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ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

TORONTO,

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 23RD, 1834.

ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR

1872.

*Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation,
January 22nd, 1873.*

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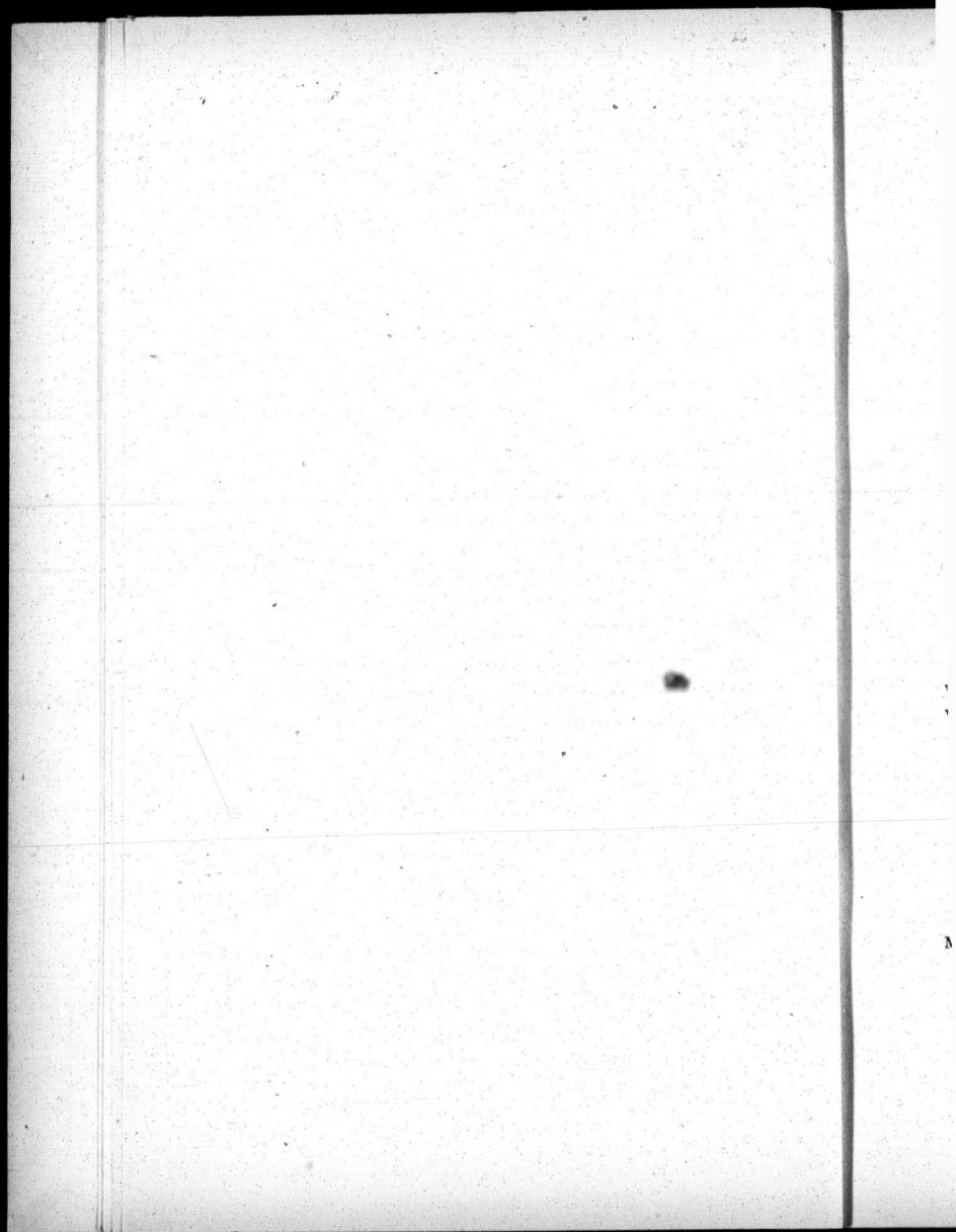
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OFFICE BEARERS OF THE CHURCH.

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.

Board of Trustees :

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ANDREW HAMILTON,	JOSEPH ROBINSON,
JOHN WIGHTMAN,	JOHN BOYD,
JOHN BISHOP,	JOHN WICKSON,
JAMES LESSLIE,	W. FREELAND.

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THE PASTOR, *President.*

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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.

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 every month is in connection with Mission operations, and a Collection is taken up for that purpose.

The Prayer Meeting on the third Wednesday in every month is in connection with the Sunday School, and a Collection is taken up in its behalf.

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

The Church Meeting is held after the ordinary service, on the last 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 the Church Meeting.

Officers of the Church give attendance at the Church Building 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 in the Church.

Persons desiring to unite with the Church are requested to apply to the Pastor.

Pastor's Residence, 72 Gould Street.

Secretary's Residence, 71 Bay Street.

The Sexton, Robert Crawford, resides at 19 Terauley Street (near Queen).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF
ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of the Church and Congregation was held in the Lecture Room on the evening of Wednesday, January 22nd, 1873. Tea having been served, the exercises of the evening were entered upon. By request of the Pastor, the Chair was taken by Professor James H. Richardson, M.D., who called upon the Pastor to open the meeting, when a portion of the hymn was given out, commencing

"Come we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known."

After reading the 23rd Psalm, the Rev. Thos. Rattray engaged in prayer.

The Chairman in his opening remarks, after referring to the very full programme and the large number of reports that would be presented, expressed his gratification at seeing so many present. He might, he said, be considered a *veteran* in respect to Zion Church, having been twenty-five years in connection with it. This connection had taught him that the Congregationalists of Toronto and the members of Zion Church had ever been foremost to take their share in the work of Christ's kingdom. He also congratulated the congregation upon their happiness in having such a Pastor as Mr. Jackson, who had contributed so largely to the prosperous state of the Church, and been instrumental in gathering together so many happy hearts on this occasion.

The reports of the past year were then presented by the Pastor; by Mr. Higgins, Secretary to the Diaconate; Mr. Freeland, Secretary to the Church; Mr. Ashdown, Superintendent of the Sunday School; Mr. R. D. Richardson, Secretary of the Young People's

Association; Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society; Mr. Wickson, Treasurer of the Church. The report in regard to Tract Distribution being called for, the Pastor explained that Mr. Greey, the Superintendent, had been prevented through sickness from preparing and presenting his report.

These reports, as well as the Chairman's address, were received with marked approval by the audience, and were interspersed with musical selections by members of the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Norman, accompanied on the piano by Mr. John G. Lawson, Organist of the Church. These selections embraced a solo by Miss Macdonald, "The Three Calls;" a solo by Mrs. Greenfield, "Earth and Heaven;" a piano fantasia by Miss Searl; and two anthems by the Choir, "I will lift up mine eyes" and "*Nunc Dimittis*."

During the proceedings, an intermission was allowed for social intercourse which was generally improved. A very pleasant meeting was brought to a close by singing the hymn, commencing

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness thickens; Lord, with me abide,"

announced by the Rev. J. T. Byrne, followed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Shand.

The following are the reports presented, the Secretary's report being placed first, as it embraces an historical sketch of the Church, forming thus an introduction to the others:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This Church was organized on the 23rd November, 1834, and was composed of seventeen members, including the first Minister of the Church, the Rev. William Merrefield, late of Brampton, in Cumberland, England. Of these original members only one is now living, having continued in fellowship with the Church ever since. Mr. Merrefield was succeeded by the Rev. John Roaf, late of Wolverhampton, England, who arrived in Toronto, in October, 1837, and accepted the pastorate on the 29th March, 1838. This position he filled for over seventeen years, and was succeeded on the 29th May, 1856, by the Rev. Thomas Scales Ellerby, formerly pastor of the British and American Congregational Church at St.

Petersburg, Russia. After a pastorate of about ten years, Mr. Ellerby was succeeded, on the 30th May, 1866, by the Rev. John G. Manly, formerly of Dublin, Ireland. Mr. Manly filled the office for about four years and a half, and was succeeded, on the 1st June, 1871, by the present pastor, the Rev. Samuel Nelson Jackson, M.D., of Montreal, who we hope may long continue to go in and out among us, taking the oversight of us in the Lord.

The first public services of the Church were held in the Masonic Hall, which then stood on Colborne Street, near the site of the Merchants' Exchange of the present day. In July, 1837, the Church removed its meetings to a more suitable building, in George Street. In this place they continued to meet for religious purposes until January, 1840, when they removed to their new Church, on the corner of Adelaide and Bay Streets. That Church was unfortunately destroyed by fire on the 26th February, 1855. For over a year and a half the Sunday services were held in St. Lawrence Hall, the use of which was granted by the City Council, free of charge. On the 26th September, 1856, the present church building, occupying the site of that destroyed by fire, was opened for public worship.

During the past year a thorough revision of the roll of members has been made. It had long been felt that the old roll was in a very incomplete and unsatisfactory state, and a Committee consisting of Messrs. John Wightman, Alexander Christie, and W. Freeland, had been appointed to prepare a new one. The Committee having made a careful examination of all the records of the Church, presented their Report to the Church-meeting, on the 1st of May last. On the recommendation of the Committee, resolutions were adopted removing 322 names from the roll, the greater portion being names of persons who long-ago were deceased, or had left the city, or ceased to attend; subsequently 10 more were removed for similar reasons, making in all 332 names removed from the roll, on this revision. These removals will appear in the statistics of membership as being made in 1872, although having reference, properly, to previous years.

The Committee have recently completed the new roll, and are prepared to submit it at the next meeting of the Church. The

roll contains the name of every person received into membership since the organization of the Church, with the date of each reception, as well as the mode of reception, whether by letter or profession, and if by letter from what Church, (except in some of the earlier admissions, where the mode of reception is not given, not being stated in the minutes,) also, a record of removals with the date of the minute of removal, and a column for remarks. With this roll, it is believed, the state of the membership may, at any time hereafter, be ascertained without involving a tithe of the labour that has necessarily been expended by the Committee in this review, which has covered proceedings extending over thirty-eight years.

The total number of members received up to the end of the year 1872 has been 888, and the total number removed 720, leaving 168 as the actual membership at the close of the past year. The average number received in each year has been about 24, and the average number removed about 19.

Appended to the Reports will be found other statistics regarding the membership.

WILLIAM FREELAND,

TORONTO, January 22nd, 1873.

Church Secretary.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1872.

By the good hand of God we have been led through another year, and are now permitted to assemble in our annual meeting of the Church and Congregation on the thirty-ninth year since its establishment.

The year, begun by the usual morning prayer-meeting, which was well attended, has been one of peace and prosperity. No dissensions or discords have shown themselves in our midst in any form, but brotherly love has continued. We cannot have too high an estimate of this blessing, for peace is essential to prosperity.

We have all witnessed with gladness the growth of our congregation, and the more than ordinary increase of Church members,

while the continued attachment and attendance upon the services, given by those who have removed to a distance, is most gratifying, showing that they are influenced by higher motives than those of convenience or circumstances.

We are not enabled, as last year, to report no removals by death, as *three* of our members have been thus called away. One had been in fellowship with the Church thirty years, another twenty-five years, and the other less than one year, having been received by letter from Surrey Chapel, London. Thus are the disciples called to "depart and be with Christ, which is far better." *Three* have been dismissed by letters to other churches, and *three* have withdrawn to join a Baptist Church. There have been received into the Church during the past year, *forty* members—*twenty* on profession of their faith, and *twenty* by letter from sister churches. Of the latter, *fourteen* came from Congregational churches in England. Seventeen persons have received the ordinance of baptism.

In regard to our spiritual growth, which is of such vital moment, we must judge principally by the fruits manifested. We have not been left without witness of the Divine Spirit's presence, for several have been led to Christ, and others have been deeply concerned regarding their soul's interests, while the word has been received with marked attention. The attendance on our week-night services, though not yet such as we desire, and the large number usually remaining for prayer at the conclusion of the Sunday evening service is very encouraging. The increased devotion and diligence in Christian work, and the higher standard taken as stewards of God's bounty in giving to local, denominational, and catholic objects, are manifestly the fruits of the Spirit's influence. Nevertheless in doing and giving, as in other things, none of us have attained unto perfection. I am exceedingly glad that some have, during the year, adopted the system of systematic beneficence, and, like Jacob, have pledged God a *tenth* of all their increase. Let me as one of those who find great enjoyment in this Christian duty, urge the consideration of this question upon you all. Let the young men beginning in business life, as well as others, test this plan for the present year, and

learn how much more blessed it is to give than to receive, especially to Him who gave Himself for us.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the hearty and efficient co-operation of the officers of the Church, who have not spared time, diligence, or means, in advancing its interests. In addition to their other duties, the Deacons have consented to visit all the families connected with the Church and congregation, which, I feel sure, will be most welcome to you all. I also feel under great obligation to a number of the ladies of the Church, who have systematically visited the sick and families that have joined the congregation during the past year. I have been witness to great good resulting from this. The discharge of your duty in showing attention to strangers in the sanctuary has not been without its good results. The Young Men's Prayer-meeting has been continued throughout the year by several young men of the Church, and has proved an excellent means of grace.

During the year a Young People's Association, in connection with the Church, was organized, and is in a most flourishing condition. A full Report of this Association will be given to you by the Secretary.

I could not visit the Sunday School from time to time as I have done, without witnessing the increasing efficiency thereof. It is very desirable that it should receive such a liberal support from the members of the Church and congregation, that it may no longer be required to devote the weekly collections of the scholars to that end, but rather use the same for mission objects. A Report of the work done by the officers and teachers, as also Reports regarding Tract Distribution and the Ladies' Aid Society will be submitted during the evening.

Though our Church meetings have, on the whole, been fairly attended, too many members have neglected their duties and privileges in this respect. Their absence is to be the more regretted, as the meetings have throughout the year, been of so pleasant and profitable a character.

I have been enabled, as far as I could ascertain, to visit all the members of the Church and congregation once each quarter since the commencement of my pastorate, but I feel doubtful as to

whether this frequency can be long continued, owing to the increase of the congregation and the multiplication of other duties. Desiring to give especial attention to the sick, let me remind you of the injunction of Saint James, "Is any sick among you, let him *call* for the elders of the church;" as in so large a congregation, it is impossible that I should otherwise always know of their state.

In conclusion, though we are rejoiced that we are enabled to make so good a Report in regard to the work and successes of the Church during the past year, I would urge all connected with the Church and congregation to attain to higher things in Christ Jesus. Let us seek the greater glory of God by regularity and punctuality in attendance upon all the ordinances of his house, by all engaging in the service of praise, and by being not only hearers of the word, but doers thereof likewise. Above all, let us seek by earnest prayer, the manifestation of the Divine Spirit in us and through us that many may be saved and sanctified.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON, M.D.,

Pastor.

REPORT OF THE DEACONS FOR THE YEAR 1872.

The Deacons of Zion Church, Toronto, have much pleasure in laying before the friends present at this meeting, held at the beginning of the thirty-ninth year, since the organization of the Church, the following statements respecting their operations during the year 1872, and also in giving them information about certain matters under their official cognizance.

Perhaps some here may not be aware of the manner in which the Church property is held. It may, therefore, be well to state that the premises are in Trust, under the provisions of a deed executed on the 10th December, 1839. Of the original Trustees only five remain, but the places that, from death and other causes, became vacant, have been from time to time filled up, as required, and the present Trustees are Messrs. A. T. McCord, Andrew Hamilton, John Wightman, John Bishop, James Leslie, John Snarr, Joseph Robinson, John Boyd, John Wickson and William Freeland.

It may also be well to state here that the Church property is kept insured as follows:—

On the Building.....	\$10,000
On the Organ.....	1,000
	\$11,000

so that should the calamity of Fire occur to the premises, a fund would be at once obtained, that would materially assist in the erection of a new Church edifice.

During the past year the Deacons have had several repairs, mostly of a minor character, made upon the Church property, one item, however, was of considerable magnitude, namely, the introduction of two furnaces of the "Littlefield" pattern into the basement of the Church. Full particulars respecting this transaction will be found in the report of the Joint Committee, composed of the Deacons and a Finance Committee appointed at the Church Meeting of the 31st July, 1872, to assist them for six months in connection with the revenues of the Church. In the report will also be found a statement that the Joint Committee, finding the weekly collections insufficient to meet the current expenses, waited on the members of the Church and Congregation, and on laying the matter before these friends, obtained an immediate response to their appeal for increased contributions to the extent of about one-fourth more than had previously been given by them. This increase relieved the Deacons from great financial embarrassment, and they heartily thank the donors for their liberality.

The Deacons take this opportunity of strongly recommending to the meeting the adoption of the Weekly Envelope Subscription System. A long experience has convinced them of the superiority of this method to all others, it is the easiest to the contributors, and the most beneficial to the Church treasury.

In the Treasurer's statement, to be submitted at this meeting, will be found a full report of the financial operations of the Deacons during the year. It shews that on the 31st December, 1872, the Church owed the Treasurer \$71 98. In addition to this, they owed about \$400 for various matters, say, in all about \$500. This is but a small debt, and it will, no doubt, be soon discharged by the zeal and liberality of those who meet for public

worship within these walls. The co-operation of all is invited to secure as speedily as possible this desirable result.

It will be seen that some of the items in the Treasurer's statement refer to repairs to the Pastor's Vestry and to the Class Room. These items had to be entered in the year's accounts, as although the repairs were done at the end of 1871, payment for them was not made until the beginning of 1872. The work was in connection with the extensive repairs and decorations that were effected in the Church Building at the close of 1871, at a cost for painting, &c., of about \$450, and for carpets and other furnishings of about \$320.

The Social Meetings that have been held during the year were well attended. They seemed to give great satisfaction to those present, who were thus afforded an opportunity for friendly intercourse, not easily obtainable at more formal meetings.

The Deacons had great pleasure during the year in welcoming to Church privileges many persons recently arrived from England. In several instances they had the additional pleasure of being able to assist these friends to obtain employment, and place them in the way of doing well in this country, where industry and integrity are always appreciated and rewarded. No part of their work has given the Deacons more pleasure than welcoming and assisting their brethren, and they know that the hearts of many new comers have been made glad, by the sympathy and friendship they have received from the members of the Church generally.

Two of the Deacons have attended in the afternoon of the first Monday in the month in order to locate persons in Pews. The custom is not to rent pews but to allot them for convenience and regularity. No person pretends to the ownership of a pew, and strangers are always fully welcome to any seat in the Building. At the same time it will be readily seen that for family and other purposes, it is well to have defined pews for regular attendants. There might perhaps be more money raised were the pews rented, but the Church have resolved that the pews shall be free, and the revenues of the Church raised by purely voluntary contributions.

The Deacons feel they should express their thanks to the members of the Choir for the excellent way in which they have

led the psalmody of the Church, that truly delightful part of public worship.

It was felt for a long time that the roll of the Church was in a very incomplete and unsatisfactory state. Efforts have been made, involving a great deal of labour, to prepare a new and complete roll. Considerable progress has been made in the work, and it is hoped the matter will be finished at an early period.

The Deacons have to report a year of peace and prosperity in the Church. The influences of the Divine Spirit have been graciously vouchsafed to the members. Christian love has been manifested in a marked degree in the general transaction of business and other matters. With a large amount of activity, there has been no discord. The brethren have agreed, and this, as the inspired Psalmist has declared, is good and pleasant. The Church and Prayer Meetings have been full of enjoyment and profit, many of them eminently so. It has been a great pleasure to receive so many persons during the year into the fellowship of the Church, they trust, however, that in this respect, 1873 will be more fruitful than 1872.

With respect to the Sunday School, that very important department of Church work, the Deacons merely allude to it in this Report, as they believe it is the intention of the Superintendent to bring the subject in a separate document before the meeting. In December last, the annual sermons in aid of the funds of the school were preached, in the morning by the Rev. Mr. Guttery, and in the evening by the Pastor, and the collections on these occasions, amounting to \$41 64, were handed over to the Superintendent.

The Deacons take this opportunity to express their attachment to the Pastor, and the high estimation in which they hold him. They bear testimony to his zeal in the fulfilment of his pastoral duties, and his energy in all matters connected with the interests of the Church. All their official, as well as personal intercourse with him, has been of the most pleasant description.

While the Deacons are privileged on the whole to make so favourable a Report, they would not wish to be understood as

being contented with the progress, or position of themselves, or of the Church. They thank God for what is done, but they feel much has been left undone, and they know that more remains to be accomplished. They hope this review of last year's affairs will incite every one present to renewed efforts in the cause of Christ, and they pray that all, Pastor, Deacons and other members of the Church, may continually esteem it a privilege as well as a duty, to be always abounding in the work of the Lord.

DAVID HIGGINS,

Secretary to Diaconate.

REPORT BY THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On the 31st July, 1872, the following persons, members of the Church, namely: Messrs. C. Green, J. Greenfield, J. Adams, jun., H. N. Baird, R. D. Richardson, George Pim, W. J. Stibbs, and William Freeland, were appointed by the Church a Committee of Finance, to assist the Deacons during the ensuing six months, and this Joint Committee, at their first meeting, added the following persons, namely: Messrs. Samuel Davidson, William Dixon, and William Ellingsworth to their number, in order that the congregation might be represented on the Committee.

One of the first things that engaged the attention of the Committee was the subject of the weekly Sunday collections, which were not large enough to defray the current expenses of the Church. They waited upon the members of the Church and congregation, and made them acquainted with the state of affairs, and they are happy to say these friends generously responded to the appeal made to them, and increased their donations one-fourth more than they had previously given. This increase has been a welcome addition to the resources of the Church, and the Committee hope it will not only be sustained, but also still further augmented.

In order to encourage the adoption of the system of weekly offerings, the Committee procured a quantity of small envelopes, to be used every Sunday by contributors. If any persons have

been overlooked in the distribution of these envelopes, on applying to the Deacons they will be happy to give them a packet. The Committee strongly recommend the general use of the envelope system by all the members of the Church and congregation. The Committee add here that a few of their number, by a private subscription, provided a set of handsome new collecting plates, which they have presented to the Church.

The Committee being of opinion that it would be useful to the Church to have, in addition to the present notice board, a large new notice board of meetings, &c., placed against the outer wall of the Church, gave directions to have one made, Mr. Dixon kindly undertaking to paint and letter the board free of expense.

The condition of the furnaces also engaged the attention of the Committee. It has been well known to the attendants on public worship in the Church, that for the last two years the building has been insufficiently heated; indeed, in very severe weather the people have suffered greatly from cold. This was caused by the defective state of the furnaces, which had for a long time done their duty well, but were at last worn out, and not worth repairing. As it was absolutely necessary to replace them, the Committee made extensive enquiries as to the merits of the various furnaces at present before the public, and after much deliberation they decided to select the "Littlefield" pattern, believing it to be the best adapted for their requirements. They, after having brought the matter before the Church, and obtained their approval thereof, purchased two of these furnaces, and had them placed in the brick chambers in the basement, and they fully expect these heaters will comfortably and economically warm the building for many years to come. The cost of these two furnaces, including the necessary bricklayers' and tinsmiths' work, will be about \$300, perhaps \$320. A large portion of this amount has been subscribed, but there is a balance yet due, say \$50, which the Committee would like to have made up, so that the whole amount might be paid off and put out of the way. The Committee sold the old iron of the former furnaces for \$12.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to return their thanks to the members of the Church and congregation for the kindness and

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generosity they experienced from them when they waited on them for their contributions on behalf of matters in connection with the finances of Zion Church.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

DAVID HIGGINS,
Secretary to Diaconate.
WM. FREELAND,
Church Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1872.

To balance due Treasurer, 1st January, 1872.....	\$	136	76
To paid Pastor during the year.....		1,200	00
" Sexton		120	00
" Fuel account.....		150	95
" Gas account		147	49
" Printing account		36	75
" For Small Hymn Books		9	00
" General repairs.....		55	68
" Repairs to Pastor's Vestry		31	00
" Repairs to Class Room		40	00
" Music expenses.....		193	75
" Insurance		65	00
" Donation Canadian Missionary Society		174	35
" Repayment of money borrowed		230	00
" Pulpit Supplies.....		25	00
" Congregational Union expenses.....		30	00
" Donation to Sunday Schools		41	64
" Donation to Indian Missions		5	00
" Sundry expenses		30	30
	CR.		\$2,722 67
By Collections, March quarter.....	\$403	59	
" " June quarter.....	432	02	
" " September quarter	459	25	
" " December quarter	530	05	
			\$1,824 91
" Borrowed (temporary loan)	230	00	
" Donation	40	00	
" Loan by Promissory Note.....	300	00	
" Subscriptions for Canadian Missionary Society	174	35	
" " Repairs to Pastor's Vestry	31	00	
" " Repairs to Class Room	40	00	
" " Small Hymn Books.....	9	00	
" Balance of "Social" Meeting	1	43	
			2,650 69
To balance due Treasurer, 31st December, 1872		\$71	98

JOHN WICKSON,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
JOHN D. NASMITH, *Auditor.*

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS ON THE
31ST DECEMBER, 1872.

To amount due Treasurer.....	\$71 98
" Fuel account	8 00
" Gas account, say.....	30 00
" Music expenses	25 00
" Sundries	10 00
	\$144 98
CR.	
By amount of unpaid subscriptions. say about	15 00
	\$129 98

SUMMARY OF DEBTS.

To amount as above	\$129 98
" Promissory note falling due in April, 1873	30 00
" Balance of furnace account, say	50 00
Due by Zion Church on the 31st December, 1872	\$479 98

JOHN WICKSON, *Treasurer.*

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER OF THE FELLOWSHIP
FUND FOR THE YEAR 1872.

1872.	
Jan. 1. To Balance from 31st December, 1871.....	\$42 06
" Collections at Communion Services during the year.....	66 26
	\$108 32
CR.	
By paid expenses of Communion Table.....	\$ 9 40
" Donations to sundry persons	66 50
	75 90
Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st December, 1872	\$32 42

JOHN WIGHTMAN, *Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT COLLECTED AT MONTHLY MIS-
SIONARY PRAYER MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR 1872.

To Collections	\$26 92
CR.	
By amount of November collection applied to Indian Missions	5 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st December, 1872	\$21 92

JOHN WIGHTMAN, *Treasurer.*

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the request of the Church, the Superintendent begs to submit the following Report of the condition and labours of your Sabbath School for the last year.

As, however, no written report has been rendered for many years, it may not be uninteresting to this meeting (before proceeding to the statement of our efforts during the year just closed), to briefly advert to some of the facts connected with its founding and early progress.

From the best evidence now attainable, this Sabbath School was founded when the Church was organized—November, 1834—and conducted in the building in which the Church then worshipped, known as the Masonic Hall, situated on Colborne Street.

In 1837 it was moved to a more commodious building on George Street, provided by the Church, till 1842, when it resumed its labours in the Congregational Church (then newly erected) on the corner of Bay and Adelaide streets. Here, in connection with the other numerous efforts of the Church, it enjoyed the able and affectionate oversight of the pastor, the Rev. John Roaf; Mrs. Roaf taking a leading position, and conducting for many years the elder girls class. During this prosperous era, it was blessed with a large measure of success; many were deeply impressed by its teachings, and not a few brought to a saving knowledge of divine truth; and some of the parents of those who are now teachers in its classes, date their early acquaintance with the Saviour's kingdom from this time of spiritual growth and fruitfulness. It is also a pleasing fact, that in the year 1842, the Infant Class of your Sabbath School was organized under the care of Miss Vandersmissen and other friends, Miss V. continuing its teacher for many years with her well-known ability and acceptance. Zion Church has thus the honour of establishing the first Sabbath School Infant Class in Toronto.

In the early spring of 1855, the Sabbath School shared the calamity and inconvenience experienced by the Church in the destruction of its building by fire. It is, however, with a sense of grateful remembrance we record the fact, that from March 1855

till September, 1856, the Presbyterian congregation, under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Jennings, generously granted us the use of their basement on Sabbath mornings, where the school met at 9 A.M. and thus continued its teachings during the erection of this building, where on Sabbath, 26th September, 1856, your School once more resumed its labours, which by Divine aid it has been enabled to continue till this its Thirty-eighth Anniversary.

Among its Superintendents are found the names of Messrs. James Wickson, Beekman, Farr, Taylor, A. Christie, Adams, Vandersmissen, Patrick Freeland, Harcourt, Higgins and Robinson; and its ever-increasing roll of teachers and scholars are scattered over our Dominion and the neighbouring States, whilst not a few have gone to their final rest and reward.

At the beginning of the year just closed, your School consisted of eighteen classes—eight of boys and ten of girls, including the young women's class, taught by Mrs. Bolton—the number of scholars in the girls division being 58, and in the boys division 54. These, with the young men's class of 16, which met in the vestry, and the infant class of 60, made a total of 188 scholars, who were taught and cared for by 25 teachers and officers.

The number of scholars, as shown by the class-books at the beginning of the present year, is as follows:—9 boys classes of 60 scholars, 10 girls classes of 66, and the infant class of 75; giving a total number of scholars for January, 1873, of 201; showing an increase during the past year of 13 scholars. The increase would have been greater, but a number of the young men's class have recently left the city.

During the past year, five teachers have resigned their classes. Miss Clinkenbroomer, removed to Yorkville; Miss Dack, removed to Seaton-street; Mrs. Adam Lillie, to Chicago; Mr. Joseph Pim, to Bradford, and Mr. Flint, who though having resigned his class for the present, will still be with us as often as practicable. The number of scholars who are shown by the class-books to have ceased to attend during the year, is 13. One has been removed by death—Laura Norman. In this sad event, whilst deeply sympathizing with her family, and much regretting her absence, we can but rejoice at the simple yet assuring evidence which she was enabled to afford, that our temporary loss was her eternal gain.

Seven new teachers have been added during the year—Miss Anker, Miss A. L. Wallis, Mr. Bolt, Mr. Northway, Mr. Skeeles, Mr. Grand and Mr. Standen. Of Church members and others, who have assisted by taking classes occasionally vacant, there were Mrs. Anker, Mrs. Dr. Richardson, Miss Hamilton, Miss Scott, Miss McClay, Miss Clapp, Miss Dawkins, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Dr. Elliot (who kindly took charge of the Infant Class for eight weeks, during the absence of their esteemed teacher, Mrs. Clapp). Messrs. Greey, Christie, Hine and Grand have also assisted; and Mr. Higgins has addressed the School on several occasions. The scholars of Mrs. Bolton's class have also done us good service, in taking the junior classes of teachers who were absent.

Our friends of the Church and congregation have kindly aided us at our pic-nics and festivals, for which we tender them our sincere thanks, and trust that through the present year we shall continue to receive their confidence and help, and prayerful remembrance.

Of the Finances of our School we are enabled to present a safe and hopeful account. The total amount collected being \$246 72. The items of income were as follows:—Sabbath collections of teachers and scholars, \$88 64; collections for festival, \$19 30; collections for pic-nic, \$48 55; conversazione, \$8 39; excursion to Niagara, \$23 20; annual collection, \$41 64; collected for Hymn Books, \$17: total, \$246 72.

The items of disbursement were Hymn Books, Bibles, Lessons Papers, Pic-Nic, Festival, and also an old account, which is now quite extinguished, and at the beginning of the current year, over and above liabilities of every kind, our Treasurer's account shews a balance to our credit of \$12 72.

The Lessons taught in the School were the Uniform Series, comprising forty-eight lessons for the year.

We have also held four Quarterly Meetings, on the last Sabbath in each quarter, when the subjects of some of the Lessons have been reviewed, and the School addressed by the Pastor and others. All the classes taught in the Lecture Room are now taught from the Bible, though, in some cases, we have resorted to lesson books for the junior classes, when newly-drafted from the Infant Class.

The Church has also cordially invited the scholars and teachers to meet them monthly, on Wednesday evening, for social prayer, the hymns sung are those used in the Sabbath School, and the exercises adapted to the capacities of the children. We hope much from these meetings.

Of the order and behaviour of the children, we may say that the conduct of the girls division has been all that we could desire. The junior boys classes are orderly, though some more so than others; and if some of the elders classes have given occasional anxiety, we believe it has been more from that activity and assertiveness peculiar to their time of life, than from any desire to cause difficulty or hinderance to the work of the School.

With regard to the general growth of the School (both teachers and scholars) in intelligence, interest, skill, and thoughtfulness, your Superintendent is enabled to report an encouraging advance, and though we have not yet been gladdened by that measure of spiritual success which the Teachers and Church so much desire, our labours are not without indications of promise. And in faith we indulge the hope that ere another year shall have closed upon us, in answer to prayer and effort, the Divine blessing will be seen in the conversion and consecration of many hearts to the Redeemer's kingdom and service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. ASHDOWN,

Superintendent.

TORONTO, January 22nd, 1873.

REPORT OF ZION CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with the desire of the Church, conveyed by its Secretary in his letter of the 7th ultimo, the "Zion Church Young People's Association" begs to present the following statement regarding its organization and work:

In December, 1868, a Literary Society was organized, the chief promoters being young men connected with this Church and congregation, and meeting in this building it was styled "Zion Literary Society." The object of this Society was the cultivation amongst its members of literature and public speaking. The

Society flourished, and during its time of existence had enrolled as members the names of upwards of one hundred and fifty young men, representing nearly every religious denomination in the city. In the fall of last year, and just before the resumption of the meetings of the Society, the Pastor of the Church had an interview with several of its members, and during a conversational discussion informed them that he had long desired the formation of a Society such as theirs, but with the religious element introduced, and more intimately connected with the Church. While desiring the formation of such a Society in connection with Zion Church, he did not wish to be understood as having any but the kindest feelings toward the Zion Literary Society. A meeting of the Society was at once called, and the wishes of the Pastor submitted, when, on resolution, the Society was dissolved and its members left free to join any new association in contemplation, or not, as they saw fit. The action of the Society was immediately conveyed to the Pastor, who received the information with much approbation.

The pastor then set on foot a movement for organizing the present Society, which for the first time met in this room on Monday evening, October 29th, 1872, when 26 young ladies and gentlemen united in forming the "Zion Church Young People's Association."

Since the first meeting there have been 30 ordinary and 9 honorary members added, making in all a total of 65 members on the roll, who are young ladies over 16 years of age, and young gentlemen over the age of 18.

Its object is "to co-operate in promoting the spiritual, intellectual, and social interests of its members and others, and to afford opportunity of systematically engaging in Christian and benevolent work in connection with the Church."

The officers are, a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Convenors of Standing Committees, who are to be elected annually, and constitute the Executive of the Association.

The meetings of the Association are either regular, public, or special—the regular meetings being held every Monday evening,

at 7.30, at which the necessary business of the Association is transacted, and the literary and religious exercises engaged in. The literary exercises consist of readings, recitations, debates, music, &c.; and the religious exercises are the opening and closing hymns and prayers, together with the Bible study, which comprises an essay on the subject and the consideration of the lesson for that evening, (which for the first year will be one of a series taken from the book of Exodus,) which takes up about half an hour. We endeavour to have a lecture for each of our public meetings, which are held on the first Monday in each month. On the 2nd December last the Rev. William Manchec, of England, delivered a lecture on "Shakespeare, a guide to Christian faith," which many unfortunately missed through the inclemency of the weather. Other gentlemen, including the Rev. Septimus Jones and the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., are engaged to deliver lectures for the Association during the winter, which we most cordially invite all to attend. The lectures will be free, but collections will be taken up in aid of the funds of the Association.

There are a number of committees provided for by the constitution, but which, in consequence of the very recent organization of the Association, have not as yet had much work to do.

The annual subscription of membership is only 25 cents, which places it within the reach of everybody, and in consequence of this low rate we have to depend a good deal upon the liberality of those who attend the public meetings.

In conclusion, we may state that the prospects of this Association are good, and brightening every week. It was organized with a view of blending religious with intellectual and social exercises, and any who have attended the meetings will coincide in the opinion that the main object is being accomplished, and that it will be the means of doing much good among the young people of the Church and congregation, and is therefore worthy of the most hearty support.

R. D. RICHARDSON,

Toronto, January 22nd, 1873.

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REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Mrs. HIGGINS.....*President.*

Mrs. FANNY ELLIOT.....*Secretary-Treasurer.*

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society beg to present to the Church and Congregation a brief report of their work during the past year.

The principal object of the Society is to find out persons in needy circumstances, and help such, either by gifts of clothing or money, as the cases may demand; but the Society is always willing to work for any good cause which may present itself.

One poor afflicted woman is allowed a small sum monthly, which she receives so thankfully that we cannot forget "That it is more blessed to give than to receive." Sometimes poor children receive clothing to enable them to attend the Sunday School, and persons who are sick and in want are presented with a warm garment. The members of the Society feel thankful that they have been enabled to do a little in this way for the distressed of our city.

At present they are working for the Indian Mission—making up clothing for the little Indian girls who attend Miss Baylis' school.

Visiting strangers, who may come amongst us, is another branch of the work undertaken by the Society, and one which has been found very useful and acceptable, for we know that on coming to a strange county all feel the need of sympathy and kind feeling.

They would like to see more interest taken in the work of the Society by the Church and Congregation, but are happy to say that there has been an increased attendance this winter.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1872.

Subscriptions	\$6 80
Collections Wednesday evening, Nov. 6th	6 50
Additional Subscriptions.....	1 75
	\$15 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Mrs. D. W.....	\$5 30
Materials	6 33
	11 63
Balance on hand	\$3 42

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 December, 1872, of each year's receptions.

Year.	Received.	Remov'd.	Total received.	Total removed.	Remain- ing on Roll.	Remain- ing 31 Dec., 1872.
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	4
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	6
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	19
1869	19	2	816	371	445	14
1870	12	6	828	377	451	10
1871	20	2	848	379	469	19
1872	40	341*	888	720	168	36

* 332 of these were removed on the revision of the Roll, as stated in the Secretary's Report.

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Containing the names of Ministers of the Gospel who are, or have been, Members of this Church.

Rev. William Merrefield, <i>Pastor</i> , (deceased).	Rev. George Ritchie, (2)
" John Roaf, <i>Pastor</i> , (deceased).	" Enoch Barker, (2)
" William F. Clarke, (1)	" Archibald Burpee, (2)
" Hiram Wilson, (deceased).	" Robert G. Baird, (2)
" Adam Lillie, D.D., (deceased).	" John R. Kean, (2)
" Ludwick Kribs, (2)	" Robert Burchill, (1)
" Stephen King, (2)	" Thomas Scales Ellerby, <i>Pastor</i> .
" Leonard McGlashan, (2)	" George A. Rawson, (2)
" Samuel Finton, (2)	" James Porter.
" Edward Ebbs, (2)	" John C. Geikie, (2)
" Arthur Wickson, LL.D., (1)	" Richard T. Thomas, (1)
" William Lumsden, (2)	" James Malcolm Smith, (2)
" Thomas I. Hodgskin, (2)	" George Strassenburgh, (2)
" Thomas Snell, (deceased), (2)	" John G. Manly, <i>Pastor</i> .
" Francis H. Marling, (1)	" William Williams.
" James Hay, (2)	" Walter Wright.
" Daniel Macallum, (2)	" Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., <i>Pastor</i> .
" Robert K. Black, (2)	

Those marked (1) were students of the Congregational College who had been recommended by this Church to study for the ministry. Two others, not in the above List, were recommended by this Church, viz., Messrs. George G. Wickson and Charles Hewlett; the former did not enter the ministry, the latter died before the completion of his studies.

Those marked (2) were students of the College who came from other Churches.

LIST

Containing 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	William C. Ashdown, " " "
Robert Beekman, } ascertained.	Joseph Robinson, 1860, Jan. 12.
Joseph Tolfree, 1843, March 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.	

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS,
FOR THE YEAR 1872.

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	Missionary Society.	Congreg'l College.	Indian Mission.
John Adams, jun.	\$4 00	\$1 00	....
Mrs. Adams	2 00	1 00	....
Miss Annie Adams	1 00	....	....
Mrs. Anker	1 00	1 00	....
W. C. Ashdown	1 00	1 00	....
H. N. Baird	4 00	5 00	\$2 00
Miss Blackburn	1 00	....	....
Mrs. Bolton	1 00	....	....
Misses Christie	2 00	....	....
Mrs. Clapp	1 00	....	....
Samuel Davison	2 00	....	....
William Dixon	2 00	....	....
Mrs. Dunlop	1 00	....	....
John Elliot	2 00	....	....
Mrs. Ellingsworth	1 00	....	....
Richard H. Flint	1 00	....	....
William Freeland .....	....	2 00	....
Mrs. J. Grand	1 00	....	....
Charles Green	1 00	....	....
Joseph Greenfield	1 00	....	....
Samuel Greey	2 00	....	....
Sidney L. Hamilton	2 50	....	....
David Higgins	10 00	5 00	2 00
G. A. Hine	5 00	5 00	1 00
C. H. Hubbard	1 00	....	....
Mrs. Hulme	2 00	1 00	....
Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D.	10 00	5 00	2 00
Mrs. S. N. Jackson	5 00	....	....
Mrs. A. Lillie	1 00	....	....
William Lovelock	1 00	....	....
Thomas Lownsbrough	5 00	....	....
Mrs. Lownsbrough	2 00	....	....
Mrs. McPhail	4 00	....	....
J. D. Nasmith	1 00	1 00	....
Mrs. Nichols	2 00	2 00	....
Thomas Norman	1 00	....	....
Miss Parker	1 00	....	....
Dr. Richardson	2 00	....	2 00
Mrs. (Rev.) John Roaf	1 00	....	....
William Siddall	1 00	....	....
James Smith	10 00	5 00	2 00
John Snarr	10 00	....	2 00
George Snarr	2 00	....	....
William Stevens	1 00		
James Stibbs	5 00	2 00	2 00
George Strathern	1 00	1 00	
Mrs. Thorley	1 00		

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CONTRIBUTIONS—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	Missionary Society.	Congreg'l College.	Indian Mission.
Mrs. Webb	\$4 00	\$2 00	\$2 00
John Wickson	10 00	5 00	2 00
Mrs. J. Wickson	1 00	....	....
Henry Wickson	2 00	2 00	2 00
Arthur Wickson, jun. ....	....	....	1 00
John Wightman	4 00	3 00	....
John Wightman, jun.	1 00	....	....
Smaller sums	1 25	1 50	5 00
	\$ 142 75	\$51 50	\$27 00