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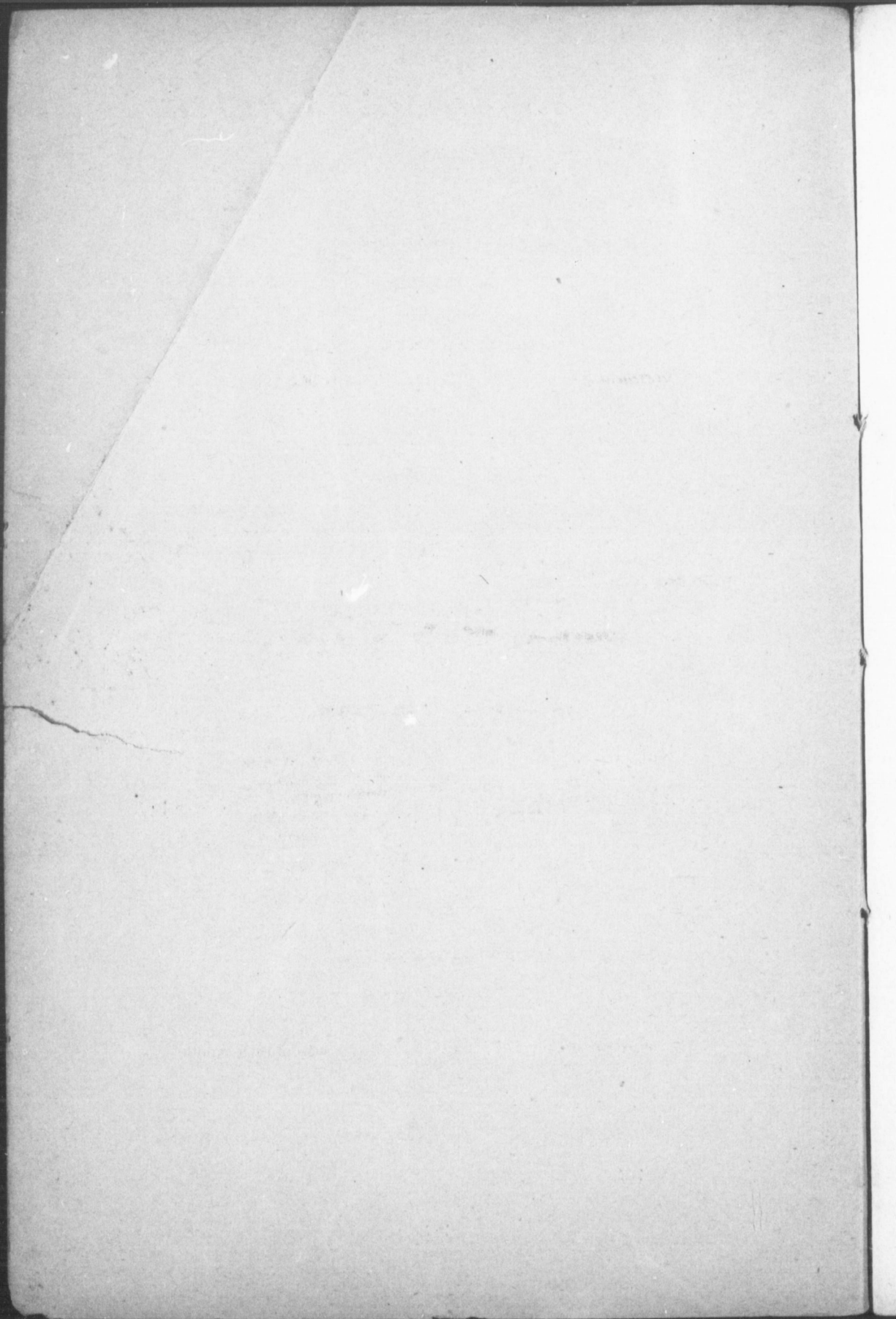
ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Saint Gabriel Church

MONTREAL.

FOR THE YEAR 1875.



The Saint Gabriel Church, MONTREAL.

(ST. GABRIEL STREET, EAST END OF ST. JAMES STREET.)

MINISTER:

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, M.A.

(Inducted, 13th December, 1866.)

Residence,—291 ST. CHARLES BORROMEE STREET.

ELDERS:

| | <i>Date of appointment.</i> | <i>Date of appointment.</i> |
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| ✓ James Lillie | Sept. 13, 1868. | John A. Stuart Nov. 19, 1871. |
| William Patton | “ “ | Jas. H. Michaud Feb. 21, 1875. |
| Robert Brodie | Nov. 19, 1871. | David Tait “ “ |
| ✓ William Hood | “ “ | |

Clerk of Kirk-Session,—David Tait.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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| ✓ Alexander R. Brown, | Geo. J. Lynch, |
| ✓ William Darling, | P. M. MacTavish, |
| James Duncan, | William Patton, |
| William Ewing, | William Reed, |
| ✓ William L. Haldimand, | ✓ James Robertson, |
| ✓ William Hood, | ✓ David Sleeth. |

Chairman,—W. Darling, 30 St. Sulpice Street.

Secretary,—W. Reed, 309 Commissioners Street.

Treasurer,—William L. Haldimand, 253 St. Paul Street.

Auditors,—D. Tait and Thos. Watson.

The Board of Trustees meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

Church Officer,—DAVID BICKERSTAFF, 48 St. Henry Street.

The Congregation is divided into SEVEN DISTRICTS, each of which is assigned to an Elder. It is his duty to visit the families in his District, to note changes of residence, and to inform the Minister and Session of special cases of sickness or poverty.

2 DISTRICT NO. I.—James Lillie, *Hochelaga* *included*

From Papineau Road and Papineau Square, East and North, including Longueuil.

3 DISTRICT NO. II.—John A. Stuart, 107 Amherst Street.

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

S. A. 25th St. DISTRICT NO. III.—William Hood, 88 St. Hubert Street.

From Campeau Street to Gosford and ~~Elizabeth~~ *St. Hubert* Streets, the latter ~~excluded~~ *included*

DISTRICT NO. IV.—J. H. Michaud, 98 Fortier Street.

From Elizabeth Street, included, to Bleury Street, excluded, and from Dorchester Street excluded, northwards.

DISTRICT NO. V.—David Tait, *Cote St. Louis* *included*

From ~~Elizabeth~~ *St. Hubert* Street included, to Bleury Street excluded, and from Craig Street to Dorchester Street, both included.

DISTRICT NO. VI.—Robert Brodie, 2 Bleury Street.

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

DISTRICT NO. VII.—William Patton, 613 Craig Street.

From Gosford Street westwards, and southward of Craig and St. Antoine Streets, both excluded.

The Kirk-Session holds monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7 : 30 o'clock p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

Lord's day—at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Weekly Lecture—on Wednesday Evening at 8 o'clock.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

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

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

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

Secretary,—Mr. John Cliff.

Treasurer,—Mr. Robert Stewart.

Librarian,—Mr. William Sleith.

Assistant Librarians,—Messrs Robert Hood and Peter Turner.

Representative to S. S. Association,—Mr. P. M. MacTavish.

Teachers,—Misses Campbell, Cunningham, Dresser, Duncan, Kennedy, Macqueen, E. Macqueen, McNaughton, E. J. McNaughton, Rowan and Taylor; Messrs. Cairns, Cramer, MacTavish, Reid, Smellie, Stuart and Wilson.

Teacher of Bible Class,—Mr. David Tait.

THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets every Wednesday Evening, during the winter months, at Eight o'clock.

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

President,—Mr. William Rattray.

Vice-President,—Mr. Robert Stewart.

Secretary,—Mr. A. Hutchison.

Treasurer,—Mr. T. Watson.

Committee,—Messrs. W. Darling, Jr., P. M. MacTavish and D. Sleeth, Jr.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

President,—Mrs. Campbell.

Vice-President,—Mrs. W. Darling.

Treasurer,—Mrs. Haldimand.

Secretary,—Miss Taylor.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

President, Rev. R. Campbell; *Vice-Presidents*, Robert Brodie and William Reid; *Treasurer*, P. M. MacTavish; *Secretary*, Robert Stewart; *Auditors*, D. Sleeth, Jr., and J. M. Taylor; *Committee*, Messrs. Byrd, Duncan, Ewing, Haldimand, W. Hood, Lynch, R. McCulloch, McRobie, Patton, John Robertson, Stuart and Watson. *Collectors*, District No. 1, Misses Bennett and McNaughton; No. 2, Misses E. J. McNaughton and Taylor; No. 3, Mrs. Pearson and Miss E. Ennis; No. 4, Misses Laurie and Watson; No. 5, Misses M. Patton and J. Macqueen; No. 6, Mrs. Lynch and Miss Dresser; No. 7, Miss Irving-

The General Assembly has appointed public collections to be made in all Churches during the year for the following objects:

1.—*Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Infirm Ministers' Fund.*—For the present year, the Congregations formerly belonging to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, are expected to contribute as usual to the fund still under the management of the Incorporated Board appointed by that Church, until an amalgamation is effected with the Boards belonging to the other branches of the united Church. As many as 38 widows and 56 orphans are largely dependent upon this fund.

2.—*Home Mission Fund.*—In a country like Canada, new districts in which are continually opening up for settlement, the Presbyterian Church has a great work set before it, to supply religious ordinances to the rapidly extending population. The whole land from Newfoundland to the Rocky Mountains has to be evangelized, a great undertaking, but not greater than our resources, if we have sufficient faith. It is a magnificent heritage we are called upon to enter in and possess; and though there are many obstacles in the way, let us be warned by the fate of the cowardly Israelites, and not fear the Anakims. There are 150 congregations having settled pastors that receive aid from this fund, as well as 350 mission stations in the Upper Provinces alone, and this scheme merits the utmost liberality in the way of support.

3.—*French Canadian Evangelization Fund.*—As this congregation has full information of the greatness of the work to be done in this Province as well as of the wonderful success that has attended the labours of the Missionaries of late, and has always evinced creditable liberality in maintaining this cause, it is enough to say that the Missions to our French fellow citizens were never so hopeful, or assumed such large proportions, as at present, and therefore any amount of aid rendered will be timely.

4.—*Foreign Mission Fund.*—The Rev. H. A. Robertson is labouring in Erromanga, in the South Seas, the scene of so many missionary martyrdoms. The Rev. J. D. Murray still occupies Aneiteum, and Rev. T. W. McKenzie and Rev. J. Annand, are working in the Island of Fate, in the same Pacific group. The Rev. Mr. McKay and Dr. Fraser are holding forth the truth among the Chinese in Ferosa.

Rev. J. Fraser Campbell has been designated a Missionary to India, reinforcing our small female band labouring in that most interesting country, Misses Fairweather and Rodger. Our own Sunday School is maintaining a native Z'nana Teacher, and good work has been for 20 years doing by many of our Sabbath Schools in the way of educating orphans in that country. At last the Church is to be congratulated upon having the opportunity of sending the Gospel to the heathen fully offered to it.

5.—*The College Fund.*—Well equipped institutions for training Ministers and Missionaries is of the utmost importance. Here we possess sufficient for the wants of the Church for years to come. The Presbyterian College in this city has claims peculiarly strong upon the members and adherents of the Church in the city and whole surrounding district, not only because it is doing a good work in the way of educating promising and useful English speaking students, but especially because to it we must look for the supply of those native French preachers who are to evangelize the Province. It is entitled to our warmest support.

6.—*The Assembly Fund.*—The object of this fund is to provide for the expense attending the meeting of the Supreme Court and for the payment of the salaries of the clerks and agents of the Church.

To the Members and Adherents of St. Gabriel Church.

DEAR FRIENDS,

It becomes once more my privilege, in connection with the publication of our Annual Report, to be allowed, as your Minister, to offer a word or two of counsel. I have to reiterate the old complaint: the want of regular attendance upon ordinances on the part of many who claim connection with the congregation, and nominally occupy seats in the Church. I shall not attempt to hide from you the depressing effect which this state of things has upon my mind and heart, Sabbath after Sabbath. A remedy must be found for it. If it arises from a want of interest in the services of the Church, it remains for us all to enquire earnestly and honestly whose fault this is. I am willing to take to myself a due share of blame, but I can sincerely say, I always do my best. Can you say the same? Am I not justified in suspecting that the regular attendance takes its rise in a want of relish for divine things? If so, the remedy lies in a humbling of ourselves before God and an earnest seeking for a revival of true religion in the congregation. And if the situation of the Church is no longer suitable or convenient for us, it becomes a matter of grave consideration whether we should not attempt to erect a more commodious edifice in a more central locality.

Except in the matter of attendance upon ordinances, everything else connected with the congregation may be considered in a satisfactory condition. I baptized 29 persons in 1875, solemnized 19 marriages, and officiated at 28 burials, 9 of which, however, were those of strangers. As many as 63 new names have been placed upon the communion roll—which is the largest addition made in any year of my Ministry among you—while 22 have been struck off, 7 having died and 15 removed to other places or congregations. Seventeen new families have been added to the congregation, while five have left us, so that we can now count 196 families claiming connection with the congregation. The various societies belonging to the congregation, for the purpose of affording almost every one something to do, and aiding in the practical work of the Church, are all in active and successful operation. They are all worthy of countenance and support. But I desire to say a word specially on behalf of our Sabbath School, which was perhaps never in so efficient a condition as at present, thanks to our improved accommodation and appliances. In order to make it still more useful, however, the authorities of the school require more fully than they have yet enjoyed, the sympathy and co-operation of the whole congregation, and particularly of the heads of families. We ask you, in your own interests as well as in those of your children to be at pains to superintend their preparation of the work assigned them in their classes, and to see that they go regularly and punctually to the Sabbath School every Lord's day. Make them read the Bible lesson to you and recite what is to be committed to memory, before going to the School. See that they take proper care of the books they receive from the Library, and that they return them at the prescribed time. Encourage them to take an interest in the mission work of the Church, and thus prepare them for an enlightened support of missions when it will be more in their power to aid them. While I am speaking of the importance of co-operation with those ladies and gentlemen who take a pleasure in the work of imparting religious instruction to your children, suffer me to impress you with a sense of the responsibility you should feel as parents to watch over the spiritual training of the younger members of your households. You cannot, if you would, abdicate your functions. No other person has the same right in them and authority over them that you have; and God will hold you accountable for the proper exercise of your authority. For instance, it is quite wrong for parents to allow their minor children to choose for themselves what Church or Sabbath School they shall attend. They would never think of letting their children select the day school to which they are to go, and surely it is no less important that

their religious training should be conducted under the most approved auspices. And, then, you may lay it down as an axiom that the Church or Sabbath School which they frequent when they are young is that to which in after life they will incline to adhere. So conscious am I of the importance to your children as well as to the Church of the future that they should be well instructed in the principles of divine truth that I know you will excuse me for urging upon you so strongly the duty of sending your children, when it is at all practicable, to our own school, where their religious training is conducted under my own immediate supervision, and of co-operating in every possible way with the teachers.

Commending you anew "unto God and the word of His grace which is able to keep you and build you up and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified,"

I remain your faithful friend and pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church, was held in the Church on the evening of Wednesday the 12th January, 1876.

On motion Mr. David Tait was called on to preside, and Mr. J. Macqueen requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting was opened by praise and prayer by the pastor, the Rev. R. Campbell.

The minutes of the last Annual Congregational Meeting were read and confirmed,

The Secretary then read the Report of the Trustees for the past year; also the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, duly audited.

Moved by Mr. J. A. Stuart, seconded by Mr. John M. Taylor, and carried.

"That the Report now read, be received and adopted, and together with the Reports of the other organizations of the Church, and the financial statement, be printed for the use of the congregation."

Moved by Mr. W. Darling, Junr., seconded by Mr. D. Laurie, and carried,

"That a vote of thanks be now tendered to Mr. Haldimand,

for his Financial Statement, and the services he has continued to render to the Church as Treasurer."

Moved by Mr. McRobie, seconded by Mr. Lillie, and carried,
 "That the four retiring Trustees, Messrs. Ewing, Haldimand, Hood and Reed, be re elected."

Moved by Mr. D. Reid, seconded by Mr. C. Byrd, and carried,
 "That Mr. D. Tait and Mr. Thos. Watson be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year."

Moved by Mr. McPhail, seconded by Mr. McTavish, and carried,

"That a special vote of thanks is due and is now tendered to the members of the choir for their aid to the Psalmody of the Church for the past year."

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. R. Stewart, and carried.

"That a special vote of thanks be now tendered to the Ladies of the congregation for their very handsome donation to the Building Fund."

Moved by Mr. James Robertson, seconded by Mr. W. Reed, and carried,

"That the thanks of the congregation are due and are now tendered to the members of the choir for their donation to the Building Fund, it being the proceeds of a concert given by them last winter; and also to the members of the Young Men's Association who assisted them in carrying out what was a most enjoyable evening's entertainment."

Most interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. J. S. Black of Erskine Church, and Rev. Robert Campbell.

The choir kindly sang several pieces during the evening in their usual excellent style, thereby contributing much to the harmony of the meeting.

Mr. Tait being requested to leave the chair, Mr. Campbell on being called on to act as chairman, announced that refreshments would be served in the School Room and were now waiting the attention of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. W. Darling, Jr., seconded by Mr. McPhail, A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Tait for his conduct in the chair this evening, which was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Tait.

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

DAVID TAIT, *Chairman.*

J. MACQUEEN, *Secretary.*

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

The Trustees have again, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, of this, the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church, to present a Report of their proceedings with account of revenue and expenditure up to 31st Dec., 1875.

The usual Financial Statement of the Treasurer has been prepared, and an opportunity will be afforded the congregation of examining the details.

On the ordinary revenue of the Church there has been a slight increase, which with the balance on hand at the beginning of the year has been nearly sufficient to meet the increased disbursements to the present time, the receipts being \$2,867.45 and expenditure \$2,883.92—but there is still \$407.00 due for arrears of pew rents which the Trustees trust will soon be paid.

The ordinary collections amount to \$535.90, and the collections made for special purposes as schemes of the Church, \$286.34.

In addition to these there was the call made on the congregation for about \$600 to pay part of the debt due for repairing the Church and building the School Room. The amount collected for this purpose by Messrs. Lynch and McRobie was about \$500, and the balance was made up by special collections.

The Ladies of the congregation have presented to the Treasurer \$200, the proceeds of the sale of their work, and this sum they request shall be used in the reduction of the debt due to the Widows and Orphans Fund. The Treasurer has also to acknowledge receipt of \$42.90, presented by the choir to the Building Fund, being the proceeds of a concert kindly given by them last winter for that purpose.

These several amounts forming no part of the ordinary revenue, do not appear in the Treasurer's usual statement, being collected and given for a special purpose to cover the amount needed to complete the work over and above what was borrowed on mortgage. They appear in a separate account to be submitted, and which, now that everything is paid, will be closed, and the small balance at credit carried to ordinary revenue.

The congregation has been informed that the membership of the Church is increasing, and the Trustees think, that with a little more promptness in meeting engagements, the financial position of the Church might be considered very hopeful.

With respect to the strip of land belonging to the Church property on St. James Street which was mentioned in a former Report, and which it was surmised might yet be employed as a

set off against the claim made on the Church for opening up that street; the Trustees beg to state that a note was received from the Secretary of the Road Committee, dated 8th June last, notifying them through their chairman—"that the said strip of land would not be required for public purposes."—Nevertheless, a short time after sending this note, the Corporation, without any notification, proceeded to put the sidewalk into the condition in which it now is by laying down the present asphalt pavement which necessarily has taken in the ground in question.

During the past year the Union of the Presbyterian Church so long hoped for was accomplished. The members of this Church appeared to be almost unanimous in favor of the union, from which such great results are anticipated.

They were represented at Quebec before the local Legislature in support of the Bills, then before the House, to give effect to the Union, by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, their pastor, and Mr. Darling, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, met in St. Gabriel Church, and the Trustees have to thank the ladies of the congregation for their attention to the members of this body, as well as the congregation generally, for the provision made by them for the accommodation the Ministers and Elders received in this city at the time of the Union.

The Union of the Churches so far seems to be satisfactory; the opposition to it was confined to a small number of Ministers and congregations, and it is hoped that the benefit of Union will soon become apparent to them.

During the past year the Trustees, with the congregation, suffered a great loss in the removal by death of the late Mr. Alexander Bertram, which took place on the 31st August last.

Irrespective of the service he rendered as a Trustee, he was one of the oldest members of the Church, and took a special interest in its spiritual and temporal welfare, and we as Trustees feel deeply the loss of one of the most earnest and active of our number.

In accordance with Article 3 of the Rules and Regulations, Mr. William Ewing, Senr. was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The retiring Trustees at this time are Messrs. Haldimand, Hood, Reed, and Ewing, all of whom are, however, eligible for election.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. DARLING, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM REED, *Secretary.*

The ST. GABRIEL CHURCH in account with W. L. HALDIMAND, Treasurer,
for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

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| 1875. | | | | |
| Jan. 1. | To Balance on hand. | \$ 85.48 | By paid Minister's Stipend..... | \$1800.00 |
| Dec. 31. | " Cash received for Pew Rents. | 1546.73 | " " Church Officer, salary..... | 140.00 |
| | " Special Collections, viz: | | " Precentor's " | 160.00 |
| | " Presbyterian " | \$29.49 | " Synod Expenses | 20.00 |
| | Manitoba Mission | 53.24 | " " Interest..... | 125.22 |
| | Sabbath School | 29.90 | " " Coal account..... | 105.60 |
| | Dorcas Society..... | 54.08 | " " A. Rose..... | 17.86 |
| | Presbytery's Home Mission | | " " Sundry Exp's as per receipts. | 49.81 |
| | Fund | 42.68 | " " Assessments..... | 34.00 |
| | " Presbyterian " | 35.00 | " " Water rate..... | 15.55 |
| | Sabbath School | 41.95 | " " Gas accounts | 62.66 |
| | | 286.34 | " " Collecting accounts | 12.85 |
| | " Ordinary Collections..... | 535.90 | " " Printing Reports..... | 16.00 |
| | " Interest, J. H. Mooney..... | 413.00 | " " Special Collections seven dis- | 286.34 |
| | | | tinct objects..... | 19.28 |
| | " Balance due Treasurer..... | 16.47 | " " Session Expenses | 18.75 |
| | | <u>2883.92</u> | " " Insurance | 18.75 |
| | | \$2883.92 | | \$2883.92 |

This is to certify that we have examined the above account and Treasurer's
Books and found the same correct.

D. TAIT, }
THS. WATSON, } Auditors.

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THE TRUSTEES OF ST GABRIEL CHURCH in account with W. L. HALDIMAND,
for Repairs and Building Fund.

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| To Cash from Widows' and Orphans' Fund..... | \$1977.30 | By paid for drawing earth | \$55.00 |
| " Interest..... | 30.00 | " " Beaucaire | 155.00 |
| " " from Savings Bank..... | 18.66 | " " Thos. Robinson | 282.95 |
| Collection by Messrs. McRobie and Lynch... | 505.00 | " " G. Yon | 24.60 |
| Cash for iron shutters sold..... | 14.40 | " " Gardner & Booth..... | 106.80 |
| " " " old lead and windows sold..... | 13.80 | " " Expenses to Ottawa..... | 10.00 |
| " " from Ladies' Society..... | 41.06 | " " A. Martin | 1014.72 |
| " " proceeds of Concert..... | 42.90 | " " A. Rose | 745.35 |
| Church Collection | 88.50 | " " T. Mussen | 52.70 |
| " " from Ladies' Bazaar Fund | 200.00 | " " W. W. Tees | 16.80 |
| | | " " W. McRobie | 60.00 |
| | | " " W. Hood | 32.30 |
| | | " " J. B. Young | 16.00 |
| | | " " O. Puttock, by A. Bertram, Esq..... | 40.00 |
| | | " " T. Mussen, " | 14.70 |
| | | " " Sundries " | 71.80 |
| | | " Balance in hands of Treasurer..... | 238.89 |
| | <u>\$2931.62</u> | | <u>\$2931.62</u> |

Audited and found correct.

D. TAIT.
T. WATSON.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. GABRIEL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL, FOR THE YEAR 1875.

The year just ended has been a very prosperous one for the School. As respects the accommodation and appliances required for carrying on Sabbath School work successfully, we have been very well supplied during the year. In the matters of regular and punctual attendance and order, there has been a decided improvement during the last twelve months. A wider intelligence also has seemed to characterize the scholars, as evinced in their readier and more correct answers to the questions on the lessons. This may in some measure be attributed to the excellent aid rendered to the teachers by the Sunday School World, which has furnished admirable notes on the lessons. The Teachers' meetings also, which have been held weekly for several months past, have no doubt had a good influence upon the minds and hearts of the Teachers, and through them upon the scholars, and this has helped to raise the tone of the School.

The condition of the school at present, is on the whole as satisfactory as it has ever been. The staff of Teachers, Librarians and other officers have not been surpassed for devotion to the interests of the young by any who preceded them. The attendance of late has somewhat improved, but we ought to have a good many more of the children belonging to the congregation in our school, besides those living near the Church belonging to other congregations. To secure attendance as well as the higher results of Sunday School work, the Superintendent and Teachers are largely dependent upon the heads of families, whose co-operation they desire to enjoy in the future, in a larger measure than they have enjoyed it in the past.

The Bible Class, which is taught so efficiently by Mr. Tait, at very considerable self sacrifice, though attended regularly by certain young Ladies of the congregation, is not taken advantage of to the extent it might profitably be, by the youth of both sexes belonging to the congregation, which is matter of regret—as youth is the best season for storing the mind with truth, and of all kinds of truth Bible truth is the most valuable.

The infant Class for girls taught by Miss Duncan, and that for boys taught by Miss E. Cunningham, have both been very successful and have had their interest much helped by the Pictorial Illustrations that have been furnished to them in the lesson leaf.

The Library greatly needs replenishing as shown by the Librarian's report, and I trust some good friends of the cause will take the hint and help to put it into a more satisfactory condition.

As shown by the Librarian's Report there are at present 460 volumes in the Library, increase over last year 34. There are still 125 volumes out; the average issue was 45.

The collections have greatly improved during the past year as shown by the Treasurer's Report, and this is no doubt largely owing to the greater responsibility assumed by the school a year ago, in undertaking to support a Zenana teacher, instead of an orphan only as heretofore. Received from all sources during the year, \$179.21. Paid out \$137.59, leaving, with the balance at the beginning of the year, in our Treasurer, Mr. R. Stewart's hands, the sum of \$103.04.

The number of names on the Roll is 175—last year the number was 142, showing an increase of 33; average attendance 94—last year 83, an increase of 11. The staff of the school this year consists of 18 Teachers,—11 females and 7 males,—one Secretary, one Treasurer, and three Librarians. It is highly gratifying to state that the greatest harmony and christian feeling exist amongst the teachers, they all have laboured faithfully and well to promote the cause of Christ.

We are called upon to mourn the death of two scholars, dear Barbara Burnett and little Thomas Hunter, but our loss has been doubtless their gain, for we believe they are now "Safe in the arms of Jesus," to quote the words of the hymn which was a favorite with Barbara on her death bed. The lessons and hymns she had learned in the school, were a great comfort to her in her last days—and this should be a spur to both teachers and scholars to be diligent in doing the work of the school.

The Annual Festival held at the beginning of the year, and the Picnic to St. Helen's Island in September, were both very successful and afforded great delight to the children. Neither of them was a financial burden upon the resources of the school, means having been found otherwise of defraying the expenses of the entertainments.

A medal was offered by Mrs. Ewing for competition, the conditions on which it was to be awarded being the perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism. It has been won by Maggie E. Campbell.

Mr. Ewing also offered a very handsomely bound Bible to the pupil who should take the second place in this competition, and it has been awarded to Jane Darling. Louisa McNaughton, Anabella McCrea and Stewart McNaughton, who also competed, displayed so much diligence in the attempt that the examiners agreed to present each of them with a Bible. Several changes have taken place during the year in the teaching staff of the school. Owing to the distance to which her family removed from the school since their late bereavement, Miss Bertram,

the oldest and one of the most efficient teachers in the school, was obliged to withdraw from it. Her place has, however, been well filled by Miss Campbell. Miss Brown on account of ill health, and Mrs. Wilson on account of a change in her relationship, Mr Lang, Mr. Perham and Mr. Wilson all gave up their classes, but their places have been efficiently supplied by Misses Dresser, E. McQueen, L. Rowan, Mrs. Kennedy, and Messrs. Cairns and Cramer.

All respectfully submitted,

JOHN CLIFF, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. GABRIEL CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR 1874-5.

It affords me great pleasure on behalf of the Association to report that the past year has shown better results than any year since the formation of the Association, save one. There has been an advance of upwards of sixty dollars upon the returns of the year immediately preceding, which is saying a great deal, not only for the diligence of the collectors but also for the liberality of the people, at a time of very considerable commercial embarrassment. In four of the districts, into which the congregation is divided for the purposes of the Association, there has been an increase over last year in the contributions received, notably so in districts Nos. 4, 5 and 6. In Nos. 1 and 3 there has been a considerable falling off, which is to be accounted for partly from the diminution of our adherents in those districts, but I apprehend chiefly from the fact that there was an omission more than once on the part of some of the collectors to make their monthly call. The former cause is one over which we have no control; but the latter will I trust be avoided as far as possible in the future.

The following are the summarized returns for the several districts:

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| District No. 1, Misses Bennett and McNaughton.... | \$ 47.40 |
| “ “ 2, Misses E. J. McNaughton & Taylor. | 31.30 |
| “ “ 3, Mrs. Cunningham & Miss Bachelor. | 45.15 |
| “ “ 4, Misses McQueen and Laurie..... | 78.12 |
| “ “ 5, Misses M. Patton and Miss Thom (Mrs Wilson). | 60.85 |
| “ “ 6, Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. McCulloch (and Miss Dresser) | 58.45 |
| “ “ 7, Miss Henderson..... | 8.00 |
| Donation to French Mission (per L. R.)..... | 1.00 |
| Total..... | <u>\$300.27</u> |

This has been distributed as follows :—

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| To Sustentation Fund.... | \$200.00 | Supplement to Manitoba | |
| “ Ministers’ Widows’ and | | Mission..... | \$16.75 |
| Orphans Fund | 93.72 | | |
| “ French Mission..... | 36.78 | Leaving a balance of .. | \$157.99 |
| “ Bursary Fund..... | 25.00 | | |

Of this sum the Executive Committee recommend that \$50.00 be given to the Manitoba College Fund, \$30.00 to the Manitoba Mission proper, \$50.00 to the French Mission, and the balance to the Presbytery’s “ Home Mission Fund.”

Very much to the regret of their associates, Mrs Hodge and Mrs. McCulloch had to resign, for what they felt was a sufficient reason, the office of collectors, before their term expired, but their places were well filled by Misses Laurie and Dresser.

The collectors report that their work was rendered exceedingly pleasant by the kindness and courtesy with which they have been almost uniformly received by the families and individuals upon whom they have called. It is most satisfactory to us all to know that our people take enlightened views of the obligations which rest upon them as Christians to be co-workers with Christ, if not actively, at least through good will, and the pecuniary assistance they render to His cause. There is also good reason to believe that the periodical visit of the collectors is looked forward to with interest by not a few of the people, as a bond uniting them to the active work of the congregation, and thus the collectors tend to promote a healthy sentiment of congregational attachment, and are doing a sort of Home Mission work.

Four of last year’s band of workers ask to be relieved of the office of collector: Miss McQueen, who has fulfilled the duties most faithfully for several years; Mrs. Wilson (better known as Miss Thom) who has also well earned retirement from this work by several years’ successful holding of the office, and Mrs. Byrd and Miss Henderson, who occupied the office so well during the past year. These ladies deserve our best thanks for their past excellent assistance, as well as those ladies who have volunteered for another year.

But it is to Captain McRobie that the Executive Committee feel that most special thanks are due for the kind and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Treasurer for five years past, at a very great sacrifice of convenience to himself and his family, although this has been made most cheerfully. Considering that his engagements are now greater than they were when he assumed the duties of the office, and that it is only right that the burden of the work connected with the congregation should be distributed round, the Executive think that Mr. McRobie should now be relieved of further trouble in this connection.

Every additional year's operations help to satisfy us all more and more fully that the principles underlying this Association is a thoroughly sound one—that of frequent giving to the Lord's work, even though the gifts be not in all cases large. Perhaps it would be well that we had a few large contributions among the smaller ones, as at present those possessing comparatively slender means are giving in a scale almost as large as those whose possessions are more ample. We would not have the latter lessen their gifts, but think the former might increase theirs with profit to themselves and greatly to the advantage of the work of the Association.

In conclusion, the great event of the past year, the Union of the Presbyterians in Canada, is one which we ought not to overlook at the commencement of another year's operations. We are now part of a much larger whole than we were a year ago. This thought imparts to us a sense of strength. We feel that there is scarcely any enterprize to which the Presbyterian Church in Canada pledges itself, in which, with the blessing of the great Head of the Church, it can fail. But this legitimate feeling of strength is one which carries its responsibilities with it, as well as its delights. If the whole Church ought to feel itself called upon to attempt greater things than hitherto for the Lord, every part ought to share in that sense of responsibility. And no doubt St. Gabriel Church, which honorably distinguished itself in its efforts to promote Union, will be found performing its part as creditably in the future as it has had grace to do in the past.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT CAMPBELL, *President.*

St. Gabriel Church, Montreal,
Nov. 3, 1875.

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

| 1875. | | Dr. | |
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| Jan. 4. | Cash on hand | | \$41.62 |
| | Subscription | | 5.00 |
| June 3. | Received interest on \$30 which had been for some time in City and Dist. Savings Bank | | 11.06 |
| | 20. Collection at Communion Services..... | | 54.08 |
| | | | \$111.76 |
| 1875. | | Cr. | |
| | By aid to the poor | | \$50.51 |
| June 3. | Paid Treas. towards debt for repairs on Church, | | 41 06 |
| 1876. Jan. 12. | By balance on hand..... | | 20.19 |
| | | | \$111.76 |

About \$200.00 additional was raised by the Congregation for purposes not stated.