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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Church Wardens of Christ Church Cathedral in submitting their Annual Report, in compliance with the By-Laws of the Vestry, have to congratulate the members upon the improved financial condition of the Church, owing to their very liberal subscriptions in liquidation of the Church debt.

The Church Wardens desire to revert to the purchase of a site for a Parsonage-House, in order to supply what they inadvertently omitted to state on a former occasion, that Mr. Bagg, from whom the lot was purchased, liberally deducted fifty-pounds from the purchase-money as his contribution towards the object in view.

A subject of much interest to the members of the Cathedral, is the provision which has been made for the Assistant-Ministers. It must be remembered that, with great economy, the income of the Cathedral will barely suffice to meet that additional charge. The Church Wardens, therefore, appeal to the members for an increase of their weekly liberality at the Offertory, as the easiest mode of increasing the revenues of the Cathedral.

It is well known to the members of the Cathedral that it is bounded on one side by a vacant lot. Suggestions had been made, that the possession of this lot would be a great advantage to the Church. For the purpose of ascertaining the views of the members thereon, a meeting of the Vestry was called, but as only the Lord Bishop of Montreal, the Rector and the Church Wardens attended that meeting, it was considered unnecessary to entertain the subject further.

It is gratifying to state, that the large amount subscribed for paying the Church debt has all proved good, with the exception of five pounds.

Having brought before you the various matters connected with the secular management of the Church, we have only further to present the following financial statement:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand at Easter, 1853,.....	£	4	10	6		
Pew Rent due Sept. 29, 1853,.....	£	919	16	6		
Pew Rent due Sept. 29, 1854,.....		985	10	1½		
		1905	6	7½		
Collected,.....		1203	1	4½	1203	1
						4½
Balance payable,.....	£	702	5	3		
Subscriptions towards Church debt,.....		1223	0	0		
Fees for Tolling Church Bell,.....		3	0	0		
Sale of Pew to F. Noad, Esq.,.....		20	0	0		
Exchange of Pew, S. C. Bagg, Esq.,.....		2	10	0		
Proceeds of Parsonage Lot,.....		12	0	0		
Proceeds of Old Metal,.....		2	5	2½		
Interest on Note,.....		0	19	4		
	£	2471	6	5		

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Amount Paid.	Amount of Debt.	Voluntary Deduction.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Paid Samuel Gerrard, Esq.	1475 0 0	1648 5 5	173 5 5	
Paid Estate of the late J. Torrance	45 18 0	52 3 2	6 5 2	
Paid Estate of the late G. Platt	94 16 0	94 16 0		
Paid Salaries for year ending at Easter, 1854	487 15 0			
Paid Insurance, Fuel, and Contingent Expenses	318 11 4			
Balance on hand	49 6 1			
	2471 6 5	1795 4 7	179 10 7	£2471 6 5

The recent destructive fire adjoining the Cathedral has prompted an increase in its Insurance, which now amounts to £15,000.

OFFERTORY.

The Receipts and Disbursements of the Offertory during the past year, have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance Cash on hand at Easter, 1853,.....	£ 22 0 9
Collections after Divine Service, exclusive of £117 13s. 3d.	
Special Collections,.....	428 18 8
Donations,.....	2 9 8
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	£453 9 1

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Pew Openers,.....	£ 35 2 6
Paid Mrs. Mather, for Board of Infirm persons,.....	58 4 9
Paid Seventeen Pensioners, receiving from 7s. 6d. to 25s. per month, and in small sums to distressed persons,.....	127 18 8
Paid Ladies' Benevolent Institution for Board of Children,.....	21 0 0
Paid for Wood,.....	38 8 4
Paid Cab Hire to Burial Ground,.....	3 18 9
Paid St. Stephens Chapel—Poor Funds,....	3 0 0
Paid Subscription to Dispensary,.....	2 10 0
Paid Digging Graves,.....	3 15 0
Paid Sacramental Wines,.....	4 17 9
Paid J. R. Bronsdon, for Coffins,.....	4 10 0
Paid Assistant Minister,.....	97 12 6.
Paid for a Book,.....	0 4 6
Paid last Payment for Cemetery for Burial Ground for the Poor,.....	52 6 4
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	£453 9 1

THOMAS MUSSEN, }
W. A. TOWNSEND, } *Church Wardens.*

Montreal, April 17, 1854.