year ending 31st December, 1873.

It was moved by Mr. WATSON and seconded by Mr. BAIN, "That the Report now read be received and adopted; and, together with the Reports of the other organizations of the Church, and the Financial Statement, be printed for the information of the Congregation."—Carried.

Abstracts of Reports of the Missionary Association, and Dorcas Society, were submitted.

Moved by Mr. TAIT, seconded by Mr. ANDERSON, and carried: "That the four retiring Trustees, namely, Messrs. W. Darling, J. Duncan, W. Patton, and D. Sleeth, be re-elected."

On motion of Mr. J. ROBERTSON, seconded by Mr. W. REED, Messrs. Tait and Watson were elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. McROBIE, seconded by Mr. J. A. STUART, and carried unanimously: "That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to Mr. W. L. Haldimand, for the clear financial statement which he, as Treasurer, has laid before the meeting."

Moved by Mr. BERTRAM, seconded by Mr. HOOD, "That the warmest thanks of the Congregation are due, and are now tendered to the members of the Choir for their valuable services in aiding the Psalmody of the Church during the past year."—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. R. CAMPBELL, seconded by Mr. SLEETH, and carried: "That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Bertram, McRobie, Patton, Brown and Watson, be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Ladies of the Congregation, as to the desirability of holding a Congregational Soiree as soon as the new lecture room is completed; and should they decide on carrying out the proposal, to report to Mr. Campbell as soon as possible."

It was then moved by Mr. Patton that Mr. Stewart do now leave the chair, and Rev. Mr. Campbell being called thereto, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Stewart, which was duly acknowledged.

Mr. Campbell having pronounced the benediction, the meeting was closed.

A. B. STEWART, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM REED, *Secretary.*

Seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of St. Gabriel Church.

At this, the seventh annual meeting of the congregation of St. Gabriel Church, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, your Trustees beg to submit for your consideration a report of their proceedings and operations for the past year, to which they invite your careful attention.

It will be remembered that by a resolution of last annual meeting, the recommendation of your Trustees (made with some hesitation), that the system of fixed pew rents should be substituted for voluntary contributions, was adopted. This has been carried out during the past year, and your Trustees are pleased to find that it gave general satisfaction. An increase of revenue is eventually looked for as a result of the change, though no great augmentation of our resources could be expected for the first year. The ready acquiescence of the Congregation in the method was, however, very gratifying.

The expectation of greater punctuality in the payment of pew-rents which was one of the results hoped for under the new arrangement, has not, however, been realized, the arrears being still too large, \$464 remaining unpaid on the 31st Decr. The Treasurer's statement, now submitted, while shewing an increase in the amount collected from pew rents over previous years, exhibits a falling off in our ordinary collections, which from the experience of past years was not anticipated.

An examination of the account will show that had the system of paying quarterly, as resolved upon at last annual meeting, been carried out, and the pew rents all collected, our receipts would have covered all our liabilities, but in consequence of the non-payment of the seat-rents, your Trustees have again had to draw on the interest received from the Manse property, which it was hoped they would not have had occasion to use for ordinary expenses.

At the close of the year they expected, from the rates at which the pews were rented, to present a statement showing that the receipts from pew rents and collections in the Church were sufficient to meet all disbursements; and this hope would

still be realized if the over-due seat-rents were paid. The Trustees would then be able to replace the amount they have taken from the interest of the fund before mentioned.

Our Treasurer has constant calls upon him which have to be promptly met, and the Congregation ought to consider it a pleasing duty to lighten his labours, as much as possible, by being equally prompt in keeping their engagements with him.

Improvements to the Church have been forced upon us, and money had to be borrowed to carry them out, the interest of which will have to be provided for, and will fall upon ordinary revenue.

Your Trustees have reason to believe that our ordinary and special collections will bear comparison very favorably with those of other churches, and are convinced that the Congregation only require to be made fully aware of the amount of arrears of seat-rents, and the necessity for their payment, in order that the current expenses may be duly provided for.

The opening up of the continuation of St. James Street, thus giving another frontage to the Church, and making it a more prominent object on the street, necessitated some steps being taken to embellish it, and at the same time to make sundry repairs and some additions, which had become absolutely indispensable if we continued to have proper respect for the building in which we met to worship; therefore at the regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the 7th May, which was held at the Church (our respected Pastor and members of the Session being present), after a careful survey it was decided that plans and specifications should be called for, with a view of ascertaining the probable expense of the various improvements and repairs required. Your Trustees finally decided that \$2000 should be raised by mortgage on the Church property, and for this purpose, in accordance with Article VI. of the Rules and Regulations, a duly executed authority from qualified voters, members of St. Gabriel Church, was sought and obtained, and the money borrowed from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The change effected in the appearance of the interior of the Church, and the great and much needed accommodation to be

afforded to the Sunday School and evening meetings, by the building being erected in the rear, and expected to be ready for occupation at an early day, must testify to the wisdom of the resolution of the Congregation to make this expenditure, and when the approach in front is completed, which cannot be done till spring, the increased value of the Church property, thus improved, will amply compensate for all such money laid out.

Your Trustees considered it advisable that an effort should be made to obtain from Government that piece of ground in the rear of the Church, on the Champ de Mars, so as to make their building more complete. A memorial was prepared by Mr. Campbell, with which he proceeded to Ottawa, and laid the matter before the Department of Militia and Defence, obtaining for the Church a lease of the ground in question for (21) twenty-one years (renewable), a nominal rental of (25c.) twenty-five cents per annum being charged; which lease has been duly executed. For procuring this useful addition to the limits of the Church property, we are much indebted to our Minister, as the prompt concession of the same was due to his exertions in the matter.

The retiring Trustees at this time are Wm. Darling, J. Duncan, W. Patton, David Sleeth, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. DARLING, *Chairman.*

W. REED, *Secretary.*

Dr. The SAINT GABRIEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in account with W. L. HALDIMAND, Treasurer, *Cr.*
for the Year ending 31st December, 1873.

<p>1873. Dec. 31. To paid Minister's Stipend \$1600.00 " Church Officer's Salary 120.00 " Precentor's Salary 160.00 " Presbytery Expenses 6.00 " Synod Expenses 18.00 " Interest to Widows' and Orphans' Fund... 5.22 " Special Collections, 7 distinct objects 350.78 " Insurance \$20.00; Gas Accounts \$93.58... 113.58 " For Wood 15.25 " Sundries as per Receipts 26.96 " Synod's Fund 10.00 " Sabbath School Ass. 10.00 " Printing Report and Communion Cards... 25.00 " John Dougall & Son for Advertising 10.00 " Session Expenses 4.00 " Stoves, and Sundries per acct 76.16 " Collecting Accounts 7.75 " Ground Rent50 " Balance in hands of Treasurer 48.55</p> <hr/> <p>E. & O. E. Montreal, January 9th, 1874.</p>	<p>1873. Jan. 1. By Balance in hands of Treasurer \$6.81</p> <p>Dec. 31. By Amount received for Pew Rents 1399.75 " Ordinary Collections 437.41 " Interest from J. H. Mooney to 1st Nov. 413.00 " Special Collections, viz: Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$66.83 Presbytery Fund 58.55 Sabbath School Fund 65.27 Dorcas Society 9.35 Presbytery Home Mission Fund 52.00 Manitobah Mission Fund 64.40 " Presbyterian" 34.38</p> <hr/> <p>1874. Jan. 1. By Balance in hands of Treasurer \$48.55</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2607.75</p>
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The above is correct.

{ THOS. WATSON, Auditor.
D. TAIT, Auditor.

Abstract of Annual Report of the Missionary Association.

The amount reported is less by \$23.00 than what was shown last year. This is explained partly by the disorganization of the Association's operations through the prolonged illness and absence of the President, and partly by the fact that the former year's proceeds covered thirteen months instead of twelve, owing to a change in the part of the month in which the collections were made. The monthly and quarterly meetings were not held on account of the Minister's illness in the earlier part of the year, and on account of the repairs being made in the church during the latter months. But the prospect is good that these things shall be more successfully carried out in future, and that as a consequence the collectors will be animated to still greater selfdenying zeal in the good cause, and the contributors influenced to increased liberality.

All the enterprises of the church, as usual, shared in the proceeds of the collections made by the Ladies. The Sustentation Fund of course has drawn most largely upon our resources, as we are in honour bound, as a congregation, to raise \$200 annually for it. To this object the greater part of the general fund has by a tacit arrangement been devoted, in addition to the contributions set apart for it by subscribers themselves. But it is one of the happy consequences which we expect union to bring about, that we shall be relieved of the pressure which this scheme imposes upon us. The Treasurer's statement shows the amounts collected in the several districts as well as the objects that have been aided by our efforts. It is to be understood, however, that most of these schemes have also obtained assistance from collections in the Church; so that the Association's work is properly supplementary of what is accomplished by the ordinary congregational machinery.

Dr. W. M. O. McROBIE in account with the MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION of St. GABRIEL CHURCH, *Cr.*
for the year ending 30th September, 1873.

To Collected by Misses Bennett and Thom.....	\$63.00	By paid Sustentation Fund.....	\$141.45
" " McNaughton and Sleeth.....	29.90	" " Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund....	43.85
" " Mrs. Campbell and Miss Bowie....	72.98	" " French Mission Fund.....	64.90
" " Misses Hood and Macqueen.....	29.30	" " Bursary Fund.....	25.00
" " " Casler and Cuninghame.....	38.93	" " Mitchell & Wilson, printing.....	5.25
" " Mrs. D. Hood and Miss C. Patton..	43.75	" " Balance.....	92.33
" " Donation (R. B.).....	5.00		
" " Balance from last year	89.82		
	<u>\$372.78</u>		<u>\$372.78</u>

Dr. ST. GABRIEL SABBATH SCHOOL in account with R. STEWART. *Cr.*

1873.		By paid for Boilers.....	\$8.00
To Donation from Mrs. W. Darling in aid of Library.	\$5.00	" " East End Mission	10.00
" " Collection in church	36.27	" " Presbytery do.	10.00
" " Missionary Collections	59.03	" " McAdam's account	49.83
" " Balance from last year	30.50	By balance on hand	52.97
	<u>\$130.80</u>		<u>\$130.80</u>

Library contains 432 Volumes. Roll of Scholars in Sabbath School including Bible Class 171. Average Attendance 92.
The Library received a donation of 75 vols. from A. B. Stewart, Esq., and Maps of "Palestine" & "Bible Lands" from 2 friends.

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Dr. W. O. McROBIE in account with ST. GABRIEL *Cr.*
CHURCH YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION for '72-73.

To Special Subscriptions for		By Expenses of Festival..	\$73.61
Festival	\$68.75	" Balance on hand.....	5.94
" Proceeds of sale of cakes			
not used	5.30		
" Members' Fees	5.50		
	<u>\$79.55</u>		<u>\$79.55</u>

Dr. DORCAS SOCIETY, ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, *Cr.*
in account with M. A. HALDIMAND.

1872.		1872-73.	
Oct. 15—Cash on hand....	\$34.58	By aid to the poor.....	\$46.05
Collections	43 50	Oct. 7—Cash on hand.....	32.03
	<u>\$78.08</u>		<u>\$78.08</u>

On the first of February, since the date of the Annual Meeting, special Services were held in commemoration of the renovation of the Church, and the opening of the new Lecture Room, and collections were taken on behalf of the Repair Fund, amounting to about \$90. A congregational Soiree was also held on the evening of the third of February, which proved very pleasant, and was successful financially; but the proceeds of these special Services will fall to be embraced in the next annual report. As usual, considerable sums have been raised in the congregation by extra congregational agency, which are not here reported.

PEW RENTS.

The scale of Rents will be as follows, payable quarterly in advance:

IN BODY OF CHURCH:

<i>Pew Nos.</i>	<i>Pews.</i>	<i>Rental.</i>	<i>Revenue.</i>
87—94; 101—108; 71—98; 57—64....	32 ...	\$20 ...	\$640
83—86; 109—112; 79—82; 53—56....	16 ...	10 ...	160
98, 100, 70, 65, 67	5 ...	10 ...	50
36, 127	2 ...	20 ...	40
128, 129; 33—35	5 ...	10 ...	50

SIDE SITTINGS:

37—51; 114—126	28 ...	10 ...	280
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GALLERY:

4, 7, 8, 23, 24, 27...	6 ...	20 ...	120
11, 20, 3, 28	4 ...	15 ...	60
12, 19	2 ...	25 ...	50
<i>Remainder of Gallery, available, say.....</i>	13 ...	10 ...	130
	113		\$1580

Single sittings to be arranged for with the Treasurer.