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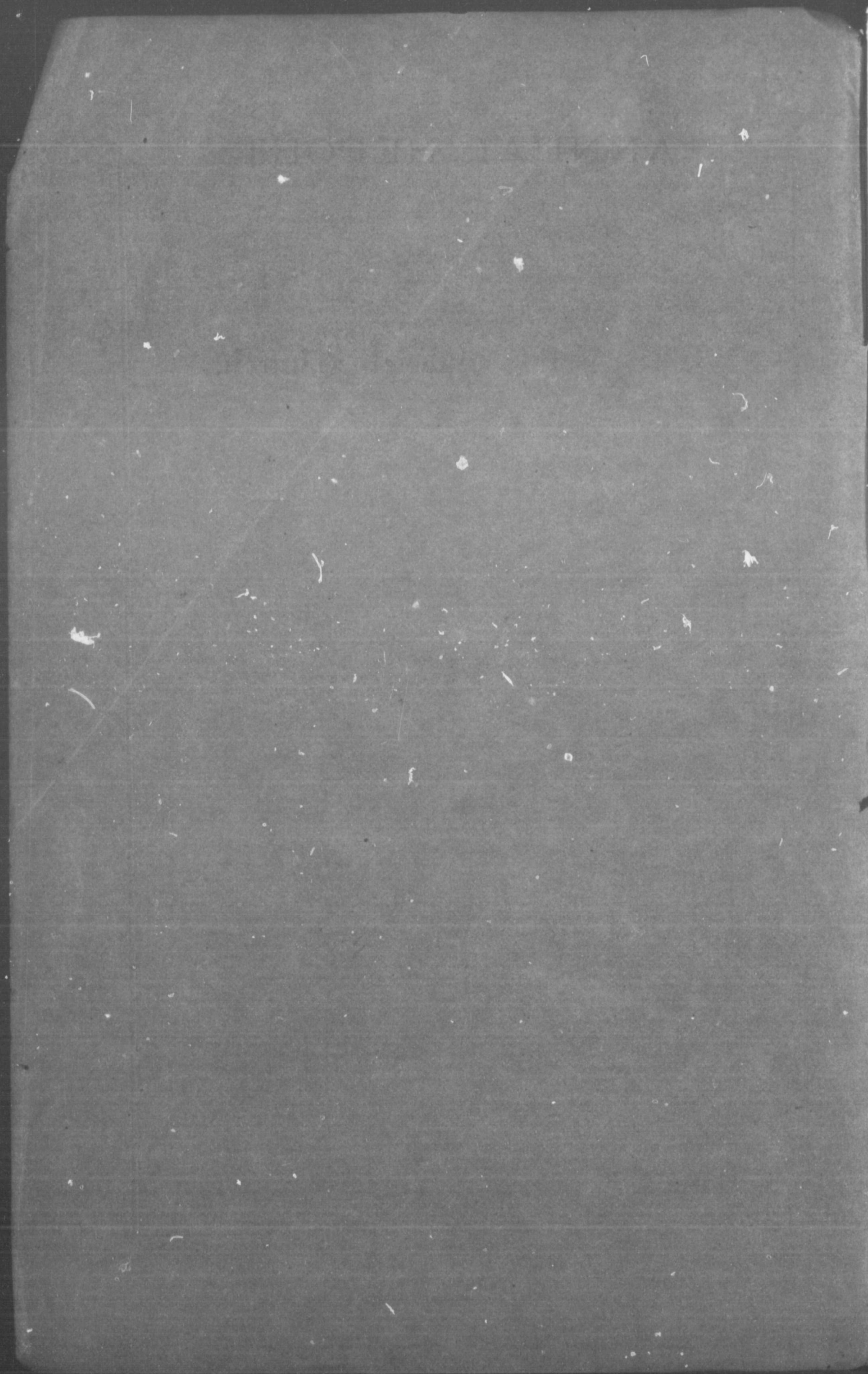
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The Saint Gabriel Church Montreal,

(Organized, 12th March, 1786.)

Wirk Session.

MINISTER.

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, M.A., 68 STE. FAMILLE STREET.

ELDERS.

ROBERT BRODIE,	Coteau St. Luc.
JOHN A. STUART,	164 St. Elizabeth street
JAMES H. MICHAUD,	53 Courville street.
WILLIAM DARLING, Jr.,	92 Union Avenue.
DANIEL DRUMMOND,	Petite Cote.
GILBERT A. FLETCHER,	554 Lagauchetiere street.
THOMAS GRAHAM,	112 St. Lawrence street.

Clerk of Session,—J. H. MICHAUD.

Board of Trustees.

WILLIAM ARNOTT,	35 Parthenais street.
DAVID CUNNINGHAM,	52 Chenneville street.
WILLIAM DARLING, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Hochelega.
THOMAS GRAHAM, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	112 St. Lawrence street
W. L. HALDIMAND,	1452 St. Catherine street.
MATTHEW HODGE,	181 St. Lawrence street.
ARCHIBALD MCNAUGHTON,	464 St. Mary street.
ANDREW MCNEICE,	44 St. Paul street.
WILLIAM PATTON,	613 Craig street.
WILLIAM REID, <i>Secretary</i> ,	159 Laval Avenue.
JAMES ROBERTSON,	866 Sherbrooke street.
DAVID SLEETH,	85 Parthenais street.

The Board meets on the first Wednesday in each month.

AUDITORS.

JOHN WILSON,	14 Anderson street.
WILLIAM FOULIS,	457 St. Lawrence street.

Church Officer,—JOHN LOUGHEAD, 483½ Lagauchetiere street.

The Congregation is divided into EIGHT 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— , *Elder.*

From Papineau Road and Square, East, including Hochelaga, Longue Pointe and Longueuil.

DISTRICT No. II—JOHN A. STUART, *Elder.*

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

DISTRICT No. III—GILBERT A. FLETCHER, *Elder.*

From Campeau street to Gosford and St. Constant streets, the latter excluded

DISTRICT No. IV—J. H. MICHAUD, *Elder.*

From St. Constant street, included, to Bleury street, excluded, and from Craig street to Dorchester street, both included.

DISTRICT No. V—THOMAS GRAHAM, *Elder.*

From St. Constant street, included to Bleury street, excluded, and from Craig street to Dorchester street, both included

DISTRICT No. VI—ROBERT BRODIE, *Elder.*

From Bleury street, included, westwards, and from St. Antoine street included northwards.

DISTRICT No. VII—WILLIAM DARLING, Jr., *Elder.*

From Gosford street, westwards, and southward of Craig and St. Antoine streets, both included

DISTRICT No. VII—DANIEL DRUMMOND, *Elder.*

Petite Cote, St. Michel, and all outside the city limits northwards:

CHURCH SERVICES.

Hours of Divine Service on Lord's Day, 11 a.m and 7 p.m.

Weekly Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, 8 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on the third Sabbath in March, June, September and December.

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first Sabbath in each month.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS.

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

Superintendent,—Rev. R. Campbell, M. A.

Assistant Superintendent,—Mr. J. A. Stuart,

Secretary-Treasurer,—Mr. John Wilson.

Librarian,—Mr. William Sleeth.

Assistant Librarians,—Messrs. Stuart McNaughton & T. Brophy.

Representative to S. S. Association,—Mr. G. A. Fletcher.

Teachers,—Mrs. Campbell, Miss E. MacQueen, Miss M. Patton, Miss E. J. McNaughton, Miss Darling, Miss McKay, Miss A. Orr, Miss Michaud, Miss Lynch, Messrs. Stuart, Fletcher, Currie, Leitch, McAllister & McGregor

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President,—Mrs. Campbell,

Vice-Presidents,—Mrs. W. Darling and Mrs. Jas. Robertson.

Secretary,—Miss S. L. McNaughton.

Treasurers,—Mrs. Hood and Mrs. Haldimand.

The Society meets fortnightly during the winter season, for work, the members also taking work home with them. Besides providing for the poor of the congregation, the society contemplates affording assistance to the finances of the church, and all the ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to the meetings.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

President,—Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A.

Vice Presidents,—J. A. Stuart and William Patton,

Treasurer,—G. A. Fletcher. *Secretary*,—Wm. Peddie.

Auditors,—J. M. Taylor, and P. M. MacTavish.

Collectors,—District No. 1, Mrs. Sleeth and Mrs. Arnott; No. 2, Mrs. J. Hood and Mrs. Hyndman Irwid; No. 3, Mrs. Bickerstaff and Mrs. Teskey; No. 4, Mrs. J. Taylor and Miss Darling; No. 5, Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Barker; No. 6, Messrs. James Darling and James Robertson; No. 7, Mrs. D. Scott, and Miss Henderson.

Committee,—Messrs. C. Barker, D. Bickerstaff, W. Darling, Jr. A. Ewing, W. Foulis, J. Hood, R. McCulloch, A. M-Naughton, J. A. Michaud, W. Reed, A. Watt and John Wilson.

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

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

President,—Mr. G. A. Fletcher.

Vice President,—M. W. M. McRobie,

Secretary,—Mr. P. V. Thom,

Assistant Secretary,—Miss M. Taylor.

Treasurer,—Miss J. Barker.

Executive Committee,—J. A. Stuart, W. Foulis, W. Irwin, H. Irwin, J. McRobie, R. M. Campbell, Misses Laurie, Lynch, Bickerstaff, Maggie Darling, Janet Lynch and M. Campbell.

The Association has had monthly concerts to which the public have been invited and on these occasions it has had an opportunity of testifying in favour of total abstinence. It has been instrumental in doing much good, by way of keeping the young in the path of safety, as well as in helping some that were weak to be strong. The pledge taken was mostly for twelve months at a time, and the Association numbered 68 members during the year.

The receipts of the Association amounted to \$39 40.

STATISTICS.

No. of Families in the Congregation.....	178
No. of single persons not connected with families	30
No. of communicants on roll 1st January, 1882	373
No. added during 1881	39
No. removed during year.....	27
No. of Baptisms.....	23
No. of Marriages.....	12
No. of Burials	19

In Memoriam.

The following Members and Adherents of the Congregation were removed by death during the year 1881:

Dalrymple, Ethel Amelia.....	<i>Sept. 26th.</i>
Darling, Campbell.	<i>April 11th.</i>
Duncan, James	<i>April 28th.</i>
Irwin, Herbert.....	<i>Feb. 6th.</i>
Irwin, Annie Hood.....	<i>Oct. 30th.</i>
Marsh, Walter.....	<i>Aug. 1st.</i>
McNiece, Ellen Campbell	<i>April 28th.</i>
Patterson, Louise.....	<i>April 21st.</i>
Pollock, Margaret Fell.....	<i>Dec. 3rd.</i>
Prevost, Catherine Mathieson.....	<i>June 13th.</i>
Stewart, Lizzie Muriel May.....	<i>Nov. 13th.</i>
Thompson, Isabella Mary.....	<i>April 20th.</i>
Towers, Joseph	<i>July 10th.</i>

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

I take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the printing of the Annual Report of the congregation, to address a few words to you.

A year is no inconsiderable part of the longest life. Another of our years is gone beyond recall; and the solemn questions should arise in our minds, Have we made the most of it? Are we wiser and better men and women than we were twelve months ago? Have we lived to purpose, or have we been frittering away precious hours on worthless pursuits? How much of our thought and energy and time and money has been expended upon the Lord's service?

As a congregation, there have been comparatively few demands made upon us for the past fifteen years—demands of a special character,—and I believe we do not know our own strength. Things have held on their way with an even tenour. This state of affairs has secured for us a large measure of comfort and peace. At the same time, it may admit of the question whether to rest and be thankful is the best condition for the church on earth. Christians are called to warfare, and woe "is pronounced upon those that are at ease in Zion." Timidity and sloth are begotten of ecclesiastical comforts. Every special effort, therefore, put forth by a congregation tends to its improvement. Consequently the enterprise started by the Ladies' Aid Society, with a view to repaying the loan obtained years ago for erecting the Lecture Room and repairing the church building, ought to be hailed with satisfaction by all that seek the welfare of old St. Gabriel's.

On the 12th of March, 1886, the congregation will have completed the first hundred years of its existence. Should there not be steps taken to commemorate an event so rare on this continent, as the termination of a century of the history of an organization? I would suggest that we should aim at having our new St. Gabriel's which has been for some time talked about, opened for Divine Service on that day. There are only four years to pass, and meantime there is enough to be done to afford us occupation in preparing for such a consummation. I have had numerous offers of help from individuals and families that have been identified with the congregation, some time or other, during the century, whenever the work of erecting a new St. Gabriel's shall be undertaken, what could be more fitting than that they should be invited to aid us in replacing the plain old structure, with an edifice worthy of the great Presbyterian Church in Canada, in the first city of the Dominion? Let us have a "Centenary" St. Gabriel Church. What say our friends all over the Dominion, in the the United States,

in Great Britain, and in the other Colonies? Wherever I go I meet with persons who were formerly more or less closely connected with our church, and who still profess an interest in its fortunes. Here is a way in which that interest may obtain tangible expression.

But whatever may be thought of the above suggestion, we must keep before us as a congregation the necessity of a new church; and until such time as one can be built we must not relax any of our efforts to maintain our ground, even though not enjoying all the comforts and advantages which a more modern edifice would secure to us.

“Grace be with you all, Amen.”

Your faithful friend and pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
OF ST. GABRIEL CHURGH.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church, was held in the School Room on the evening of January 11th, pursuant to the usual notice as required by Article Two of the By-laws of the said Church.

Rev. R. Campbell in the chair, Mr. Fletcher was appointed Secretary.

The Chairman stated that owing to the change from December to February in closing the accounts it has been the practice to adjourn the meeting to give the Trustees time to make up their books and audit the accounts.

Moved by Mr. A. McNaughton and seconded by Mr. Fletcher,
“That this Meeting adjourn to meet on the 15th day of February prox.”—*Carried.*

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the St. Gabriel Church, was held in the School-room on the evening of February 15th, 1882.

On motion, Mr. James Robertson was called on to preside, and Mr. G. A. Fletcher to act as Secretary.

The meeting was opened by praise and prayer.

The Secretary then read the minutes of last Annual Meeting, which were confirmed.

The Report of the Trustees for the past year was then read; also the Treasurer's statement of receipts and disbursements, duly audited.

Moved by Mr. W. Darling, Jr., seconded by Mr. Bickerstaff,

“That the Report now read be received and adopted and printed, for the information of the congregation.”—*Carried.*

Abstracts of Reports of the Missionary Association, Dorcas Society, Temperance Association, and Sabbath School, were submitted by Mr. Campbell, and ordered to be printed in the Report.

Moved by Mr. A. Watt, seconded by Mr. G. Byrd,

“That a vote of thanks be now tendered to Mr. T. Graham for acting as Treasurer during the past year.”—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. C. Byrd, and seconded by Mr. A. Watt,

“That Mr. W. Foulis and Mr. John Wilson, be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.”—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. J. R. Bain, and seconded by Mr. W. Foulis,

“That the four retiring Trustees, W. L. Haldimand, A. McNaughton, Matthew Hodge, William Reid, be re-elected.”—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. McGregor, and seconded by Mr. W. Irwin, Sen.

“That the Thanks of the Congregation be now tendered to the members of the Choir for their services during the year.”—*Carried.* This motion was supported by the Rev. R. Campbell, and Mr. G. A. Fletcher.

Moved by Mr. A. McNaughton, and seconded by Mr. Laurie.

“That a committee of the young Ladies and Gentlemen of the Congregation be appointed to confer with the young people of the congregation, having incomes of their own to give a small sum weekly towards the maintainance of church ordinances, and that the following committee be appointed, viz: Miss Taylor, Miss Michaud, Mr. A. McAllister, Jr., Mr. Sleeth, and Mr. J. Wilson.”—*Carried.*

Rev. R. Campbell reported on behalf of the committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to make application to the Presbytery for leave to sell the church property with the view of building a new church. That Presbytery not only granted our request but also gave us liberty to build any where in the district, laid down by ourselves.

Moved by Mr. McNaughton, and seconded by Mr. Foulis,

“That Mr. J. Robertson do now leave the chair, and Rev. R. Campbell be now called upon to act as chairman.

It was then moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Robertson for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the meeting.—*Carried unanimously.*

This motion was suitably responded to by Mr. Robertson.

The benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. R. Campbell, and the meeting closed.

G. A. FLETCHER, *Secretary.*

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of St. Gabriel Church, the Trustees have again to submit for the consideration of the congregation a Report of the general management and financial position of the church for the twelve months ending 31st January, 1882

The Treasurer's Statement about to be laid before you shows that the total amount received during the year from all sources, there has been contributed as Weekly Offerings, \$1550.70; Pew Rents, \$200.00; Ordinary Collections, \$351.09.

On the Pew Rents still held under the old system, there remains unpaid about \$40.00, but on the Weekly Offerings arrears amounting to about \$250.00 have already accumulated.

This falling off under the new system of the anticipated and promised revenue is naturally producing some anxiety to the Trustees. At intervals the Treasurer has issued arrear notices on a form prepared for the purpose, and though involving additional labour expected to be useful as a check upon contributions which from various causes may at times be overlooked. Lately the church officer, after due notification from the pulpit, has been employed to call on all those to whom such notices have been sent, but so far we regret to report he has had but little success.

It is true we have contrived to meet our current obligations for the past year by the exercise of a rigid economy, but have had nothing to spare for improvements or even on some repairs, which it must be evident to all are very much needed.

The Seminary has a claim for commutation on the church property now past due which has to be met.

The city corporation notified us some time ago that if we wished to retain the strip of ground on St. James Street, some kind of boundary fence would have to be erected, and the Board has not succeeded in making up the whole of the stipend arrears so often alluded to though praiseworthy liberality has been shown in this matter by many members of the congregation.

At the beginning of another financial year the Trustees consider it their duty to place these facts before the congregation, asking their co-operation in devising some plan for putting the Temporalities of the church on a more satisfactory footing, and it is now the desire of the Board that the members and adherents would give the affairs of the church their earnest consideration and express their opinion how this can best be accomplished.

The punctuality with which so many keep up their weekly offerings is very gratifying, and to those who have increased their contributions the thanks of the management are now tendered.

If this commendable spirit was more generally followed, which it is respectfully submitted might be done without being burdensome, even to a small extent individually, the aggregate would be a very great help.

The Trustees regret to have to report that the grave of the late Rev. M. Somerville in Mount Royal Cemetery still remains without any monument to his memory.

At the time that our church purchased a lot there as reported at last Annual Meeting it was confidently expected that as there were other institutions in the city interested in doing honour to his memory, funds would have been provided for the purpose of erecting some suitable memorial.

The purchase of a dwelling for the Pastor of St. Gabriel Church, with the balance of the money due from the old manse property, (reported at last Annual Meeting and then approved of by resolution,) was completed shortly afterwards at the price then stated, (\$4925.00.)

The balance of the money received was employed in reducing the amount borrowed for building the school-room and making necessary repairs to the church.

The retiring Trustees at this time are W. L. Haldimand, Archibald McNaughton, Mathew Hodge and William Reid, all of whom are however eligible for re-election.

The whole being respectfully submitted.

W. DARLING, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM REID, *Secretary.*

THE TRUSTEES OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH in account with T. GRAHAM, Treasurer
 from 1st February, 1881, to 1st February, 1882.

Dr.

To Balance.....	\$ 95 55	By paid Minister's Stipend.....	\$1800 00
" Amount received for Weekly Offerings.....	1550 70	" " arrears.....	215 75
" " Ordinary Collections.....	351 09	Precentor.....	180 00
" " Few Rents.....	200 00	Church Officer.....	129 00
" " Interest.....	416 38	Interest (Widow's and Orphan's Fund).....	86 16
" " Acct. shipend arrears.....	215 75	Gas accounts.....	50 00
" To Special Collections, viz:		Insurance.....	22 50
Home Mission.....	\$25 00	Fuel.....	71 75
Sunday School.....	49 00	Advertising in "Witness".....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	27 00	Water acc; 2 years.....	27 30
Widow and Orphans.....	35 00	Repairs.....	69 25
Dorcas Society.....	11 80	Printing.....	23 35
Colleges.....	26 00	Special Collections, viz:	
Presbyterian Record.....	15 00	Home Mission.....	\$25 00
	188 80	Sunday School.....	49 00
		Foreign Missions.....	27 00
		Widow's and Orphan's.....	35 00
		Dorcas Society.....	11 80
		Colleges.....	26 00
		Presbyterian Record.....	30 00
			203 80
		Presbytery Expense Fund.....	15 00
		Spnod Expenses.....	8 00
		Assembly.....	10 00
		Session.....	10 00
		Sundries per receipts.....	45 08
		Balance.....	41 33
To Balance on hand.....	\$3018 27		
	.. 41 33		

Audited and found correct,

CHAS. BYRD, {
 ARCHIBALD WATT, {
 Auditors.

ABSTRACT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The condition of the school was never more satisfactory. The staff is devoted and efficient, and a wholesome and earnest spirit pervades the young in attendance. The Bible Class has been occupied with readings from the Revised version of the New Testament, to illustrate the historic stand-points from which its several parts were written. May Chisholm received the first prize for the largest missionary collection; and Katie Campbell, the second prize. The Kirk Session has placed itself in an important and encouraging relation to the School, by the members of it offering each a Bible for the accurate recitation of the Shorter Catechism. Bibles were given by Messrs. Brodie, Darling, Drummond, Graham and Michaud, and they were awarded to Flora Taylor, James A. Stuart, Katie Campbell, Maggie Darling and Janet Lynch.

TREASURER'S REPORT, ST. GABRIEL, SABBATH-SCHOOL, 1881.

Cr.

To Balance on hand 1st Jan.	\$107 94	
“ Amount voted at Soiree in aid of our own School.	25 00	
“ Sunday Collections.	89 94	
“ Missionary Cards.	16 15	
“ Italian Mission (omitted last year).	6 50	
“ Special Collection in Church.	49 00	
	\$294 53	

Dr.

By paid following sums voted at Soiree.		
“ Pointe-aux-Trembles School for pupil.	\$ 50 00	
“ In aid of our own School.	25 00	
“ Zenana School, India.	20 00	
“ Formosa (China) Missisn.	15 00	
“ Italian Mission.	10 00	
“ Home Mission.	13 37	
“ W. Drysdale on account.	45 00	
By Balance on hand 31 Dec.	116 16	
	\$294 53	

JOHN WILSON, *Treasurer.*

THE DORCAS SOCIETY OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH in account with M. A. HALDIMAND, Treasurer.

Cr.

1880.		
Oct. 11th, To cash on hands.	\$ 19 15	
“ Subscriptions.	25 75	
“ Thanksgiving Collection.	15 00	
	\$59 90	

Dr.

1880-81. By aid to the poor.	\$ 32 05	
Jan. 5th, “ paid House of Refuge.	25 00	
Sept. “ cash on hand.	2 85	
	\$59 90	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY
ASSOCIATION.

The operations of this most important and valuable part of our congregational machinery were carried on with much spirit during the year; and the thanks of all the people of the church are due to Mr. BYRD, the Treasurer, and the lady collectors who at much sacrifice of ease and time waited monthly on the contributors to the funds of the Society. Many moderate subscriptions sum up a considerable aggregate; but if those who have comparatively large means in the congregation would contribute proportionately to the mission work of the church, we should have a better showing at the end of the year. The Association is anew commended to the warmest support of all the members and adherents of the congregation.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH MISSIONARY
ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR 1880-1881.

The following are the returns for the several Districts :—

District, No. 1.	Mrs. Sleeth and Miss Benuett,	\$28 00	
“ “ 2.	Mrs. Hood and Miss McNaughton,	16 50	
“ “ 3.	Mrs. Bickerstaff and Miss Darling,	41 90	
“ “ 4.	Misses Michaud and C. Patton,	78 25	
“ “ 5.	Misses Campbell and Darling,	43 82	
“ “ 6.	Misses Ferguson and Wilson,	60 15	
“ “ 7.	Miss McIntosh,	14 25	
		\$282 87	
Paid City Missionary		\$63 00	
“ Home Mission Fund		57 40	
“ Foreign “		23 00	
“ Widows' and Orphans' Fund		45 00	
“ College “		49 72	
“ Bursary “		25 00	
“ Lumber Mission “		10 00	
“ Balance on Hand		9 75	
	Total,	\$282 87	

SUMMARY OF FINANCES.

Weekly Offerings and Collections,	...	...	...	...	...	\$2317 54
Interest on Investments,	...	...	...	...	...	416 38
Special Collections,	...	...	...	...	...	188 80
Missionary Association,	...	...	...	...	...	282 81
Sabbath School	...	...	...	...	...	106 09
Temperance Association	...	...	...	...	...	39 40
Dorcas Society,	...	...	...	...	...	40 75
Subscriptions to Queen's College,	...	...	...	...	...	173 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund,	32 00
Sunday School Soiree,	50 25
Other Objects	525 00
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Expended upon.

Strictly Congregational Objects,	\$2717 14
Schemes of the Church,	615 40
Other Religious and Benevolent Objects,	839 48
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