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REPORTS
OF THE
SECULAR COMMITTEE
AND THE
Missionary & Benevolent Societies
OF THE
LAGAUCHETIERE STREET
CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
MONTREAL,
For the Year 1863.



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DISTRICTS ASSIGNED TO EACH.

G. ROGER'S DISTRICT.—All East of Main Street, from Coteau Barron to the River, as far as the City limits.

J. C. BECKET'S DISTRICT.—St. Antoine, Genevieve, up to Dorchester Street, University Street to the Mountain, and all South within these limits.

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SECULAR COMMITTEE,

For 1864.

President.

DAVID McFARLANE.

Vice-President.

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Since the Annual Meeting, ALLAN CAMERON & ADAM ARCHIBALD have been added, to supply the place of JAMES THOMSON, deceased, and E. H. COPELAND, resigned.

THE
THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SECULAR COMMITTEE.

In making their customary Annual Report, your Committee have few matters from the history of the management during the past year, to present to the Congregation; but of the few there are some which deserve, no less than they demand, the careful consideration of the members.

The amount collected during the year for ordinary church purposes, is \$2301,95.

The expenditure, as collated per Treasurer's annual statement, (for which see page 8,) amounts to \$2,336.52, which leaves the Congregation indebted to the Treasurer for the sum of \$49,10. Will the members of the Congregation be pleased to make a note of that fact; this is the second year consecutively that our Treasurer's annual statement has shown a balance on the wrong side; your Committee would remark here, that there is a debt of \$500,00, contracted by your authority in June or July 1861, which is still unpaid. Bearing these facts in mind, let each member conscientiously resolve, that as far as he is concerned, to the best of his ability it will not be so said another year.

Since the commencement of the year your Committee have had the subject, for the amelioration of the financial affairs of the

Congregation under consideration, and they have determined, with a view to yet further testing the efficiency of the present system for collecting the revenue of the church, to issue a statement, in the form of an address, to the members and adherents, accompanied with a schedule to be filled up and returned by all members and adherents who are seatholders. The same was issued in November, and the returns which have been made are in a high degree satisfactory.

Your Committee would draw your attention to the fact, that for a long time past there has been much difficulty felt in finding pews or groups of sittings which they could allocate either to families who may desire to become connected with the church, or seatholders who may desire a change; and they now recommend that seatholders of one, two, or three sittings, be required by authority of the congregation, to remove from one pew to another in the church, as necessity may demand.

And your Committee would also recommend that an advance of twenty dollars per annum be added to the Precentor's salary.

Having made the foregoing simple statements and recommendations, you will please bear with us while we, before closing this report, remark that: Thirty years ago this congregation had just started into life, and all through the triple decade of years in which it has existed, its career, although much chequered, has always had its happy phases, for which the minister and members have had reason to thank God, and be encouraged in their hope for the future.

Thirty years ago there was no congregational Sabbath school or Bible class—see them now.

And thirty years ago there was no arm in the congregation for the Mission work, either home or foreign. See it now, with a vigour and energy, aided by the Divine Power, combating the machinations of the Evil one, and working and praying for the redemption of soul's through faith in Christ Jesus.

Among the many blessings and by no means the least, which we, as a Congregation, have enjoyed during the past year, and which call forth our gratitude of heart to God, the giver of every blessing, is this, that our Pastor under the ever-watchful care of a Divine Providence, was borne in safety across the great deep to visit his fatherland, and of many of us, *our fatherland*, and returned to our midst in peace and safety—may he be long spared in unimpaired vigour and with ever increasing love and understanding to labour in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, and may the fruit of his labours under the Divine blessing, be abundant.

Your Committee would here call the attention of the members to the fact as set forth in the address before alluded to, which was issued in November last, namely:—That the ordinary revenue of the church has been, since 1858, gradually falling off until now, when it is insufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure, and this in the face of an opposite fact, that the number of members and adherents to the congregation were increasing. This is a subject of much regret, and ought to be made one of prayerful consideration by every member of the congregation—see ye to it, that ye do not fail to support liberally the ordinances of His Word, out of that talent of worldly substance which God hath given to you. If you hide it in the earth, or in earthly substance to the hinderance of Christ's Kingdom, just as surely as the stones on the way from Bethpage to Jerusalem would have sung aloud the Hosannas of David's royal son, if the disciples had ceased their song, so surely will God raise up men who shall not be counted slack in the work of His house.

The whole is respectfully submitted in name of the Committee.

DAVID McFARLANE,

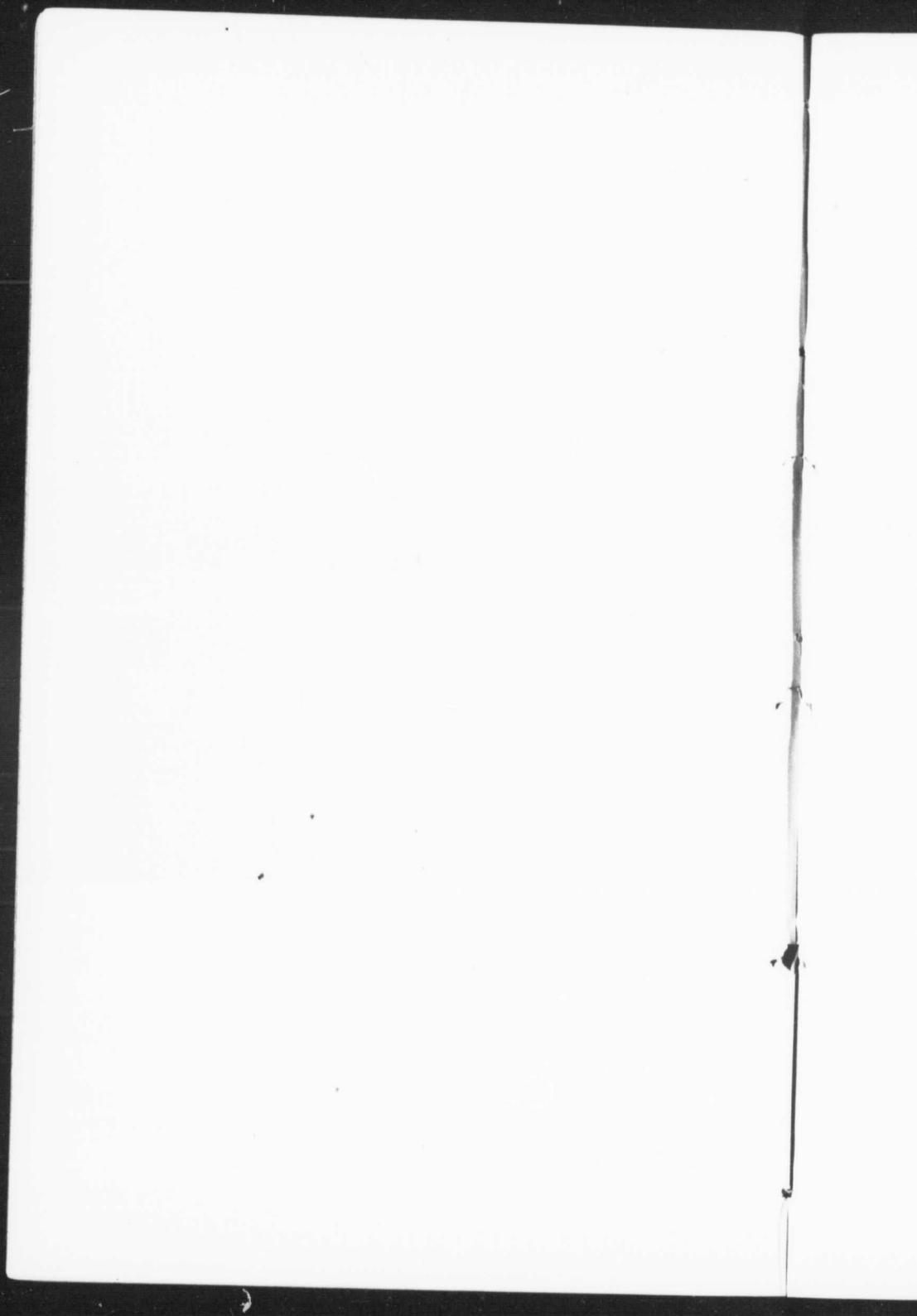
Recording Secretary, pro. tem.

Dr. *Lagauchetière street C. P. C., in account with Johnston Thomson, Treasurer.* Cr.

1863.	
December 31.	To Collections and Subscriptions, - - - \$2,301 95
	" Balance due treasurer, 49 10
	<u>\$2,351 05</u>

1863.	
January 1.	By Balance due treasurer, - \$ 14 54
December 31.	" Stipend and Synodical expenses, 1440 00
	" Precentor's salary, - - 100 00
	" Door-keeper's salary, - - 144 00
	" Ground rent paid, - - - 120 00
	" Lods et ventes - - - 100 00
	" Interest, - - - - 64 00
	" Insurance, - - - - 27 90
	" Firewood, - - - - 67 40
	" Gas account, - - - - 70 25
	" Water rent and taxes, - - 74 50
	" Pulpit supply - - - - 33 00
	" Sundries, - - - - 95 46
	<u>\$2,351 05</u>
	Balance due Treasurer, - - - - \$49 10

Audited and found correct.
 (Signed.) WM. RUTHERFORD.
 ALEX. MURRAY.



OFFICE BEARERS
OF
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
For 1864.

President.

REV. DR. TAYLOR.

Vice-President.

DR. DAWSON.

Treasurer.

WARDEN KING.

Secretary.

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Members of Committee.

MESSRS. DAVID BROWN.
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MESSRS. JAMES ROY.
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JOHN WATSON.

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MISSRS BROWN,
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MORRICE, MARGARET,
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NISBET,
PATON,
PATON, MARGARET,
POET,
RICHARDSON,
SNOWDON,
TURNER,

ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Congregation was held on the evening of the 20th of January, 1864, when the following resolutions were presented :—

Moved by Mr. Laird Paton, seconded by Mr. George Rogers and unanimously adopted.

Resolved,—That the Report now read be adopted, printed and circulated among the members of the Congregation, and that the following be the Office Bearers for the ensuing year.

Resolution 2nd, moved by Mr. James Roy, seconded by Mr. D. McFarlane, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved,—That this Meeting is gratified to hear of the success of the operations carried on by the Board of City Missions, in connection with our denomination, hereby instruct the Committee to continue the work. And the grant of \$600 as heretofore. Also, that the sum of \$100 be, and is hereby donated to the Home Mission fund of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Resolution 3rd, moved by Dr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. David McKay, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved,—That this Meeting hear, with pleasure, that the Missions to Red River and British Columbia, are now fairly established, and hereby devote the sum of One Hundred Dollars for their aid. Also a like sum, (say One Hundred Dollars) to the Nova Scotian Mission to the New Hebrides, with thanks to God for his having so soon touched the hearts of new labourers, to fill up the places of those who thus became martyrs to the cause.

Moved by Mr. J. C. Becket, seconded by Mr. Wm. Rutherford, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Congregation are hereby tendered to the Collectors, for their diligence during the past year, and with this, the meeting would connect their humble gratitude to God for the measure of success, which has attended the labours of the Church, and would call upon the Congregation to prosecute the work with, *if possible, still greater diligence and zeal.*

REPORT
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
FOR 1863.

Your Committee would herewith present their Seventh Annual Report, containing an account of their stewardship during the past year, and which they hope will meet with your approval. In doing so they will have to deviate considerably from those hitherto presented, in consequence of the now altered working arrangements of the Society. Many of the members are aware that since we last held our Annual Meeting your Committee have been associated with the missionary agencies of the other two congregations of this city in a united effort, for the purpose of city Missionary work, for the information of those who have not been so informed, it may be as well to state here, how this alteration was accomplished, and the reasons for so doing.

The sessions of the three congregations had been for some time associated with a view of carrying out a scheme of church extension by building a Mission Church in St. Joseph Street; during its progress a discussion arose whether it would not be better to join our city missionary efforts as a whole, in the hope that they would be more efficiently conducted and at the same time produce a firmer feeling of union between the congregations. After repeated meetings between the sessions and deacons of Côté and St. Gabriel Street Churches, with the session and Missionary Committee of this church, a basis of agreement was entered into,

and the representatives of each of the churches were requested to obtain the consent of their respective congregations.

Your Committee did so at a meeting specially convened on 18th March last, when the following proposals bearing on the question were laid before the meeting.

First.—“The proposed union and its objects, viz :—City Missions, Day and Sabbath Schools.”

Second.—“The probable amount required to sustain the effort, \$2000, and ask what proportion of this, or the minimum amount they would assume.”

In answer to which it was unanimously resolved. “That the missionary committee be authorized to agree to the union scheme, of city mission and school efforts, and to assume the minimum sum of \$600, six hundred dollars, in behalf of this congregation.”

Thereafter further meetings were held which resulted in a constitution being prepared and adopted, 250 copies of which were circulated among the members of the congregation about six months ago, and the City Missionary, Day and Sabbath School efforts of the congregations are now combined under the designation of the Board of City Missions of the Canada Presbyterian Church of Montreal

In particularising our respective objects, it may be as well to observe here, that the Board will, D.V., hold their first Annual Meeting in Coté St. Church, on the third Thursday of February, when full reports of all the different objects under the care of the association will be presented; and as it will contain much fuller information than your Committee could possibly lay before you, we shall only very casually allude to the objects under their especial care.

MISSION CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH STREET.

Was opened early in the year, and has been under the care of the Rev. P. D. Muir, whose labours, so far as ascertained, have

been most acceptable, and attended with encouraging success; very large Day and Sabbath Schools are also carried on here, which, with the regular supply of Gospel ordinances, must be productive of great good in that neighbourhood.

MISSION SCHOOL, MILE-END.

Under the new arrangement entered into, the special interests of your Committee ended in March last, when it came under the care of the Board of City Missions; they, however, left it very much under the care of the members of the Committee, who have so long identified themselves with this work. The school still continues prosperous and increasing, while Miss Russell is pursuing her labours with her usual care, diligence, and zeal.

According to the resolution passed at our last annual meeting, to obtain a Missionary for this station, your Committee laid the matter before the Board at their earliest opportunity, and were successful in obtaining the services of Mr. Donaldson, who has for some months been officiating in that district. Services are held on Sabbath-day, and evening prayer meetings during the week. The work of visitation has also been carried on, while in addition to this, Mr. Donaldson has been enabled to spend a considerable portion of his time visiting the sick in the Hospital, where from the reports he has presented from time to time to the Board, he seems to have been the means of doing considerable good.

HOME MISSIONS.

The money voted at last meeting for this purpose was, as you will observe from the Treasurer's statement, duly paid over for the purposes intended. With the New Glasgow congregation, some interesting correspondence took place; they had heard early in the year that we were going to withdraw the aid we had given them for the previous two years; they supposed it was to be done immediately, and consequently were very much disappointed; it fortunately happened that one of your Committee

was in New Glasgow shortly afterwards, had conference with them, and explained that the grant would be continued for the year 1863, and no doubt after that time, (at which our promised three years would have expired;) they would receive all due care from the Presbytery, in whose hands your Committee have every confidence in leaving them, being in accordance with Church rule in such cases.

Your Committee are led to believe, that the help you have been able to extend to them, has been of very material service in helping them along, and that they feel grateful for our assistance, will be seen from the following extract of a letter containing resolutions passed at a meeting of the congregation, held on New Year's day, 1863:—

“It was unanimously agreed, that the thanks of the congregation be tendered to the congregation of Lagauchetière Street, for the generous and liberal support bestowed by them, by means of which, religious ordinances have been continued among us. We feel deeply grateful to God for the seasonable help afforded. It has enabled us to enjoy the worship of the sanctuary every Lord's day, to fit us for the duties of this life, and to prepare us for eternity. It has secured for us, the services of one who is deeply interested in our future well-being, by the faithful discharge of his duties the attendance has increased, a few who had been utterly regardless are being gathered in. Though we are few in number, yet by the blessing of God we are endeavouring to fulfil our obligations: accept then the gratitude of our hearts for the kindly assistance already bestowed, and may the great King and head of the church, bless and prosper you more and more, that you may be enabled to continue to foster and assist weaker churches.”

For the general Home Mission work of the church, your Committee would recommend an appropriation out of the funds, now at their disposal; it is our duty as well as our privilege, to help our weaker brethren who are struggling to maintain ordin-

ances among themselves. Home Mission work is, and will continue to be, a most important one for years to come; our country being yet so sparsely settled, coupled with the general inability of settlers in new districts to support the Gospel among themselves, thereby asserts a strong claim upon those congregations who have out-grown that stage, and who should feel, in performing such duty, "That it is more blessed to give than to receive."

FOREIGN MISSION.

As you must have seen from the record now regularly delivered by the collectors during their rounds each month, the particulars of the Foreign Missions established by the denomination of which we form a part, viz: to "British Columbia" and "Red River" settlement, it will be quite unnecessary here to enter much into detail. It is only necessary to point out the fact that our church has entered on the foreign field, and as a congregation, will of necessity require to make an appropriation for it; while doing so pecuniarily, we should not forget to ask the Almighty to bless the labours of those who have gone forth to spread the Gospel of our blessed Redeemer. When fairly established, these missions will, no doubt, produce fruit; and as they become developed, we may expect to hear interesting information of their progress from time to time.

Since the formation of the Society, seven years ago, we have regularly donated a portion of our funds to the Nova Scotian Mission to the New Hebrides, and which your Committee would recommend to be continued.

In our last report we had to call your attention to the great calamity which had befallen that mission during the previous year. By late information we hear that a new band of missionaries "have girt up their loins," and "with their lives in their hands" gone forth to this dark and benighted field.

A new vessel, appropriately called the "Day Spring," has

been specially built by the Association (at a cost of over \$10,000) for this enterprise. Three missionaries, two of whom have their wives with them, have sailed with her from Halifax on the 5th November last; the Captain has his wife also with him, and the crew, consisting of 10 men, have agreed to "abstain from profane language," from the "use of tobacco and of strong drink." If all has gone well, they have, ere this, reached the Cape of Good Hope, on their outward voyage. That they may reach their destination safely, and fulfil all the earnest wishes of our brethren in Nova Scotia, is no doubt the desire of all who have taken even the slightest interest in this small, hard tried, but eminently successful mission.

FINANCES.

The subscriptions for the past year amounted to	\$957.28
For the preceding year.....	833.86
Increase for the year.....	123.42
Expenditure for 1863.....	978.78
Excess of Expenditure over Income	21.50

As you are aware, our expenditure was based on the assumption of a revenue for the year of \$1000; this amount would have been reached, but from the fact that \$45 was donated to special benevolent objects, and which your Committee transferred as donated. On the whole, your Committee feel grateful for the increase, and now close this department with simply stating that they hope the next year's increase will meet the expenditure, which is calculated to be the same as the one now past.

OUR MISSIONARY COLLECTORS

Have done their duty well during the by-gone year; they have the thanks of the Committee, and deserve the same from the congregation, for their "Labour of Love;" we would encourage their perseverance, and say, "Be not weary in well doing." Go round regularly every month, and despise not the smallest offering; "It is to the Lord." We would commend them to every member of the congregation, and ask them to receive them cheerfully, and

give not grudgingly, but as the " Lord hath prospered you," remembering, " There is that scattereth and yet increaseth," and that " The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Your Committee would gladly have closed their report here, but they cannot do so without calling your attention to the unexpected and sudden death of one of their number, whose last official act was the presiding over the annual general meeting of this congregation, two short weeks ago; whose voice then joined with ours in the services of the church below, and before another week had passed away, went to swell that great throng which for ever sing, " Worthy is the Lamb, that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

What a solemn warning to us all. " Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

The whole respectfully submitted,

In name of Committee,

ANDREW ROBERTSON,

Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
 FOR 1863.

Archibald, Adam	\$3 00	Ferguson, Janet	1 12½
Archibald, Alex.	3 00	Ferrie, Arch'd.	6 00
Barrington, Geo.	1 50	Fowler, Alex.	3 00
Beattie, Wm.	50	Friend, A.	40 00
Becket, Mrs. J. C.	3 00	Garvin, James	3 00
Becket, John M.	3 00	Gemmell, Mrs	6 00
Bell, A. R.	2 00	Gillespie, Miss	39½
Bennett, John	1 50	Gilmour, William	1 50
Blackhall, Mrs.	1 12½	Grant, Mrs.	1 50
Bower, Alex.	1 50	Greig, James	1 75
Brodie, Chas.	1 50	Guthrie, Mrs.	37½
Brown, David	12 00	G. W. K.	60 00
Brown, James	6 00	Haldane, James	3 00
Brown, Miss Janet	1 50	Hall, Mrs.	3 00
Brown, James	1 50	Harrold, John	1 50
Brown, John	2 50	Henderson, Mrs. Hugh	3 00
Brown, Mrs. R.	1 50	Henderson, Mrs.	3 00
Bruce, James	1 50	Henderson, Daniel	2 00
Buchanan, Mrs.	2 00	Henderson, James	2 00
Cameron, Allan	3 00	Higgins, Thos.	1 25
Cassells, John	3 00	Higgins, A.	2 10
Caution, Mary	2 01	Higgins, Letitia	50
Chipchase, James	3 00	Hodges, John	3 00
Church, Miss	1 12½	Hodgson, Jonathan	8 50
Cochrane, James	6 00	Holmes, Mr.	75
Creighton, James	1 25	Housten, Mrs.	75
Christie, J. T.	3 00	Hutchison, John	6 00
Crosby, John	6 00	Hyslop, Miss	2 00
Cross, Mrs.	2 25	Irvin, Thos.	3 00
Dakers, James	10 00	Jackson, Thos.	75
Dawson, Dr.	6 00	Jeffrey, James	1 50
Dougall, George	3 00	Johnston, Miss	25
Dougall, Jane,	2 75	Johnston, H. J.	4 00
Dow, Finley	75	Johnstone, James	1 50
Dow, William	2 25	Johnston, Samuel	6 00
Dow, Wm. jr	1 87½	Kerr, D. Ross	2 00
Drysdale, Adam	1 50	Kerr, Miss	1 87½
Duncan, Mrs.	1 40	King, Abigail A.	10
Evans, Samuel	1 47½	King, James	15
Evans, Stewart	6 00		

King, Margaret	40	McGinnis, Mrs.	1 00
King, Warden	18 00	McGregor, James	6 00
Knox, James	2 00	McKay, David	6 00
Knox, William	2 75	McKenzie, Robert	9 00
Kyle, Alex.	1 50	McKenzie, William	3 00
Laidlaw, Wm.	50	McLaren, J. C.	8 00
Laing, Murdoch	3 00	McLaren, John	4 00
Lawrie, James	2 75	McVaughton, A.	3 00
Lawrie, James, jr.	2 00	McLavin, Daniel	6 00
Lawrie, Thos.	1 25	McMillan, D.	1 00
Lawson, William	82½	McQueen, Daniel	1 50
Leighton, Mrs.	1 50	Nesbit, Henry	3 00
Lewis, John	4 00	Norval, James	1 75
Lillie, James	3 00	Oliver, R. S.	10 00
Linton, Samuel	1 50	Owen George	75
Lowdon, Mrs.	1 50	Owen, Henry	3 00
Lowdon, John	1 50	Patterson, John	3 00
Lowdon, Robert	1 25	Paton, Laird	21 00
Machar, John	2 00	Paton, Miss	50
Marcow, J. L.	2 75	Paton, Margaret	50
Maxwell, Archibald	1 50	Poet, Mrs.	4 00
Maxwell, Edward	6 00	Rickey, Mrs.	50
Maxwell, Miss	1 50	Richardson, James	6 00
Maxwell, James	1 22½	Robb, William	3 00
Middleton, James	3 00	Robb, William, jr.	2 50
Miller, T.	1 90	Robertson, Andrew	30 00
Miller, Miss	50	Robertson, James	3 00
Montieth, Miss	2 01	Robertson, Jane	3 00
Morgan, Henry	12 00	Robertson, John	24 00
Morrison, Miss	1 53	Robertson, John A.	2 00
Morrice, James	9 00	Robinson, Thomas	3 00
Morrice, John	6 00	Robson, William	1 25
Morrice, William	3 00	Rogers George	24 00
Murray, Alex.	3 00	Rose, Alex.	6 00
McAdam, Chas.	1 50	Ross, James	10 00
McAdam, James	3 00	Roy, James	12 00
McBratney, Robert	1 00	Russell, Miss	3 00
McBride, Mrs.	1 75	Russell, James	3 00
McConnell, James	2 00	Russell, James	2 00
McCulloch, Mrs.	4 00	Rutherford, Wm.	12 00
McCulloch, Andrew	3 00	Shaw, Thomas	1 00
McCulloch, Michael	3 00	Shepherd, George	4 00
McCunn, John	1 50	Sleath, David	1 37½
McDonald, A.	3 00	Small, William	1 25
McDonald, Colin	3 25	Smillie, David	37½
McDonald, Mrs.	2 75	Smith, Francis	1 52½
McDonald, Mrs.	3 00		
McDougall, A.	3 00		
McFarlane, David	12 00		
McGilvery, Janet	82½		

Smith, Mrs.	1 50	Wark, Mrs.	2 50
Stewart, William	3 00	Watson, John	25 00
Stewart, Mr.	15	Watson, John	1 50
Stodart Helen	60	West, A. E.	3 00
Sutherland James	3 00	West, A. R.	3 00
Sutherland, late Mrs.	3 00	Williamson, James	1 25
Taylor, Rev. Dr.	18 00	Wilson, Robert	2 00
Taylor, James	6 00	Wood, Samuel	50
Taylor, M. D., W. H.	3 00	Wright, William	90
Thomson, James, late	3 00	Wylie, James	1 50
Thomson, John	3 00	Young Christina	2 00
Thomson, Johnston	6 00	Yuile, William	2 00
Thomson, Robert	1 50	Received from a few subscribers for the month of December	2 98½
Thorburn, George	1 00		
Turner, Peter	4 80	McNiven, D., omitted in 1862,	6 00
Turner, Miss	2 40		
Walker, James	18 00		

SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIETY.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1864.

President.

REV. DR. TAYLOR

Vice-President.

LAIRD PATON.

Superintendent.

ALEXANDER ROSE.

Treasurer.

DAVID MACKAY.

Secretary.

ROBERT MCKENZIE.

Librarians.

THOMAS MACKAY and JOHN RICHARDSON.

**Representative Member of Executive Committee of Sabbath School
Association,**

JAMES WALKER.

Teachers.

Mrs. TAYLOR.
" WARK.
" BUCHANAN.
Miss BROWN.
" CHURCH.
" POET.
" COCHRANE.
" McCULLOCH.
" RICHARDSON.
" GUTHRIE.
" EVANS.
" MORICE.

MESSRS. PATON.
" MACKAY.
" WALKER.
" MAXWELL.
" RUTHERFORD.
" MCGREGOR.

Miss MAXWELL.
" MARTHA BROWN.
" GASSON.
" FULLARTON.
" YOUNG.
" PATON.
" MACDONALD.
" PATON.
Assistants.
" WYLIE.
" PHEBE MAXWELL.
" RICE.

MESSRS. FRASER.
" McDOUGALL.
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" HENDERSON.
" YULIE.
" MCKENZIE.

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SABBATH SCHOOL,
For 1863.

In presenting the Report of the Sabbath School for the past year, it becomes us with grateful hearts, to acknowledge the mercy of our God in sparing our lives to assemble together at this our annual meeting, with the blessings we enjoy. And though some amongst us have been deprived of meeting with their Classes every Sabbath, through sickness or infirmities of age; yet we must all acknowledge God's loving kindness and tender mercies towards us. And while we, as Teachers, have cause to praise His name for sparing mercy during another year, we would also recognise His sovereign hand in the removal by death, during that period, of five young persons who were members of our School, or shortly before had left for the Bible Class. These persons names are: Mary Drysdale, Grace Brown, Margaret Dow, John Davidson, and Robert Laurie, who, we have cause to believe, all died in the faith of the gospel.

In reviewing the proceedings of the past year, the first thing that calls for notice was adjudging the two medals presented to the School through Dr. Taylor, to the successful Candidates, for "Repeating the greatest number of Psalms," and "Introducing into school during the year, the greatest number of children who had not attended any Sabbath School before." The medal for the first was awarded to Mr. D. S. Henderson, who I am sorry to say had no competitor; the second was presented to Miss Abigail A. King, who introduced eleven children; for this medal there were twelve candidates, who had introduced one or more children during the

year. A book with suitable inscription was presented to Miss A. McDonald Fairbairn, for introducing six, the next largest number. With regard to the first of these, it is to be regretted that a greater interest was not taken by the scholars for the attaining of it, and the remarks in last year's report on the medal presented that year, applies with greater point to this, "that it has failed very much in the objects for which the kind donor presented it." With the second, however, it is pleasing to notice so many joined in such a Christian work, especially amongst the young. I have learned in some cases self-denial and sacrifices were made to induce children to attend this school, which must be gratifying for the teachers to know, and I hope to all those who entered into this work, God will bless it to them, and incite them to greater diligence and usefulness in bringing others to Christ.

In June last we had a visit from Rev. J. D. Gordon, who was about to proceed to the New Hebrides, as a Missionary to fill the place of his brother who had fallen a martyr to the cause; he addressed our school, with three others connected with our Association in the city, on the work of Missions and our duty in sustaining them, and at a meeting of teachers afterwards held, it was agreed to ask the children to contribute any article which might be useful to the children of the mission field where Mr. Gordon was to labour. This was heartily responded to by the children, and a valuable box of sundries was forwarded to Pietou to accompany Mr. G. to his distant field of labour.

At the suggestion of the Sabbath School Association, we have along with the other schools adopted the singing of Bateman's Book of Hymns, in conjunction with Psalms and Paraphrases, as yet a few only have been used, on account of the number of new tunes. By the kindness of Mr. Robinson, our Precentor, a class has been established for the practise of singing these hymns, and I hope that in a short time a greater number will be used.

The Library continues under the charge of Messrs. Thomas

McKay and John Richardson; the books are much prized by a good many of the scholars, and it would be well if an addition could be made to it of such books as would arrest the attention, while it would instruct their minds.

As usual, we have to mark the changes which each revolving year causes in our ranks as teachers. Five of our number have left, viz: Messrs. James Ross, John Brown, and Samuel Woods, and Misses McKay and Ferguson; whose places have been filled by Messrs King, Fraser, and Yuile, Mesdames Lowden and Gemmill, and Misses Young, Patton, and Paton; as some of these have accepted the duties only till permanent teachers are engaged, it would be well if such could be got to keep the organization and working of the School in a proper state of efficiency.

The attendance during the past year has been as good as any preceding, although it cannot be said to have increased much, the number on the roll is 180; the largest attendance on any one Sabbath was 162, and the average attendance has been 135.

Whilst we have to deplore great carelessness and indifference amongst a great many in our classes, let us still labour on, feeling we are in the way of duty, and that if faithful to our work, in commending Jesus from hearts filled with love to Him, our labours cannot be in vain; and encouraged, that as not a few of our scholars have during the past year given themselves to Christ, and found peace in believing. The year we now enter upon may be one in which the hand of the Lord may be revealed by a larger outpouring of his Spirit on both teachers and scholars.

The Sabbath morning Meeting for prayer and study of the lesson has been better attended and a deeper interest manifested than in any former year; let me recommend a regular attendance of all the Teachers who can conveniently do so.

Another Prayer Meeting has been established during the year of the young of both sexes which commenced shortly after Mr. Ham-

mond's leaving the city in December last, by the Band of Hope resolving to merge their weekly meeting into a Prayer Meeting, which has been well kept up and sustained by nearly all its members, while it has received accessions from others. They have also a meeting for devotional exercises on Sabbath morning, half an hour before Teacher's meeting.

The whole respectfully submitted,

JAMES WALKER,
Superintendent.

Montreal, Dec. 1863.

Dr. Canada P. Church Sabbath School, LaGauchetiere St., in account with D. Mackay, Treas. Cr.

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Dorcas Society.

President.

MRS. TAYLOR.

Secretary and Treasurer.

MRS. JOHN WATSON.

The Society is conducted by the Ladies' of the congregation. The poor of the congregation and the children of the Mission Schools are supplied with clothing, and other needy cases are attended to when the funds admit.

Donations in cash during the year, \$25.50, also a number of parcels of clothing.