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FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
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St. Catherine
The Annual Meeting of the Board of City Missions of the Canada Presbyterian Church in Montreal, was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 28th February, 1867, in Erskine Church, Dorchester Street; John Redpath, Esq., in the chair. After devotional exercise the Secretary read the Annual Report, after which it was moved by Rev. Dr. Taylor, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Irvine, and supported by F. W. Torrance, Esq.,

"That the Report now read be adopted, printed, and circulated, and that the following be the office-Bearers for the ensuing year.

President,

MR. JOHN REDPATH.

Vice-Presidents,

REV. DR. TAYLOR,
" DR. IRVINE,
" D. E. McVICAR.

REV. J. M. GIBSON.
" ALEX. YOUNG.

Secretary.

MR. DAVID MORRICE.

Treasurer.

were
MR. JOHN STIRLING.

Addresses was also delivered by Rev. Alex. Young, Subject:—"The relations of the Church to Missions;" by Rev. D. H. McVicar, Subject:—"The Success of Missions;" by Rev. J. M. Gibson, Subject:—"Home Missions specially to the poor;" by Mr. Thomson:—Same Subject.

OFFICE BEARERS, 1867.

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Mr. JOHN REDPATH.

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MR. JOHN STIRLING.

Committee

ON FINANCE.

MR. ANDREW ROBERTSON, *Convener.*
MR. PETER REDPATH, MR. JOHN STIRLING.
MR. W. D. McLAREN, MR. WILLIAM BROWN,
MR. ROBERT GARDNER.

CITY MISSIONARY AGENCY.

REV. J. M. GIBSON, *Convener.*

REV. DR. TAYLOR, MESSRS. GEO. ROGERS,
" " IRVINE, " WM. ROWAN,
" D. H. McVICAR, " JOHN CAMPBELL,
" ALEX. YOUNG, " THOS. MUIR.

ON DAY SCHOOLS.

MR. W. D. McLAREN, *Convener.*

MR. WARDEN KING, MR. DAVID McKAY.
MR. ADAM STEVENSON, MR. WILLIAM BROWN.
MR. JAMES BROWN.

*Committee of Ladies to superintend the general working of the Charitable
part of the Mission of Mile-End Day School.*

MRS. FLEET, *Convener.*

MRS. PETER REDPATH, MRS. GEORGE BROWN,
" BUCHANAN, " JAS. MOONEY,
" BRUCE,

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF CITY MISSIONS.

This the fourth Annual Report of the Board of City Missions is submitted with feelings of devout gratitude to God. We have to thank Him for His goodness in making us His instruments of doing something for His Glory. We exult this year in the transformation of one of our Missionary Stations into a flourishing and sustaining Congregation, with a pastor and full appliances for carrying on the ordinance of the Gospel.

In the first year of the existence of this Board it was enabled to sustain a City Missionary; for want of means, however, his services were discontinued. The Board had also provided funds for the Sabbath School Association in connection with our Church, but other arrangements were made which rendered that Association independent of our aid. Our other Missionary efforts have been—

THE ERECTION OF ST. JOSEPH STREET CHURCH.

This Church was built in the year 1862, and opened for public worship in 1863. Owing to the increasing numbers attending, it was enlarged in the year 1865, and it can now accommodate 556 persons with sittings. At the commencement of this year from the last Annual Report presented to you, we find it with a diminished attendance, an irregular supply of preaching, and a debt on the building of about \$10,000—a conjuncture of affairs truly discouraging—but some of the good people of St. Joseph Street were not discouraged, a meeting of the congregation was held on the 31st of June last, when it was resolved, “That it is the desire of the congregation of the C. P. Church of St. Joseph Street, to have a Pastor permanently settled over them, at as early a date as practicable, and also saying that they

could sustain a Pastor themselves, if the affairs of the Church were placed under their own charge." After careful consideration by the Board, and an examination of all the circumstances connected with the finances of the Church, "the Board agreed "to remove \$6,000 of the debt, on certain conditions which "were, that the congregation of St. Joseph Street agree to "assume the remainder of the debt, being \$2,000 and the purchase money of the ground, \$1,600, together making \$3,600 "in three years, from 1st August 1866, say to 1st August 1869, "and that they themselves sustain a Pastor, and pay all expenses "of maintaining ordinances in that Church."

These conditions were accepted by the St. Joseph Street congregation, and finding themselves in a position to call a Pastor, they have succeeded in obtaining the Rev. Alex. Young, who now ministers there with great acceptance, and we believe to an increasing congregation, evidently able to carry out all that they have agreed to do, and now that they are able to do for themselves, the connection with us, is as fellow-workers in the great Missionary field.

It will be pleasant for all to know that the Day-School which assembles in the basement of the St. Joseph Street Church, is still in a flourishing condition, and doing a good work in the locality. The School is indebted to the liberality of the Messrs. John Redpath & Sons, who year after year have made up the deficiency between the expenditure and receipts.

THE MILE-END MISSION HOUSE AND SCHOOL ROOM.

This building situated upon upper St. Lawrence Street was built by one of the Elders of our Church at his own expense, and liberally granted to our exclusive use, on payment of a small interest on the money expended. We must express our regret that we are unable to use this building, as much as it might be, and it should be the aim of this Board to occupy it fully for him, who has given us this talent to use for His glory. This building is used as a Day-School, in it have been receiving education during the last year about 80 children; we pay the teacher and all disbursements, and find the cost of instruction

of each child to be about five or six dollars per annum, a small sum expended for a great good done.

The Committee appointed by the Board to superintend the management of this School, report "That they are well pleased with the progress the Scholars have made under the able direction of the teacher, Miss Hay. It would be well for all the members of our city Churches to realize that they have this School so successfully carried on in our midst, and every subscriber to the Mission Fund, should look on it as their school doing a good work, not in foreign lands, but at their very doors. The School Committee recommend that a Committee of Ladies should be appointed from each congregation to look more closely after the interests of this School, and to strengthen the hands of the teacher in her work, to gather in the children of the poor, and to clothe them where necessary. The Board have acted upon this suggestion and have formed a Committee nominated by the several Dorcas Societies of our congregations, whose names will be found amongst the list of office-bearers for next year. The usual Annual Soiree was held, and the Committee have to thank Alex. Walker, Esq., and others for gifts and prizes bestowed on that occasion.

This building is also used by the Sabbath School Association, free of expense for a Sabbath School, and some months ago the use of it was granted on Sabbath evenings to Capt Wyndham for the preaching of the Gospel. A Temperance Society have also the use of the rooms once a fortnight for which they pay a small amount, the expense of light, &c.

A prayer meeting is held in this building every Thursday evening, this meeting is looked after by the Mission Agency Committee of the Board.

FINANCE.

From the large amounts that have had to be paid by two of our city Churches necessary on their building new places of worship, it is hardly expedient for the Board to extend its operations in the coming year. We have to hope that the Mis-

sion work now on hand will be all the more diligently prosecuted. The Board have had under consideration during the past year the propriety of having a Missionary who would devote a large share of his time to the necessities of Presbyterians, who are inmates of the Montreal General Hospital. It has had also many discussions upon the necessity of having a Mission house in connection with our Church in the Quebec Suburbs, but the amount to be paid by the several Churches in extinguishing the debt on St. Joseph Street Church, and each Church having pressing necessities of its own, precludes any new work from being entered into at present. In conclusion we would remark that the creation of this Board has incidentally done a great good in drawing together and making known to one another the office bearers of the different congregations. A few years ago we had no common tie except in name, now we act in harmony, and as brethren it is our prayer that God would so unite the hearts of all the people, and draw them together to work unitedly and earnestly for his glory.

THOMAS DAVIDSON,
Secretary.

Statement of Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Collection at Annual Meeting.....	40 11	By Balance due Treasurer.....	43 58
" Erskine Church.....	480 00	" Mile-End School,	
" Coté Street Church.....	800 00	Miss Russel's Salary.....	60 00
" Mile-End School Fees.....	7 31	Coal and Wood.....	52 62
" Knox Church.....	400 00	Miss Hay 9 months.....	150 03
" St. Joseph Street Church.....	290 33	Stationery.....	9 90
" Balance of Bond from Mr. Redpath.....	40 45	Brush and Mats.....	1 40
		Rent till 31st January, and taxes....	176 24
		Repairing pipes.....	2 33
		<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	452 52
		By St. Joseph Street Church,	
		Mr. Mitchell 6 weeks salary....	48 00
		" Board.....	30 00
		Mr. Lundy, 6 weeks salary.....	48 00
		Interest on Mortgage till 26 Sept....	600 00
		Mr. Bauld.....	56 00
		Mr. Flemming.....	56 00
		" Board.....	116 37
		Mr. Kennedy.....	16 00
		Insurance.....	37 50
		Sundry payments per Mr. Hutchison.	290 33
		<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	1298 20
		By J. C. Becket, printing Reports, &c.	42 25
		" Balance.....	221 65
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To Balance in Treasury.....	221 65		
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Montreal, February 20th, 1867.

A. WALKER.

Auditors, } ANDREW ROBERTSON.
 } JOHN STIRLING.