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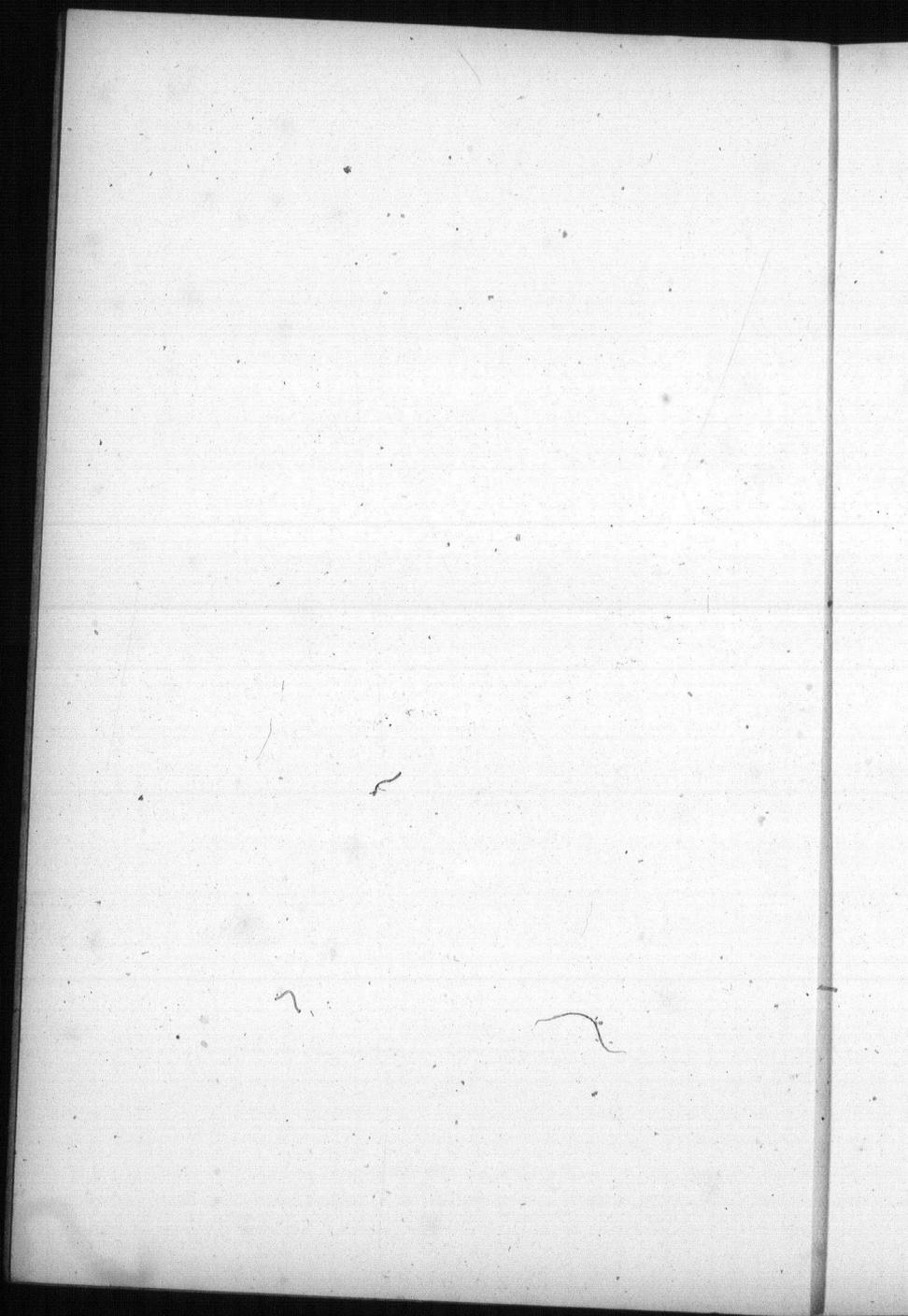
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St. George's Church Temperance Society.

FORMATION.

This Society, for the promotion of the principles of Total Abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, had its commencement in a resolution proposed by the Rev. Jas. Carmichael, and seconded by F. Whitley, at a meeting of St. George's Young Men's Christian Association on the 14th of Dec., 1871, which provided, that a Committee of five members, consisting of Archdeacon Bond, Rev. Jas. Carmichael, Messrs. A. K. Moffatt, Fredk. Whitley, E. W. Mudge and J. H. Redfern, should take into consideration the advisability of forming a Temperance Association in connection with the Church, which Committee subsequently unanimously agreed to the necessity of such an Association, and recommended the appointment of a Provisional Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, to meet with such members of the congregation, as might desire to assist in forming a Temperance Society. A notice was therefore read in the Church to the congregation, asking persons so desirous, to meet a Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association on the evening of January 20th, 1872, at which meeting the Society was formed, and the following elected as officers:—

OFFICERS.

Ven. Archdeacon Bond, LL.D., President.
Rev. Jas. Carmichael, M.A., Vice-President.
H. J. Mudge, Treasurer.
Jas. H. Redfern, Secretary.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. G. Baylis, Dr. P. P. Carpenter, Messrs. J. G. Savage, T. H. Schneider, Wm. Hill, John B. Hellwell, A.

Groves, H. A. Jackson, F. Whitley, E. W. Mudge, A. K. Moffatt—with power to add to their number—to which has since been added J. B. Stevenson, John Gardner, S. Fisher, J. M. Rowe, John Thompson, C. G. Jones, A. A. Murphy, John T. Wilson, Isaac Bickerstaff.

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING.

The first Public Meeting of the Society was held in the School Room of the Church on January 29, 1872, when addresses were delivered by the clergymen of the Church and several laymen. At the close of the meeting 96 persons signed the pledge, (Archdeacon Bond, Rev. Jas. Carmichael, Rev. J. G. Baylis and twenty-one others having previously signed,) and from that time to the present, a meeting has been held every Monday evening (except during the summer months) either for the enforcement of Temperance truths, for social purposes, or for practice in music and recitations.

NUMBER WHO HAVE SIGNED.

The total number of persons who have signed the pledge is 539, 81 of whom are under 16 years of age.

BAND OF HOPE.

Early in the year the Committee (which had met regularly after the Wednesday evening service), determined on forming a juvenile branch of the Association, and meetings were held specially for the scholars and other friends. Since the return of the Rev. James Carmichael from Europe in September last, the St. George's Church Band of Hope has been duly organized, with a separate Committee, under the control of the clergymen of the Church or their delegates. And here we wish to place upon record the great obligations the Society is under to the untiring efforts of Miss Barnjum in connection with our Band of Hope.

TRAIN THE YOUNG.

It is far more easy and effectual to train the young to enter and pass through life without intoxicants, than to alter the

habits of those accustomed to their use. And we hope that the parents of our scholars, even if not prepared themselves to enter the ranks, will encourage their children to do so. A glass of wine cannot make a boy or girl a better Christian; but many a young man, even in the higher ranks of society, has died in the horrors of drunkenness who might have been saved had he been early taught to say "No" when offered the intoxicating cup. Liquor sellers themselves often fear for their own children, and are anxious they should sign the pledge.

A REORGANIZATION.

✓ It should be mentioned that the present Society is to some extent a reorganization of an original society whose operations were conducted by Miss Barbour, and had its commencement in 1852. It was the means of reclaiming many drunkards, and of preventing many more from falling into temptation. In the course of time, the active members being called to other spheres, and the clergy being too much occupied with other duties to attend to its working, it was allowed to become quiescent. The Rev. Archdeacon Bond, however, had continued to show the example of total abstinence, and was warmly supported in it by the Rev. Mr. Sullivan, his brother in the ministry. Latterly neither Archdeacon Bond nor Mr. Carmichael could feel assured of sufficient co-operation to reorganize it as an Association, until the aid of the Young Men's Christian Association was secured as stated.

ENGAGEMENT OF AN AGENT.

As the Committee consists of men too fully occupied to carry on the necessary visiting of the members, it was determined to engage the services of Mr. John Thompson, who had a portion of each day at his disposal. His weekly reports are laid before the clergy of the Church and the Committee, and are in general very satisfactory. Mr. Thompson has made since September last 761 visits, added 14 persons to the Society, and distributed over 600 Temperance tracts.

THE CERTIFICATE, AND PLEDGE.

One thousand pledge certificates of membership have been lithographed expressly for the Society, at an expense of two hundred dollars, and though the outlay is large, the character of the work is such as to make them an article well worth framing and preserving, aside from their value as silent preachers of our principles.

The Society is much indebted to Mr. John M. Rowe, of the Committee, for time and attention given in the getting up of these certificates.

The wording of the pledge is simple, being a promise "to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, for Christ's sake."

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's report, annexed, shows an expenditure to December 31st of \$302.16, and a balance on hand of \$17.34; but the Society will require its well wishers to kindly furnish further aid. Ere long, money will be needed for necessary expenses, and to make good the amount used of the piano fund, which has been encroached upon to the extent of \$9.66.

VIOLATIONS AND TEMPTATIONS.

There have been a few cases in which the pledge has been violated, some ten in all, as far as known. But it is difficult for those in the comfortable classes of society, to realize the almost overwhelming temptations to which others less favored are subject. In the case of no other sin openly practised in Christendom, are Satan's agents so numerous and attractive—so bold and respectable; in no other cases are Christians so willing to endorse their practices, and even to share them; yet there is scarcely a man amongst us, who does not know of one or more of his friends, or even relations, either lost or in danger from its fatal snares.

During the past year even a legal organization, the Grand Jury, has pointed out the inconsistency of the Government licensing some men to deal out intoxicants, and then punish-

ing others for drinking them, as the saying is, to excess. Much more should the members of the Christian Church see the inconsistency of uttering the daily prayer, "Lead us not into temptation," while by following the ordinary drinking usages, they are leading the young and the unwary into what is among the most dangerous of all temptations.

SALE OF POISONS.

The law, under heavy penalties, takes special precautions to prevent the sale of other poisons, even when customers plead medical and other uses. The deaths and the injuries to person, property, and the soul's eternal interests resulting from the use of arsenic, strychnine and all the other poisons put together are not worthy to be named by the side of the evils induced by alcohol. And yet liquors are sold to all who choose to buy, and even the laws restraining their sale are most laxly enforced. Nay, more, these liquors appear on the hospitable tables of those high in Church standing, and society is thus taught by Christian professors to regard them as innocent and attractive delights.

Experience proves that so long as this sort of thing continues, so long a regular percentage of our young and unwary will fall into excess, several into the drunkard's death.

THE DUTY OF CHRISTIANS.

When common customs are so dangerous and alluring they should be met by a determined front on the part of all Christian people. This is our justification in carrying on a distinct Society, not in opposition to the ordinary ministrations of religion, but as their servant and their agent. Ours is an organization into which all the members of the Church might enter without sacrifice of time or money, without giving up a single good work in which they may be engaged, without damaging their health or happiness, and with a manifest good influence on the Church, the schools, the parish, and the city. There is perhaps no outward way in which a man or woman, boy or girl, can so easily do good as by

signing and keeping our pledge; there are few ways in which Christians unwarily do evil more conspicuously than by making intoxicants attractive.

In the name then of the tempted we might shield, of the young and innocent we might save from future pollution, in the name of all who at the Great Day of Account will point to the example we have set, in the name of both the ministers of our Church, and in the Sacred Name of Him who offered up the One Great Sacrifice of Himself, we earnestly entreat the members of our Christian brotherhood either to join us, or to show us a more excellent way.

JAS. H. REDFERN,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, January 20th, 1873.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID TO JHN THOMPSON, AGENT OF
THE SOCIETY, 1872.

Dean Bond.....	\$5 00	A. Ellis.....	1 00
T. H. Schneider.....	5 00	Robt. Hamilton.....	1 00
John Gardner.....	5 00	Henry Copping.....	1 00
A. A. Murphy.....	5 00	Miss Glackmeyer.....	1 00
J. H. Redfern.....	5 00	Richard Thornton.....	1 00
J. T. Wilson.....	5 00	J. Major.....	1 00
Bond Bros.....	10 00	Jas. Fyfe.....	1 00
A. F. Gault.....	5 00	John Norman.....	1 00
John Lovell.....	5 00	H. B. Chandler.....	1 00
Henry Baylis.....	5 00	Elizabeth Higgins.....	1 00
John M. Rowe.....	5 00	Wm. Cowie.....	1 00
John Plimsoil.....	5 00	Mrs. Chandler.....	1 25
J. B. Stevenson.....	5 00	Miss McLaughlin.....	1 00
P. P. Carpenter.....	5 00	S. Peniston.....	1 00
John Elliott.....	5 00	Thos. Cushing.....	1 00
J. F. Warren.....	5 00	J. W. Barnard.....	1 00
Brown & Claggett.....	5 00	Robt. Irwin.....	1 00
Rufus Fairbanks.....	5 00	A. K. Moffatt.....	1 00
John G. Savage.....	5 00	H. J. Mudge.....	1 00
James Muir.....	2 00	G. F. Smith.....	1 00
Mrs. Duncan.....	2 00	John Herbert.....	1 00
W. D. Stroud.....	2 00	T. E. F.....	1 00
F. J. Keller.....	2 00	R. M. D.....	1 00
W. Hill.....	2 00	E. K.....	1 00
N. S. Whitney.....	2 00	W. H.....	1 00
T. White.....	2 00	W. Johnson.....	1 00
E. W. Mudge.....	2 00	Geo. Gall.....	1 00
H. A. Jackson.....	2 00	J. G. B.....	1 00
Prowse Bros.....	2 00	Chas. Cameron.....	1 00
E. J. Broster.....	2 00	— Fisher.....	1 00
D. McEachran.....	2 00	Miss Ellen Copping.....	0 50
J. B. Leithead.....	1 00	Miss Nora McDuff.....	0 50
J. M.....	1 00	M. Newman.....	0 50
Miss Janey Evans.....	1 00	Miss Smith.....	0 50
D. Stevenson.....	1 00	D. M. K.....	0 50
F. Whitley.....	1 00	J. G. Parks.....	0 50
Walter Radford.....	1 00	J. Bickerstaff.....	0 50
Mrs. Charters.....	1 00	Miss Bulmer.....	0 50
Mrs. Lawless.....	1 00	16 items "Cash".....	12 35
J. H. Browning.....	1 00		
H. Grant.....	1 00		\$180 60

COLLECTIONS MADE BY A. K. MOFFATT, 1872, FOR PIANO FUND.

Chas. S. Blackman.....	6 00	R. P. Howard.....	1 00
T. H. Schneider.....	6 00	Miles Williams, jun.....	1 00
John Elliott.....	6 00	N. S. Whitney.....	1 00
A. A. Murphy.....	4 00		
Frank Bond.....	2 00		\$27 00

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

Very Rev. Wm. BOND, Dean of Montreal, President.
Rev. JAMES CARMICHAEL, M.A., Vice-President.
HENRY J. MUDGE, Treasurer.
JAS. H. REDFERN, Secretary.
FRED. S. CHIPMAN, Assistant Secretary.
JOHN THOMPSON, Agent.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

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