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TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 23RD, 1834.

ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR

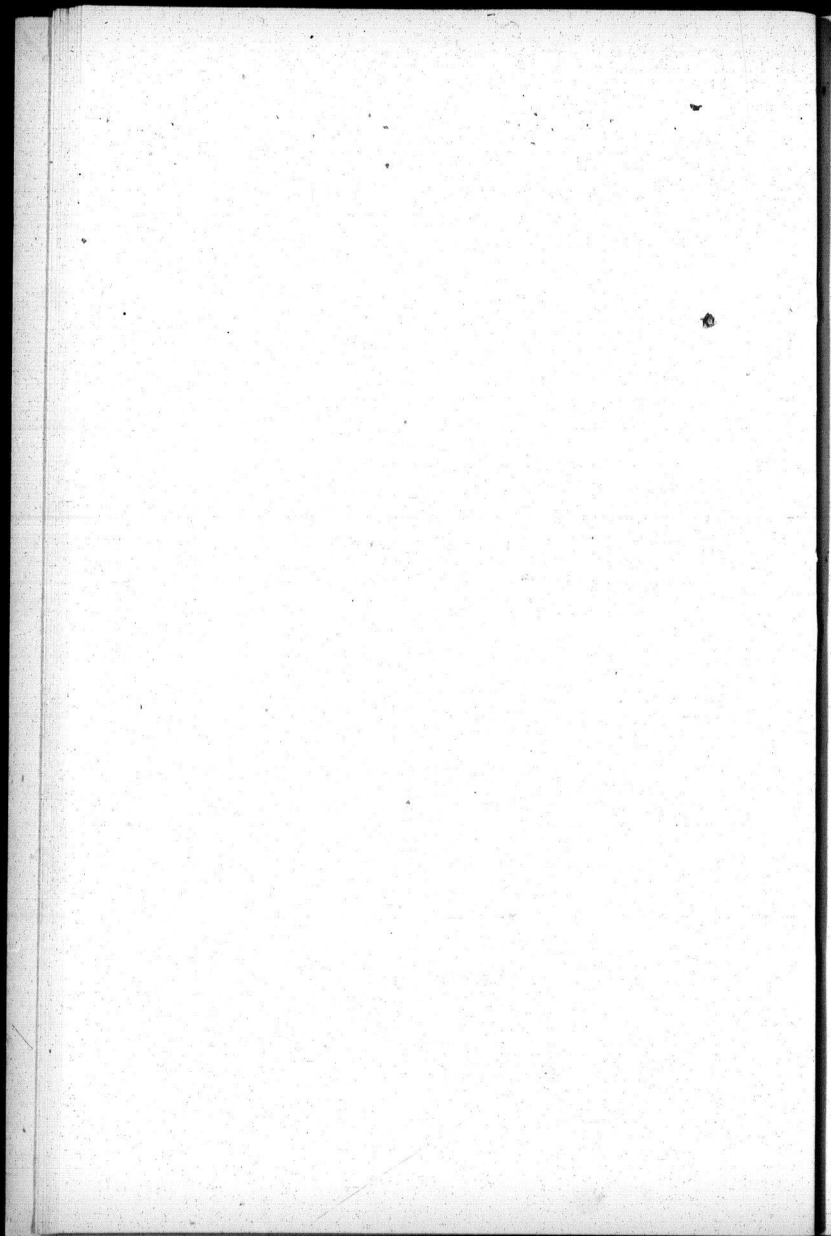
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OFFICE BEARERS OF THE CHURCH.

Pastor :

THE REV. SAMUEL N. JACKSON, M.D.

Deacons :

JOHN WIGHTMAN,	JOHN SNARR,
JOHN WICKSON, <i>Ch. Treasurer.</i>	DAVID HIGGINS, <i>Sec. to Diaconate.</i>
WILLIAM C. ASHDOWN,	GEORGE A. HINE,
	JAMES SMITH.

Church Secretary :

WILLIAM FREELAND.

Trustees of Church Property :

A. T. McCORD,	JOHN SNARR,
ANDREW HAMILTON,	JOSEPH ROBINSON,
JOHN WIGHTMAN,	JOHN BOYD,
JOHN BISHOP,	JOHN WICKSON,
JAMES LESSLIE,	W. FREELAND,

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

REV. S. N. JACKSON, *President.*

W. C. ASHDOWN, <i>Superintendent.</i>	THOMAS LOWNSBROUGH, <i>Sec.-Treas.</i>
W. J. STIBBS, <i>Librarian.</i>	W. FREELAND, <i>Chorister.</i>

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

THE PASTOR, *President.*

JOSEPH GREENFIELD,	} <i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
R. B. BUTLAND,	
CHARLES WHITE.	

JOHN ADAMS, <i>Secretary.</i>	R. D. RICHARDSON, <i>Assistant Secretary.</i>
	F. H. GRAND, <i>Treasurer.</i>

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

MRS. HIGGINS, <i>President.</i>	MISS FANNY ELLIOT, <i>Secretary-Treasurer.</i>
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TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

SAMUEL GREY, *Superintendent.*

AUDITORS.

SAMUEL GREY,	J. D. NASMITH.
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PASTORS OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. William Merrefield,...	settled Nov. 23, 1834,	resigned Sept. 19, 1836.
Rev. John Roaf.....	" Mar. 29, 1838,	" June 25, 1855.
Rev. Thomas Scales Ellerby	" May 29, 1856,	" Mar. 28, 1866.
Rev. John G. Manly.....	" May 30, 1866,	" Dec. 1, 1870.
Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D."	June 1, 1871.	

DEACONS OF THE CHURCH.

The following list contains the names of those who have filled the office of Deacon, together with the date of their first appointment.

Robert Wightman,	1835, Feb. 12.	Patrick Freeland,	1857, May 12.
Robert Rowell,	" " "	George Harcourt,	" " "
James Wickson,	" " "	George Hague,	" " "
John Christie,	} Date not ascertained.	William C. Ashdown,	" " "
Robert Beekman,		Joseph Robinson,	1860, Jan. 12.
Joseph Tolfree,	1843, Mar. 16.	Henry J. Clark,	" " "
Wm. Henry Pim,	" " "	Wm. W. Copp,	1862, April 2.
Timothy J. Farr,	" " "	John Wightman,	1863, Dec. 2.
Wm. Duncan Taylor,	" " "	Charles Page,	1866, Oct. 3.
Peter Freeland,	1849, April 3.	John Wickson,	" " "
John Whitt,	" " "	George Goulding,	" " "
Alex. Christie,	" " "	David Higgins,	1869, Dec. 29
John Snarr,	" " "	George A. Hine,	" " "
Joseph Rowell,	" " "	James Smith.	" " "
James Avon Smith,	1855, May 4.		

SECRETARIES OF THE CHURCH.

The Records of the Church have been kept by the following persons,
viz. :—

Rev. William Merrefield.....	from Nov. 23, 1834, to Feb. 4, 1836.
Robert Wightman,	} from Feb. 4, 1836, to Mar. 29, 1838.
James Wickson, and	
Robert Rowell,	
Rev. John Roaf.....	from Mar. 29, 1838, to Mar. 3, 1842.
James Wickson.....	from Mar. 3, 1842, to April 3, 1849.
Alexander Christie.....	from April 3, 1849, to Dec. 29, 1859.
George A. Hine.....	from Dec. 29, 1859, to Aug. 28, 1861.
Joshua Rordans.....	from Aug. 28, 1861, to Jan. 14, 1863.
John Charles Copp.....	from Jan. 14, 1863, to Nov. 28, 1866.
William Freeland.....	from Nov. 28, 1866.

CHURCH SERVICES AND NOTICES.

Sunday Morning Service.....	11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service.....	7 p.m.
Sunday School	3 p.m.
Young Men's Prayer Meeting, Sunday	10.15 a.m.
Young People's Association, Monday.....	7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday.....	7.30 p.m.

The Prayer Meeting on the first Wednesday in the month is in connection with Mission operations, and a Collection is taken up for that object.

A brief Meeting for Prayer and Praise is held at the close of the Sunday Evening Service.

The Church Meeting is held after the prayer meeting, on the Wednesday previous to the first Sunday in each month.

The Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sunday in each month, in connection with the Morning Service.

The Pastor gives attendance in the Vestry, at the close of the Sunday and Wednesday Evening Services, and at such other times as may be announced from the pulpit.

The Ladies' Aid Society meets fortnightly, as announced.

A meeting of the Pastor and Deacons is held on the evening preceding the Church Meeting.

Officers give attendance at the Church on the first Monday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m., in order to afford an opportunity to any who may desire to select sittings.

Persons desiring to unite with the Church are requested to apply to the Pastor. The mode of admission is as follows: After the Pastor is satisfied that the candidate's hope in Christ is well founded, the name is proposed at the next Church Meeting, when two visitors are appointed, who report at the following Meeting; if satisfactory the candidate is then received. A certificate of membership is then sent by the Secretary, the name of the new member is announced at the following Communion Service, and words of welcome are addressed by the Pastor.

Persons desirous of joining the Choir will make application to the Organist.

Pastor's residence, 72 Gould Street.

Secretary's residence, 71 Bay Street.

The Sexton's (Robert Crawford) residence, 19 Terauley St. (near Queen.)

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, January 21st, 1874, and was well attended by members of the church and congregation. Refreshments having been served, and an hour and a half spent in social intercourse, the meeting adjourned to the body of the church where the other exercises of the evening were engaged in. The Revs. J. Unsworth, C. H. Silcox, M. S. Gray, S. T. Gibbs and W. W. Smith were present and took part in the proceedings.

James Smith, Esq., was called to the chair, and Newton's hymn commencing :—

“ Kindred in Christ, for His dear sake,
A hearty welcome here receive.
May we together now partake
The joys which only He can give.”

was sung. After a portion of Scripture had been read and prayer offered, the chairman made some opening remarks in regard to the occasion and exercises of the evening that were to follow.

Reports for the year 1873 were then presented by the Pastor ; by Mr. David Higgins, on behalf of the Diaconate ; Mr. John Wickson, Treasurer ; Mr. W. C. Ashdown, on behalf of the Sunday-school ; Mr. Samuel Greey, Superintendent of Tract Distribution ; Mr. John Adams on behalf of the Young People's Association, and Mr. John D. Nasmith, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society. These reports were interspersed with musical selections by the choir, embracing the following anthems :—“ Canaan,” “ The Lord is my Shepherd,” “ Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy,” and “ The happy day again is here ;” also a solo by Miss Flint, “ Resignation.”

The reports and musical selections received marked manifestations of approval by the audience.

During the evening, the Pastor on behalf of the church and Sunday-school, presented Mrs. J. C. Clapp, the teacher of the Infant class, which numbered 108 scholars, with an edition of "Smith's Dictionary of the Bible," comprising three volumes, and the "Life and Writings of the Apostle Paul," as a mark of appreciation of her earnest services in this department of church work.

The very interesting proceedings of the evening were concluded by singing the hymn by Montgomery, commencing—

"Forever with the Lord !
Amen, so let it be ;
Life from the dead is in that word ;
'Tis immortality."

WILLIAM FREELAND,
Secretary.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1873.

We have now entered upon the *fortieth* year of our existence as a church, bringing the JUBILEE, within a decade of years. Our experience of blessings and joys during the past year will not only add to the number of those who then shall have found emancipation from sin, and to our happiness as we rejoice over what God hath done for us and through us, but when that GREATER DAY shall reveal the works of men, your disinterested and loving service for Christ, just accomplished, will be seen to have told on many succeeding generations. There is no work in which man may engage, so important in its relation to time, and so momentous in its issues in relation to eternity, as work with Christ in winning souls. The past year, with us, has been one of great concord, in which much Christian activity has prevailed, and a marked measure of prosperity, been vouchsafed. This is shown in part by the large accession to our membership ; increased activity and liberality ; and I have reason to hope, in a commensurate growth in grace.

There have been received into the fellowship of the church,

during the year, *forty-five* members, of whom *twenty-four* were by profession of their faith and *twenty-one* by letters from other churches. Of the former, we rejoice to state, that several are children of our members and fruit from our Sunday-school, where there are still those who have given themselves to Christ but have not as yet united with the church. Of the latter, *ten* came with letters from England. *Ten* have received the ordinance of Baptism. There have been dismissed from our fellowship *nine*. Five have taken letters to other churches, two of which have been to the United States, one to Whitby, while two have presented them to churches of other denominations. Death has removed *two*, namely, Mr. John Adams, sen., and Mrs. William Williams. Mr. Adams had been connected with this church as a faithful fellow-worker for thirty years, while Mrs. Williams was suddenly and early called, in less than two years after professing Christ. Other *two* have been removed from the roll of membership, they having left the city and suffered the church to lose trace of their location and relation for some time. The net increase of the year has been *thirty-six*, making the total membership *two hundred and four*, of whom one hundred and four have been received during the past two years and a half, all of whom, with the exception of nine, are still in active fellowship.

Not only during the past year, but I am happy to say, throughout the period of the present pastorate, we have not been called to the painful duty of exercising discipline in regard to any, neither has dissension or disorder in any way been manifested in our midst. This orderly walk and conversation, together with the exercise of brotherly love and energetic service, with the blessing of God, affords explanation of our general prosperity and occasion for great thankfulness and encouragement.

In addition to the earnest discharge of their duties by the deacons and other officers of the church, as well as the active co-operation of the members, and the generous support of the congregation, a special effort has been made to further the church's interest and

bless souls by the engagement of a Church Visitor to co-operate with the pastor in caring for those who require special attention, such as the sick, the poor, strangers, and others. On my making an appeal to you by circular in September last, for funds in order to fulfil this work, you generously responded by subscribing seventy-five dollars, while others indicated their purpose to aid the work who have not yet subscribed any specified amount. One of our members, Mrs. A. Lillie, well qualified for the work, was at once engaged, and has since been labouring most indefatigably and successfully. Thus though I have been unable, through the increase of the congregation and the multiplication of other duties, to devote as much time to visiting as formerly, there has not only been no neglect of this duty, but through the assistance of the Church Visitor more attention has been devoted thereto than formerly. Not only by this means have special needs of individuals and families been brought under my attention, but a number have likewise been added to the congregation, while quite a large increase has been made to the school, of children who did not previously attend any place. The success of this effort has quite equalled my expectations, and I trust I may long have this co-operation continued. I have been much helped during the year, as in the past, by the assistance of a number of the ladies of the church, who have, at my request, also aided in these duties.

The growing liberality as well as the resources of the church are shown, not only by the increase of the weekly collections which the treasurer's statement will indicate, but likewise in the advancement made in your contributions to denominational and general objects. The amount raised for denominational purposes exceeds that of the previous year by \$495. Though at times financial calls may have seemed to come often, and the claims of the church and religious societies appear heavy, I feel assured that not one among us regrets anything we have given to Christ for His cause, however we may regret other expenditures for ourselves and the world. It is with gladness that I note the growth, though

slow, of the principle of Systematic Beneficence. I long to see the day when many, instead of a few in our midst, shall give back to God a *tenth* of His gifts to us ; when we shall all "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Of the increase of our Sunday-school, both in numbers and efficiency, you will hear from a subsequent report ; but I cannot omit to mention the painstaking efforts and the success of Mr. Ash-down, its superintendent, who in addition to his duties as deacon, has for years effectively presided over the school. We all rejoice with him and his fellow-teachers in the fruit of their labours the past year, especially in the souls of the scholars brought to Christ. Let us pray that this may be only an earnest of what is to follow. A number of the young men belonging to the church have continued to sustain their prayer-meetings throughout the year, as in former years.

All history, even of a year, has its dark pages, or its paragraphs of discouragements ; and so we may indicate several things with us that need improvement. When we consider the number of our members we cannot but conclude that our prayer-meetings are not properly attended. This entails a loss both upon those absent and those present, and is a hindrance to Christ's work. Brethren, let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. Neither have our church-meetings received that attention and interest from the majority of our members which they demand. They are for the proper consideration and conduct of the Lord's business, and this business relates to the interests of immortal souls in both worlds, and shall we neglect them ? Better by far would it be to neglect other duties in relation to secular pursuits and attend to these. We have not, and perhaps never shall, in this world, arise to the realization of true Christian fellowship ; and though Christian attention and brotherly love have in a good measure abounded, there is still much room for growth in these graces ; especially should we be unremitting in

attention to strangers who come among us. We all have felt, by the experiences of another year, the weakness of our faith, the wickedness of our nature, the wants of our souls, and can but realize that we have not attained to that plane of Christian excellency that it is our privilege and duty to secure. Trusting to a pardoning God for the past, let us press forward for the future, looking unto Jesus. Sadder still, there are some who have felt it their duty to surrender their souls to Christ that He might separate them from sin, who have done it not. They do much for Him, but they are not His; they help to bless other souls, but their own souls are not blessed. To them "the Spirit and the Bride say, COME!"

I cannot close this report without expressing my gratitude for your kind attention continually extended to me and my family, and manifested in many ways. Your loving regard and helpful sympathy have made this, my second pastoral settlement, pleasanter than any I had ever anticipated, and the past year one of the happiest years of my life. I cannot conceive that it is all out of regard to myself or mine, but hope it is on account of my Master whose unworthy servant I am, and your servant for His sake.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON,

Pastor.

REPORT OF THE DEACONS FOR 1873.

The work of the Lord, as generally stated in last year's Report, has continued during the present year; the course of events has been prosperous, and the Deacons, by the pecuniary and personal assistance of the members, have been enabled to discharge their duties with great comfort and satisfaction. They have paid off the balance of the furnace debt remaining over from last year, and they have much pleasure in stating that these furnaces have fully answered the expectations formed concerning them, as to warming the Church-house with regularity and economy.

In the beginning of the year a first-class melodeon was purchased and placed in the Lecture-room. This instrument is intended to be used by the Church at week night services, by the Sunday-school, and by the Young People's Association. It is to cost \$190, and the amount has been nearly all raised, principally by the Sunday-school and by the Young People's Association. It is most probable that very little, perhaps none of the money, will be required from the Church-funds.

Several repairs have been made in the Church premises, such as mending the roof and the eave troughs, which were in a very bad condition allowing the water to come into the ceiling and walls. The entrances to the basement have been improved and repaired, and the Lecture-room has been painted, and arrangements are in progress to have it partly refurnished. The funds necessary for these operations were chiefly obtained from a bazaar held by the teachers of the Sunday-school, largely assisted by some of the ladies of the Church and congregation.

One of the principal works, affecting, as it did in a noticeable manner, the appearance of the inside of the Church-house, was the taking down of the old pulpit, and the substitution of a new platform pulpit. It had long been felt that the old pulpit, although a beautiful piece of workmanship, was inconvenient to its occupants, several of whom complained of its height, and their consequent isolation from the people. There were several circumstances that caused the continuance of the old pulpit up to the present time. Its ornamental appearance, and the associations in connection with it, and the pastors who had occupied it for so many years, made the Deacons unwilling to remove it, but the frequent objections as to its practical defects, at last determined them to bring the matter before a Church-meeting, when they were, in connection with an auxiliary committee, instructed to make the necessary alteration. They have done so, and are happy to find that the new pulpit gives such general satisfaction. Its handsome design, its convenient height and dimensions, are all that could be desired, and

while it is quite different in construction from its predecessor, it yet harmonizes fully with the general style of the architecture of the building. The whole cost of the undertaking was \$167, the amount was subscribed by the Deacons, the Auxiliary Committee, and a few other members of the Church and congregation, the desire being not to allow the matter to burden the ordinary Church revenues.

The Deacons felt that the salary of the Pastor was not sufficient for his proper maintenance; they therefore, made a quiet appeal to the people, who promptly responded by contributing \$150 as a present for him. The Deacons afterwards brought the matter before the Church, who authorized them to add to the salary \$200 per annum, beginning from the first of July. They would have liked to have made a greater advance, but they felt this was all the Church finances could bear at the time. They trust, however, that the weekly subscriptions will be so augmented during the coming year, that the Pastor's stipend may be still further increased.

Besides the before mentioned special efforts, and the ordinary subscriptions and donations, it may be stated that the collections for the Congregational Missionary Society, the College, and other denominational objects, have been much larger last year than for several years past, and in addition, the highly esteemed minister of one of our churches in a very important and rising town in the Province, obtained a collection amounting to about \$110, to assist our brethren in the erection of the handsome and commodious Church-house, they, in their zeal and liberality, have undertaken. There was also a donation of \$40 made to the widow of an honoured pastor of a church in another city, who had recently been removed by an unexpected death, from a sorrowing family and warmly attached people, among whom he had long faithfully and successfully laboured. There was also contributed in money and goods to the bazaar of the Young Men's Christian Association, \$264.40, and in addition a collection was taken up, amount-

ing to \$33.50, in aid of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Last July, Mr. Norman, on account of ill-health, resigned his position as leader of the Church-choir. The Deacons were sorry to lose the services of Mr. Norman, who had so long conducted the public psalmody in a most efficient and devout manner. During his leadership they had no trouble about the singing; they were free from anxiety on this matter that unfortunately is a source of difficulty in many churches. On Mr. Norman's resignation, they placed the entire management of the Psalmody under the care of Mr. Lawson, their excellent organist, who continues to perform his duties quite to their satisfaction.

The Deacons are much pleased to report that the weekly collections have increased a good deal during the year. They believe this gratifying result is largely owing to the continued and increased use of the weekly envelope system. This method has, for many years, been in operation in the Church, and the Deacons are still of the opinion that it is the best system that has ever been devised for obtaining Church-finances; the longer they watch its results the more highly they approve of them. Nearly all the members of the Church and congregation have adopted the envelope plan, and they wish that *every one* would give it a trial, as they believe that a systematic mode of subscription induces and enables people to give more to the cause of the Lord, than they would under any other mode with which they are acquainted. It is a duty and a privilege to keep returning to God a portion of the wealth He so graciously and continuously bestows upon us. The Deacons are quite aware that their fellow members are not wanting in a sense of their responsibility in pecuniary matters; they have often experienced their liberality, and they heartily pray that the temporal labours of their brethren may be successful and their affairs prosperous, so that the treasury of the Lord's house may be filled to overflowing.

The Deacons desire to say that in their monetary transactions

they received material assistance from the members of the Finance Committee appointed by the Church, to aid them in this department of their labours. They also mention, with the utmost satisfaction, the continuance of the good feeling existing between the Diaconate and their highly esteemed Pastor, who so fully enjoys the love and confidence of the Church ; they bear testimony to Mr. Jackson's unabated zeal in the discharge of his ministerial duties, which, however, do not monopolize the whole of his attention, for while he devotes so much of his time to meet the claims of Zion Church upon him, he also interests himself in denominational and other Christian work.

As may be expected, the Deacons feel deeply interested in the young people of the Church and congregation. They are the coming generation, who, it is to be hoped and expected, will in succeeding years, assist to carry on the work of the Lord in this neighbourhood, and bear, in their turn, the heat and the burden of the day. They are glad to find that under the presidency of the Pastor, they meet in the Young People's Association, which no doubt will be eminently useful to them in promoting their intellectual and Christian development. They are also much pleased to find that the Young Men's Sunday Morning Prayer Meetings are sustained, and to know that they have been a source of great spiritual benefit to those who have attended. They hope the young men will be able to draw within the influence of these prayer meetings, many of the youth of their connection and acquaintance.

For the work the Church has been privileged to do during the year, thanks are due to God, to whom be all the glory. May the guidance of the Holy Spirit continue to rest upon us, so that we all may be active and useful in the service of Christ, according to our several positions and opportunities.

DAVID HIGGINS,

Secretary to Diaconate.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1873.

To balance due Treasurer on 1st January, 1873.....	\$ 71 98
“ paid Pastor during the year.....	1,300 02
“ present to Pastor	150 00
“ paid for Pulpit supplies during the year.....	50 00
“ paid Sexton.....	120 75
“ Music expenses	198 50
“ Fire Insurance	65 00
“ Gas account	161 50
“ Fuel account.....	121 47
“ Church Visitor	64 20
“ Repairs	91 85
“ Printing.....	32 00
“ Advertisements	11 78
“ Furnace account	305 00
“ Organ for Lecture-room (on account).....	140 00
“ Platform Pulpit	165 00
“ Repairs to Lecture-room	120 00
“ Sundries	9 39
“ Donation	40 00
“ Expenses to Congregational Union Meetings	26 13
“ Donation Congregational College.....	102 00
“ “ Canada Missionary Society	245 85
“ Less paid for advertising	11 78
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“ “ Retiring Pastors' Fund.....	234 07
“ Collected by Rev. W. Heu de Bourck, Stratford Church.....	112 25
“ Handed to Rev. Newman Hall, Surrey Chapel	110 50
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	108 50
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	\$3,911 89

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By Collections, March quarter	\$491 28
“ “ June quarter.....	527 10
“ “ September quarter	528 53
“ “ December quarter	589 38
“ Subscriptions for present to Pastor	150 00
“ “ Furnace account	305 00
“ “ Canada Missionary Society	245 85
“ “ Congregational College.....	102 00
“ “ For Printing Reports for 1872.....	11 25
“ “ Organ in Lecture-room (part)	140 00
“ “ Platform Pulpit	165 00
“ “ Church Visitor	64 20
“ Proceeds of Bazaar and Subscription for Furnishings and Repairs to Lecture-room	120 00
“ Balance of “Social” Meeting.....	8 40
“ Donation	40 00
“ Collected by Rev. W. Heu de Bourck in aid of building Church-house in Stratford	110 50
“ Collected after Lecture by Rev. Newman Hall	162 75
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Carried over.....	\$3,761 24

Brought over.....	3761 24	
By Collected for Retiring Pastors' Fund.....	58 00	
" Balance carried down	92 65	
		<u>3,911 89</u>

To balance due Treasurer on the 31st December, 1873..... \$92 65

JOHN WICKSON,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

SAMUEL GREEY, }
JOHN D. NASMITH. } *Auditors.*

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1873.

To Balance due Treasurer, 31st December, 1873.....	\$ 92 65	
" Liabilities, say.....	\$ 95 00	
" Promissory Note due in April, 1874	300 00	
		<u>395 00</u>
		\$487 65
By Assets, say.....	20 00	
		<u>\$467 65</u>
Total amount due 31st December, 1873	\$467 65	

JOHN WICKSON,
Treasurer.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER OF THE FELLOWSHIP FUND FOR THE YEAR 1873.

1873.		
Jan. 1.	To Balance as per last Report	\$ 32 42
	" Collections at Communion Services during the year.....	101 95
		<u>\$134 37</u>

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By paid expenses of Communion Table	\$13 75	
" Donations to sundry persons.....	98 15	
		<u>111 90</u>
Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st December, 1873.....	\$22 47	

JOHN WIGHTMAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL FOR 1873.

In presenting the annual Report of your Sabbath School for the year 1873, the teachers and officers, through their Superintendent, desire to express their sense of the Divine goodness and

mercy, that they have been permitted to continue their labours throughout the year ; none having been removed by death from among either teachers or scholars.

Your School, as now arranged, consists of twenty-one classes :— nine boys' classes, ten girls', the infant class, and the Pastor's adult Bible Class. The class books of the nine boys' classes show their respective numbers to be as follows :—Mr. Hasting's, twelve ; Miss Bolton's, nine ; Mr. White's, thirteen ; Mr. Green's, nine ; Mr. Richardson's, eleven ; Mr. Crouch's, eleven ; Mr. Pim's, six ; Mr. Adam's, seven ; Mr. Strathern's, six. Of the ten classes of girls : Mrs. Bolton's class contains ten scholars ; Miss Anker's, ten ; Miss Wallis', eight ; Mrs. Alexander's, five ; Miss Rodden's, seven ; Miss Dawkins', seven ; Mrs. Elliot's, ten ; Miss Ashdown's seven ; Miss Alderdice's, six ; Mrs. A. Lillie's, six : thus showing the total number of boys, 84, and of girls, 76. The total number of scholars in the infant class is 108, which with the Pastor's Bible Class, shows an entire membership of 286. The average attendance of the nine boys' classes was 56, and of the ten classes of girls, 51 ; of the infant class, 65 ; Pastor's Bible class for nine months, 12 ; total average attendance 184. The number of new scholars admitted during the year was 57 ; and the number who have left the School, 13. The teachers who have left the School are Mrs. Green, on account of distance ; Miss Anker, owing to her recent marriage ; Miss Adams, temporarily, Mr. Standen, Mr. Northway and Mr. Bolt. The new teachers who have taken classes during the year are Mrs. A. Lillie (returned from Chicago), Mr. Crouch, Mr. Hastings, and Mrs. Dr. Elliot who has taken charge of Miss Adam's class.

Our late Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Greenfield, being compelled by other engagements to resign, Mr. Thomas Lownsbrough has been elected to that office ; the other officers acting are the same as last year—Librarian, Mr. Stibbs ; Assistant-Secretary, Mr. Clin-kinbroomer ; Chorister, Mr. Freeland ; Superintendent, Mr. Ash-down.

Our Finances, as shown by Treasurer's account, are in a sound

condition, so far as our being free from debt. The amount raised was \$164.57, and our expenses were \$149.03 : showing a balance to our credit of \$15.53. Our Lessons for the past year were, as already reported at our annual festival, the International Bible Series.

In reference to the meetings held for carrying on the work of the School, in addition to the usual Sabbath afternoon meeting, there is a scholars' prayer meeting held on Friday evening from 7 to 8 ; also a teachers' meeting for the study of the Lesson from 8 to 9 o'clock on the same evening ; and a meeting for singing practice on Tuesday evening at 7.90 , also the teachers' monthly meeting for business. These meetings are well attended and, we trust, will bear good fruit in the increased efficiency of the teachers, and the spiritual growth and conformation of the children.

With regard to the general state of the School, your Superintendent desires to bear testimony that it is one of efficiency and deep interest, and full of promise for the future. The Pastor's Bible Class, as well as affording suitable and edifying teaching to many members of the Church and congregation, exerts a salutary influence on the entire School.

Several scholars have been led to Christ during the year, and an earnest concern is evinced by many others. And your Superintendent, also, desires to testify to the zeal and fidelity with which the teachers and executive officers of the School have discharged the various duties assigned them. Assistance in the teaching of classes when the appointed teacher, was absent, has been kindly given by members of the Pastor's Class, Mrs. Bolton's and Mr. Adam's classes, and other friends. The interest of the teachers in their scholars, and the affectionate regard of the scholars for their teachers has been more apparent during the past year than ever before.

To the Church and members of the congregation we would return our best thanks for their kind assistance so freely given, especially for the efficient aid afforded at our Annual Pic-nic, and Festival, and in bringing to so successful an issue the Bazaar for

the refurnishing of our School-room. Our pressing wants at the present time are more teachers, and an addition to our library, for the supplying of both of which we shall, under God, depend on the Christian sympathy and liberality of the Church and congregation—a source that has never yet failed us, and we believe never will.

W. C. ASHDOWN,
Superintendent.

ZION CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION - REPORT FOR 1873.

The report of the Association presented at the annual meeting of the Church and congregation, held in January, 1873, gave information respecting the formation of this Society, as well as of its objects, modes of procedure and prospects. After that time the Association continued to hold meetings every Monday evening till the 19th May, 1873, when its operations were discontinued for the summer months.

During the Session, 1872-3, twenty-nine meetings of the Association were held. Three of these were public meetings, at which lectures were delivered by the following gentlemen:—Rev. W. Manchee, Rev. D. J. Macdonell, Rev. Septimus Jones. Two public entertainments were held under the auspices of this Association, which passed off creditably and realized a handsome profit to be applied towards the purchase of the Cabinet Organ now in the lecture room.

The ordinary meetings of the Society were well sustained; much interest taken in the working of the society by the members, and many profitable and enjoyable evenings spent. The Treasurer's report showed an income of \$38.42 (exclusive of the proceeds of the entertainments), and an expenditure of \$28.63.

On re-assembling in October, 1873, various alterations were made in the constitution, and officers were chosen for the current Sea-

sion. A regular course of Bible Lessons has been entered upon, taken from the books of Numbers and Joshua, and subjects for essays appointed on topics kindred to the Lessons.

Some idea of the character of our meetings may be formed from the following report of a meeting held on January 12th, 1874. After devotional exercises and reading of minutes, a lesson on "Cities of Levites and Cities of Refuge," as contained in the 35th Chapter of Numbers, was taken up—our President leading the study—an essay was read by Mr. Chas. White, on the subject—"Christ the sinner's refuge." After a reading by Mr. Butland, an open debate took place on the question—"Should emulation be encouraged in education?" led on the affirmative by the Secretary, and on the negative by Mr. R. D. Richardson; Messrs. C. White, E. Bolt, and W. J. Stibbs took part in the discussion. After some routine business the meeting was closed with devotional exercises.

It has been our endeavour to alternate meetings at which debates are held with those at which readings, music, or essays form part of the exercises.

Owing to various causes, such as active members having moved away from the city, and others having undertaken so much other work as to be unable to attend, our meetings this Session have not, on the whole, been so well attended nor so well sustained as last year. We still think, however, that the Association has a place to fill and a work to do, by being a means of uniting our young people, by affording opportunity for self-improvement, and by providing a meeting once a week, where a pleasant and profitable evening may be spent in connection with the Church. We therefore would urge upon all, who have it in their power to do so, to lend us a helping hand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ADAMS,

Secretary.

REPORT ON TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

In compliance with the wishes of the Church, I beg to present a short report of our Tract Society. The management of this Society rests largely, as it has done for some years, in the hands of our esteemed Deacon, Mr. Wightman, who has been most faithful in the discharge of his duties therein. There are a few earnest labourers who have been steadily engaged in the distribution of tracts especially one aged member, beloved by us all ; and some districts in the neighbourhood of our Church have been regularly visited, while the Church Visitor has distributed about 1,000 tracts, but there is great need for fresh labourers in this department of work.

In many respects Tract Distribution opens a door of usefulness to one desiring to work for Christ ; he can sympathize in times of sorrow, invite parents to the House of God, and children to the Sabbath School ; and his word in season may be blessed by that gracious Spirit whose aid he silently invokes as he passes from house to house ; and he is sometimes permitted to *know* that a blessing follows his labours. Some two years since a tract was placed in the hands of a young girl entitled " I am not afraid to die." It was the means of her being awakened to a sense of danger. On calling again sometime after, she requested me to give her the tract, which had been the means of her awakening, assuring me, with gratitude, that she was now not afraid to die ; and, in another instance a person never seen in the House of God was induced to attend regularly, bringing his sons with him. To those, who from home duties, or from a feeling of want of adaptation to the work of teaching, are prevented from joining the Sunday School, the distribution of tracts offers a field where they may labour to their own spiritual benefit and the increase of the Church of Christ. I would earnestly invite such to join us in the coming year.

SAMUEL GREERY.

Superintendent of Tract Distribution.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY, 1873.

There is very little to report in connection with this society for the past year ; its members have been working steadily during the winter months, but from various causes they have been few in number, though earnest and persevering in their efforts to assist the needy.

In the beginning of the year they made up a number of articles of clothing for the children of the Indian Mission, Spanish River ; this winter they have been working for the poor, not confining themselves to those of their own denomination, but relieving any who may come under their notice.

They are about commencing to work again for the Indian Mission, after which they propose to engage in some special work in aid of the Church, but do not wish to give up altogether their right to the old name of *Dorcas Society*.

They would again repeat the wish expressed in last year's report—that their numbers may increase, and cordially invite the co-operation of the ladies of the Church and congregation.

As there are not funds in hand sufficient to purchase materials for the Indian Mission work, subscriptions are solicited. Hitherto the ladies of the society have subscribed most of the money required.

FANNY ELLIOT.

Secretary-Treasurer.

STATEMENT

Of the number of Members received and removed in each year, the total number received, removed, and remaining on the Roll up to and at the end of each year respectively, and the number remaining on the Roll on the 31st Dec., 1873, of each year's receptions.

Year.	Received.	Removed.	Total received.	Total removed.	Remain- ing on Roll.	Remaining 31st Dec., 1873.
1834	26	0	26	0	26	2
1835	33	4	59	4	55	1
1836	12	4	71	8	63	0
1837	9	3	80	11	69	0
1838	33	0	113	11	102	4
1839	9	0	122	11	111	1
1840	36	3	158	14	144	1
1841	21	4	179	18	161	1
1842	46	1	225	19	206	3
1843	104	7	329	26	303	3
1844	28	1	357	27	330	1
1845	25	2	382	29	353	0
1846	15	8	397	37	360	1
1847	21	0	418	37	381	3
1848	22	4	440	41	399	0
1849	23	33	463	74	389	1
1850	24	6	487	80	407	0
1851	16	11	503	91	412	1
1852	10	5	513	96	417	0
1853	13	11	526	107	419	0
1854	15	2	541	109	432	0
1855	12	6	553	115	438	3
1856	38	72	591	187	404	3
1857	24	4	615	191	424	7
1858	12	0	627	191	436	2
1859	12	33	639	224	415	6
1860	15	4	654	228	426	2
1861	13	1	667	229	438	0
1862	26	12	693	241	452	2
1863	28	25	721	266	455	5
1864	22	20	743	286	457	3
1865	6	21	749	307	442	1
1866	6	19	755	326	429	2
1867	13	7	768	333	435	9
1868	29	36	797	369	428	18
1869	19	2	816	371	445	14
1870	12	6	828	377	451	9
1871	20	2	848	379	469	17
1872	40	341*	888	720	168	34
1873	45	9	933	729	204	44

* 332 of these were removed on revising the Roll from the beginning.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS BY ZION
CHURCH, FOR THE YEAR 1873.

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	Missionary Society*.	Congregational Col- lege, B. N. A.	Indian Mission.	For Stratford Con- gregational Church.	Total.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Ashdown, W. C.....	1 00				1 00
Adams, John, snr.....		1 00			1 00
Adams, Mrs. J.....	2 00				2 00
Adams, John, jun.....	5 00	4 00			9 00
Adams, Miss.....	1 00				1 00
Anker, Mrs.....		1 00		2 00	3 00
Baird, H. N.....	5 00	5 00	2 00		12 00
Bolton, Mrs. W. B.....	1 00				1 00
Blackburn, Miss.....	1 00	1 00			2 00
Black, John.....	1 00				1 00
Christie, A.....	1 00				1 00
Clapp, Mrs. J. C.....	1 00				1 00
Cardy, E.....				1 00	1 00
Davison, Samuel.....	10 00			5 00	15 00
Dixon, William.....	5 00			5 00	10 00
Dunlop, Robert.....	2 00				2 00
Ellingsworth, William.....	1 50	2 00		5 00	8 50
Elliot, John.....	1 00	1 00			2 00
Elliot, Mrs. Dr.....	0 50				0 50
Freeland, William.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	10 00
Friend.....	2 00				2 00
Friend.....	1 00				1 00
Friends, Two.....	0 50				0 50
Flint, Richard.....		1 00			1 00
Greay, Samuel.....	1 00	1 00			2 00
Green, Charles.....	1 00	1 00			2 00
Grant, Mrs. John.....	1 00				1 00
Greenfield, Joseph.....	1 00				1 00
Grant, S. J.....	1 00				1 00
Higgins, David.....	15 00	10 00	4 00	5 00	34 00
Hine, G. A.....	10 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	22 00
Hamilton, Captain.....	1 00				1 00
Howell, Mrs. John F.....	1 00				1 00
Hutchinson, Mrs. Maria.....	1 00				1 00
Hulme, Mrs. G. L.....	1 00				1 00
Howie, Miss.....	0 50				0 50
Hales, James.....	0 50				0 50
Haldane, A.....				15 00	15 00
Hubbard, C. H.....				2 00	2 00
Jackson, Rev. Samuel N., M.D.....	20 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	45 00
Lownsborough, Thomas.....	5 00			5 00	10 00
Carried over.....	104 50	45 00	14 00	65 00	228 50

DENOMINATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	Missionary Society.	Congregational College, B. N. A.	Indian Mission.	For Stratford Congregational Church.	Total.
Brought over.....	104 50	45 00	14 00	65 00	228 50
Lovelock, John.....	1 00				1 00
Leaman, Mrs.....	0 25				0 25
McPhail, Mrs. Robert.....	4 00	3 00		5 00	12 00
Nasmith, J. D.....	5 00	5 00			10 00
Nickols, Mrs. William.....	2 00	2 00		2 00	6 00
Norman, Thomas.....	1 00	1 00			2 00
Nichols, George.....				0 50	0 50
Potts, Edwin.....	1 00				1 00
Pim, George.....	2 00	2 00		2 00	6 00
Parker, Miss M. A.....	0 50				0 50
Pyne, Thomas.....				1 00	1 00
Richardson, James H., M.D.....	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	17 00
Smith, James.....	20 00	10 00	2 00	10 00	42 00
Snarr, John.....	20 00	5 00	2 00		27 00
Stibbs, James.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	14 00
Standen, Alfred.....	1 00				1 00
Siddall, William.....	1 00	1 00			2 00
Snarr, George.....		2 00			2 00
Snarr, William.....		1 00			1 00
Strathern, George.....		1 00			1 00
Thorley, Mrs. C. J.....	1 00				1 00
Turner, John, Yonge St.....				4 00	4 00
Wickson, John.....	15 00	5 00	1 50	2 00	23 50
Wickson, Harry.....	4 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	16 00
Wightman, John.....	3 00	3 00	1 00		7 00
Webb, Mrs. Thomas.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	10 00
Wolfe, John.....	1 00				1 00
Wylie, Alexander.....	1 00				1 00
Wickson, Mrs. James.....	1 00				1 00
Welch, Mrs. H.....	0 60				0 60
Wickson, Fred.....		2 00			2 00
Young Ladies of Zion Church.....			8 50		8 50
Missionary Collection.....	14 00				14 00
For Retiring Pastors' Fund.....					112 25
For Christ's Church Surrey, per Rev. Newman Hall.....					108 50
For Central Association.....					30 29
Total for 1873.....	215 85	102 00	37 00	110 50	716 39
Amount collected for 1872.....	142 75	51 50	27 00		221 25
Increase in 1873.....	73 10	50 50	10 00	110 50	495 14

* The last collection in 1873 for the Missionary Society was for the year 1874, and does not appear in this list.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY ZION CHURCH, FOR THE
YEAR 1873.

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	New Furnaces.	New Pulpit.	Lecture Room Organ.	Church Visitor.	Re-furnishing Lecture Room.	Presentation to Pastor.	Total.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Adams, John, senr.	5 00						5 00
Adams, Mrs.						2 00	2 00
Adams, Miss	1 00				1 00		2 00
Anker, Mrs.	4 00					4 00	8 00
Adams, John, jun.		3 00		5 00	2 00		20 00
Baird, N. H.	10 00	10 00			1 00	20 00	41 00
Blackburn, Miss	1 00					1 00	2 00
Christie, Alexander	2 00						2 00
Clapp, Mrs. J. C.	5 00						5 00
Chancey, George	1 00						1 00
Davison, Samuel	26 00	15 00				10 00	51 00
Dixon, William	10 00	5 00				5 00	20 00
Dunlop, Robert	1 00						1 00
Ellingsworth William	13 00	5 00				2 00	20 00
Elliot, John	5 00					2 00	7 00
Freeland, William	10 00	7 50	15 00	2 00	2 50	5 00	42 00
Friend	1 00						1 00
Friend, F.			5 00				5 00
Friend				1 20			1 20
Friend, D.				1 40			1 40
Friends						5 50	5 50
Greey, Samuel			1 00	2 00		2 00	5 00
Green, Charles	5 00						5 00
Green, Mrs. Charles	2 00						2 00
Grant, John	1 00						1 00
Greenfield, Joseph			15 00				15 00
Grand, Joseph						5 00	5 00
Higgins, David	30 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	10 00	57 50
Hine, G. A.	12 00	5 00		5 00		5 00	27 00
Hamilton, Captain	2 00						2 00
Hulme, Mrs. G. L.	3 00			1 00	1 00	3 50	8 50
Howie, Miss	1 00						1 00
Hales, James	1 00						1 00
Haldane, A.		20 00		5 00			25 00
Hubbard, C. H.	2 00					2 00	4 00
Jackson, Rev. S. N., M.D.		15 00		5 00	5 00		25 00
Lownsbrough, Thomas	5 00	5 00		4 00		5 00	19 00
Leaman, Mr.	0 50						0 50
McPhail, Mrs. Robert		2 00				3 00	5 00
Nasmith, J. D.	5 00	5 00		4 00			14 00
Nickols, Mrs. Wm.	5 00				1 00	2 00	8 00
Carried over	172 50	102 50	38 50	40 60	18 50	99 00	473 50

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	New Furnaces.	New Pulpit.	Lecture Room Organ.	Church Visitor.	Refurnishing Lecture Room.	Presentation to Pastor.	Total.
Brought over.	172 50	102 50	38 50	40 60	18 50	99 00	473 50
Norman, Thomas	1 00		1 00				2 00
Northway, Henry	5 00						5 00
Pim, George	2 00	2 00				5 00	9 00
Passmore, John				1 00			1 00
Richardson, J. H., M.D.	5 00		1 00			5 00	11 00
Rodden, W. H.	10 00						10 00
Richardson, R. D.	2 00		5 00	6 00			13 00
Richardson, A.			0 10				0 10
Smith, James	27 55	25 10				10 00	62 65
Snarr, John	10 00			10 00		5 00	25 00
Siddall, William	2 00			10 00			12 00
Snarr, George	2 00						2 00
Strathern, George	2 00						2 00
Stibbs, James						5 00	5 00
Stibbs, W. J.	13 00				5 00		18 00
Thorley, Mrs. C. J.	1 00						1 00
Wickson, John	15 00	5 00			5 00	5 00	30 00
Wickson, Henry	2 00	5 00					7 00
Wightman, John	12 00	7 00			2 00	5 00	26 00
Webb, Mrs. Thomas	5 00			5 00	4 00	10 00	24 00
Wolfe, John	1 00						1 00
Wylie, Alexander	1 00			1 00			2 00
Webb, Harry	5 00						5 00
Williams, Wm. G.				2 00		1 00	3 00
White, Charles					1 00		1 00
Old Furnaces	6 95						6 95
Social, Oct. 15		20 40					20 40
Exhibitions by Dr. Carlyle ..			11 80				11 80
Collections, Wednesday evg's ..			10 63				10 63
Young People's Association ..			59 97				59 97
Sunday School			12 00				12 00
Missionary Collections				22 30			22 30
Proceeds of Bazaar, less subscriptions					98 30		98 30
Total	305 00	167 00	140 00	97 90	133 80	150 00	993 70

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE
YEAR 1873.

LOCAL CHURCH OBJECTS :—		
Weekly Contributions	\$2,136 29	
Presentation to Pastor	150 00	
New Furnaces	305 00	
Lecture Room Organ	140 00	
Fellowship Fund	101 95	
Sundries, \$11 25, \$8 40	19 65	
New Pulpit, as per Treasurer's Statement	\$165 00	
Additional	2 00	
	<hr/>	167 00
Re-furnishing Lecture Room, as per Treasurer's Statement	120 00	
Additional	13 80	
	<hr/>	133 80
Church Visitor, as per Treasurer's Statement	64 20	
Additional	33 70	
	<hr/>	97 90
Collected for interest on note	35 62	
Sunday School	164 57	
Young People's Association	38 42	
	<hr/>	\$3,490 20
DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS :—		
Congregational College	102 00	
Stratford Congregational Church	110 50	
Retiring Pastors' Fund—		
Collection at public meeting, 15th Sept.	\$58 00	
One-third proceeds of lecture by Rev. Newman Hall	54 25	
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Christ's Church, Surrey, per Rev. Newman Hall, two thirds proceeds of lecture	108 50	
Canada Congregational Missionary Society, as per Treasurer's Statement	\$234 07	
Less appropriation on account of 1874	18 22	
	<hr/>	215 85
Indian Mission	37 00	
Central Association, February meeting	30 29	
	<hr/>	716 39
GENERAL OBJECTS* :—		
Young Men's Christian Association	267 40	
Young Women's Christian Association	33 50	
	<hr/>	300 90
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		\$4,507 49

* Besides the above Contributions for general objects, collections have been made for other religious and charitable institutions, but not having been made under the direct supervision of the Church, they do not appear in the above statement.