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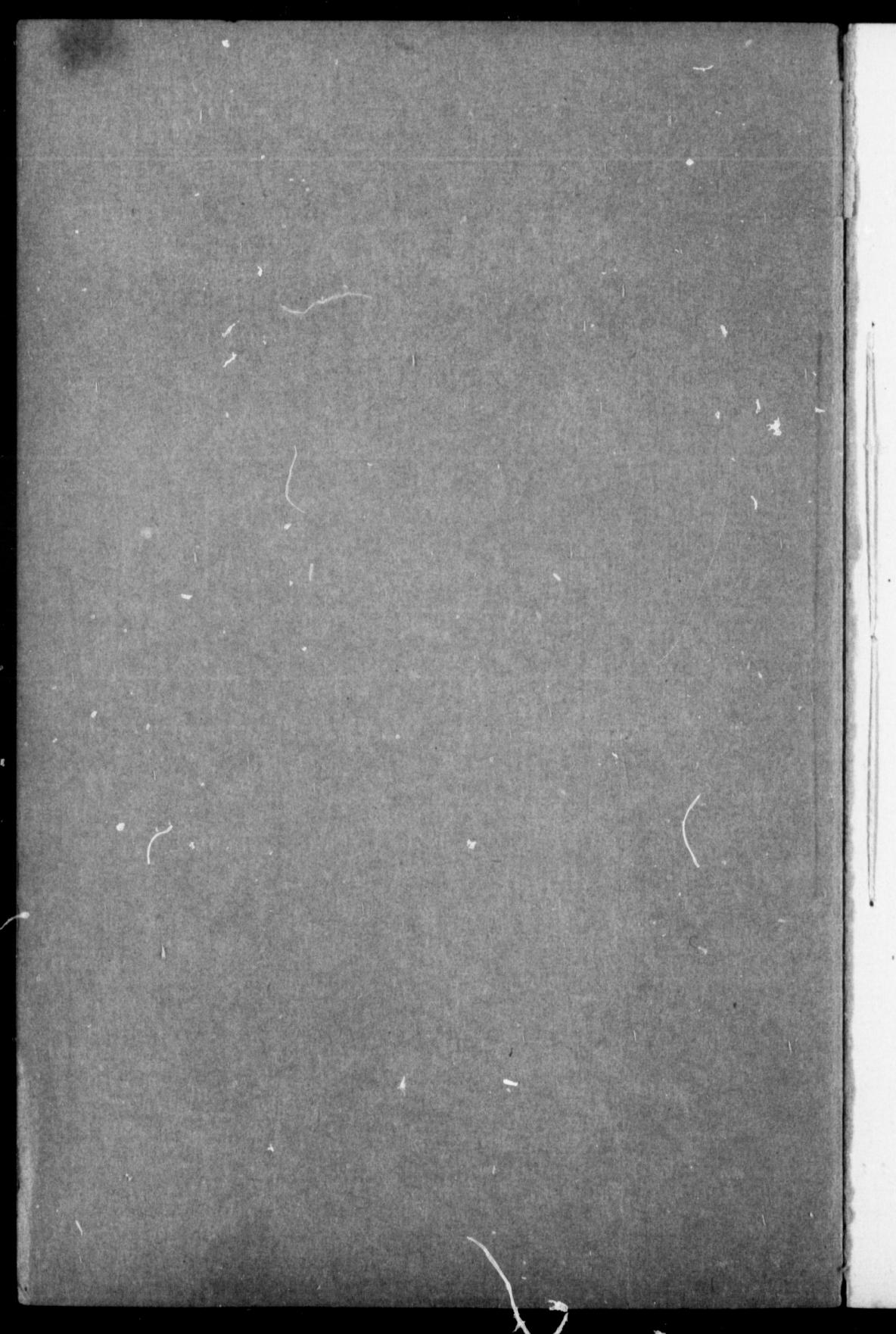


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OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH.

Pastor.

REV. J. F. STEVENSON, D.D., LL.B. (*Residence, 522 Dorchester Street*).

Church Secretary.

REV. GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D. (*Residence, 177 Drummond Street*).

Deacons.

MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER,
REV. GEORGE CORNISH,
MR. HENRY LYMAN,
" THEODORE LYMAN,

MR. ALFRED SAVAGE,
" HENRY VENNOR,
" C. R. BLACK,
" GEORGE HAGUE.

Church Board.

THE PASTOR AND DEACONS, WITH:—

MR. BIZZEY,
" F. F. BLACKADER,
" R. W. COWAN,
" J. M. M. DUFF,

MR. W. R. ROSS,
" HENRY SANDERS,
" J. B. SUTHERLAND,
" C. T. WILLIAMS.

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" J. S. MCLACHLAN, *Treasurer*,
" H. W. WALKER, *Secretary*.

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" JNO. PORTEOUS,
" J. T. WILSON,

DR. CORNISH.

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MR. ARNOLD STEVENSON, *Librarian*.

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" HENRY LYMAN,
" J. B. LEARMONT,
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MR. A. C. LYMAN,
" JOHN PORTEOUS,
" THOS COSTEN,
" D. DOWNS.

Organist.

MR. A. CLARENCE LYMAN.

Committee on use of Church Building.

THE PASTOR, WITH MESSRS. ALEXANDER AND JAMIESON.

Committee on Building Fund Union.

Patron.—REV. DR. STEVENSON.

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Secretary.—MR. H. W. WALKER.

Ladies' Aid Society.

President.—MRS. J. F. STEVENSON. | *Vice-President.*—MRS. MACPHE.

Secretary-Treasurer.—MRS. R. G. BROWN.

Young People's Association.

President.—REV. DR. STEVENSON. | *Vice-President.*—MR. C. R. BLACK.

Secretary.—MR. T. H. LONSDALE.

SIXTON.

MR. EDWARD JAY.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER MEETINGS.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—

{	Morning, at 11 o'clock.
{	Evening, at 7'clock.
{	Sunday School, at 3 p.m.
{	Bible Class for Males in S.S., conducted by Mr. George Hague, at 3 p.m.
{	Bible Class for Females, conducted by Mrs. Stevenson, at 3 p.m.

WEEK EVENING SERVICE.—Wednesday, at 8 p.m., in the Lecture-Room of the Church.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CHURCH.—For the Reception of Candidates, etc., at 8 p.m. of the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday of the month.

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.—On the first Sunday of the month.

MEETING OF PASTOR AND DEACONS.—At 8 p.m. on the Monday following the Communion Sunday, every alternate month.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CHURCH BOARD.—At 8 p.m. of the Monday preceding the Monthly Church Meeting.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—At 8 p.m. of the Tuesday following the Communion Sunday.

ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING OF THE CHURCH.—The second Sunday in January.

WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING.—Monday, at 4 p.m.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.—When convened.

CHOIR PRACTICE.—Saturday, at 8 p.m.

HISTORICAL MEMORANDA.

On the 10th March, 1875, 111 members of Zion Church withdrew from that fellowship, for the purpose of forming a new Congregational Church under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., one of the joint-pastors of Zion Church. On Sunday, March 14th, 1875, after an appropriate service conducted by Mr. Stevenson, the Church was duly organized, and Mr. Stevenson was unanimously chosen Pastor. At the same time the Church, by formal Resolution of the united brotherhood, received the name of "Emmanuel Church." As the Church possessed no local habitation of its own, the public services on the Lord's Day were held in the Montreal Gymnasium Building; and on week-evenings, in the Lecture-Room of Erskine Church. In the month of June, 1875, ground was broken for the erection of a new Church-edifice, on a site occupying the corner of Stanley street, and facing St. Catherine street.

On April 15th, 1876, the corner-stone was laid by the Pastor, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes. To the Pastor a silver trowel was presented, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to the
REV. JOHN FREDERICK STEVENSON,
On the occasion of his laying the
Corner-stone of EMMANUEL (Congrega-
tional) CHURCH, Montreal.

April 15th, 1876.

"Except the Lord build the house, they
labour in vain who build it."

The jar deposited in the corner-stone contained the following:—

1. An Historical Sketch of the origin of Emmanuel Church.
2. A copy of the Church Manual for 1875.
3. A list of the names of the Building and Finance Committee.
4. The names of the Architect and Contractors.
5. Newspapers.
6. Starke's Almanac for 1876.
7. Canada Congregational Year Book for 1876,
8. Various current Coins of the Realm.

On January 14th and 21st, 1877, the building was opened for Divine Service with a special Dedicatory Services.

Number of members received since the organization of the Church, 351.

Number in fellowship, January 6th, 1884, 241.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
EMMANUEL CHURCH, 1884.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Emmanuel Church was held on the evenings of January 14th and 30th, 1884, in the Lecture-Room of the Church.

The Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Stevenson, occupied the chair.

1. Devotional service and Pastor's address.
2. The Report of the Board of Trustees, together with the Treasurer's Statement, was read ; and, on motion, received and adopted.
3. The Church elected by ballot the following brethren to serve on the Board of Trustees for the current year :—Messrs. Jamieson, J. S. McLachlan and Reid.
4. On motion it was *Resolved* unanimously :—“ That the cordial thanks of the Church be given to our esteemed Treasurer, Mr. J. S. McLachlan, for his valuable services through another year.
5. The Annual Report of the Church Board was read : and, on motion, was received and adopted.
6. The Rev. Dr. Cornish was re-elected Church Secretary, the Church at the same time again expressing its cordial thanks, by a standing-vote, to him for his services continued during the past year.
7. On the question of the mode of appointing brethren to serve on the Church Board, it was *Ordered* :—That a Nominating Committee be named by the Chair, to present a list of eight names for election by the Church.

8. The Pastor nominated Messrs Hague and Jamieson as the said Committee, who withdrew, and returned with the following list of names for presentation to the Church, viz :—Messrs Bizzey, F. F. Blackader, H. Sanders, C. T. Williams, W. R. Ross, J. B. Sutherland and J. M. M. Duff.

9. On motion, the list of names submitted was adopted.

10. The Report of the Ladies' Aid Society was read and adopted. Whereupon,

11. It was, on motion, *Resolved* unanimously :—That the Church has heard with much gratification the Report now read, and desires once more to record its grateful appreciation of the valuable services again rendered by the self-denying and untiring efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society.

12. The Report of the Sunday School Committee was read and received and adopted : and the Committee was reappointed.

13. The Report of the Committee on Psalmody was read. It reported satisfactorily on the regular attendance and discharge of his duties by Mr. A. C. Lyman and recommended his reappointment as organist for the present year.

14. On motion, the above report was received and adopted ; and the following were appointed as the Committee on Psalmody ;—Messrs. Learmont, Henry Lyman, Gurd, Andres, A. C. Lyman, Porteous, T. Costen and Downs,

15. The Report of the Young People's Association was taken as read and received. This Association has for its objects :—The advancement of the cause of Christ and the interests of our Church ; also the promotion of Sociability and Literary Culture among the young people of the Congregation.

16. The Pastor, and Messrs. Alexander and Jamieson were appointed the Committee on the use of the Church Building.

17. Mr. H. W. Walker, the Secretary, presented a report of the proceedings of the Building Fund Union during the past year, and submitted the Treasurer's statement, which was received.

18. On motion, it was *Resolved*:—That a Church Directory be published, as heretofore, with the several Reports now received and adopted, under the care of the Church Secretary.

19. The above minutes were, on motion, taken as read, and confirmed.

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE CORNISH,

Church Secretary.

PASTOR'S ADDRESS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—

It is with great pleasure and much gratitude to our Heavenly Father that I look back with you over the year now past. We have again been preserved in unbroken peace and in a large degree of prosperity. To me, and I trust to you, our public services have often been occasions of profitable thoughts and happy worship, and I have felt that the presence of God was with us. Our congregations are larger than I have ever known them, and they seem to listen with attention to the word spoken. It is my fervent prayer that the blessing of God may be on our work and our worship, and that the seed of truth may bear a spiritual harvest wide and glorious.

It would be a joy to me to see more of our young people coming forward to take upon them the distinct vow of loyalty and obedience to Christ. I am anxious that those who are at the head of families should lay it as a responsibility that nothing be done or left undone as to the younger members of the household to prevent their taking a stand at once on the right side. The pulpit cannot do everything, neither can the Sunday School. Let us all try to remember that, while we can help

one another in the path of duty, each after all must do his own, and must bear his responsibility in the sight of God. We have to watch earnestly against the temptation to throw what is properly our own task on the shoulders of others, and to waste in mutual criticism a spiritual energy which, if rightly employed, would secure the end so much to be desired.

I wish to thank once more the Office-Bearers of the Church for their kindness to the Pastor and for all the help they have given in the good work. I commend our various activities, the Sunday School, the Missionary work, The Ladies' Aid Society, the Young People's Association and all other like forms of labour, not only to your prayerful sympathy, but to your active and liberal help. It is wonderfully good for the spiritual character to *do* something for Christ and for man. It is true that activity without faith and love is mechanical and poor, but it is also true that lofty sentiment and spiritual emotion which do not embody themselves in action are apt to lose their ennobling power and to degenerate into a dangerous luxury. Let our hearts be full of love to Christ, and then let us all find something to give and something to do.

Let me again call your attention to the importance of our Sunday-evening worship, and also to that of Wednesday evenings. There is evidence of an increased interest in both, but still room for growth. Do not forget that if we are to find the help of God we must earnestly seek it, and seek it not only alone but together also.

May God be with you all and bless you richly during the coming year. May He give us more and ever more the proofs of his pleasure and approbation in the Church, and build up our family and our personal life in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus, and may he increase the members as well as deepen the life of the Church, adding to it daily such as are being saved.

Your affectionate Pastor,

J. F. STEVENSON.

REPORT OF CHURCH BOARD.

Another year in the history of this Church has passed away, and added its account to the record of the past. And, at the outset of this Report of the year's events, the pertinent and important question presents itself:—Of what character is that account? Progressive or retrograde? It must be one or the other; it cannot be neither. Many factors enter into the calculation by which the question is determined, and there is difficulty in deciding it. For, in some respects, it has been a year of progress; additions have been made to the stated attendance at public worship, so that to find seat-room for all is becoming a matter of difficulty. The finances of the Church are in a healthy condition, enabling the Treasurer to meet all demands for current or other expenses; and there has been a growth in liberality of giving to our various denominational objects, which is very gratifying. On the other hand, your Board would not be faithful to their brethren, nor to themselves, were they not to give expression to the anxiety which they have felt at some discouraging features of our present position, on which the pastor and themselves have had much serious and prayerful thought and conference. There is an apparent apathy in the general business and aggressive usefulness of the Church, which cannot, in a membership such as ours, find any excuse to justify its existence. Our Sunday-evening and week-evening services are not attended as they should be, and might be; many of our younger members do not manifest that zeal and self-denial in promoting the best interests of the Church, which it is their duty to show. The Bible Classes, which are specially intended for our young men and women, are treated with an indifference which is somewhat disheartening to those who give so much time and thought to conduct them in an efficient and interesting manner; and, our Sunday School has not given one member to the Church during the whole year covered by this Report. Now these things ought not to be; and it behoves us all to faithfully endeavour to find the cause, or causes, of them; and, by God's help, to vigorously remove them. An apathetic Church is a decaying Church; and, unless the process of decay be promptly checked, it will in time be a dead church, so far as the high and holy objects for which it should exist are concerned, though it may "have a name to live," and be very complacent and self-satisfied.

During the year, our esteemed Pastor has been enabled regularly to discharge his duties among us; but, in the autumn months, he showed

signs of failing health, which caused us much concern. It is matter for great thankfulness to God, that improvement has taken place, and that our fears have not been realised.

On the recommendation of the Deacons, the Pastor's vacation extended from Sunday, June 24th, to Sunday, August 25th, inclusive, in order to afford him time, in fulfilment of a promise to that effect, and for family reasons, to visit England. He accordingly sailed on the 22nd of June, and returned at the beginning of September, and resumed his duties. During his absence, the pulpit was supplied by Revs. Dr. Wilkes; Dr. Jackson, of Kingston; Wm. Wetherald, of St. Catherines; W. H. Warriner, of Bowmanville; Thos. Hall, our Missionary Superintendent; Dr. Johnson, of Rutland, Vt., and Mr. Fairbanks, of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

In the month of April, an official communication was received from the Board of Directors of the Cong. Coll. B. N. A., informing the Deacons that it was their intention to nominate the Pastor to the office of Principal of the College, and praying the Church, in the interests of the Denomination, to give its sanction to this important step. After careful consideration by the Deacons, the Church Board and the Trustees, in conference, they unanimously recommended the Church to accede to the request of the Board; and the Church resolved accordingly. At the Annual Meeting of the College the Pastor was installed into the office, with appropriate solemnities, and amid auspicious circumstances, and he entered upon his duties at the beginning of the session; since which time he has regularly continued them, without any detriment to the interests of the Church.

The Church Roll has been carefully examined and revised, and the following are the statistics of the year:—

Admitted to Fellowship:—

On Profession,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
By Letter,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

Removals:—

By Death,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
By Letter,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
By removal from Roll,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

Thus the losses and gains have been equal, and the number stands the same as it did at the beginning of the year,—241.

The losses by death were;— Mr. Wm. Brown, for many years a member among us, a man well known for his devout character and unostentatious and useful life among the poor; and, Miss Annie Baxter, one of the last two surviving children of parents, members also much esteemed among us, who have suffered heavy bereavements by the loss of their children, one after the other when in the prime of their youth, by the same fell disease. Our brother and sister deserve and receive the sympathy of their brethren in the bitter experience through which they are called to pass.

Messrs. Hy. Lyman and Hague, were appointed to represent the Church at the annual meeting of the Union, held in London, Ont, in June, 1883; and they duly kept their appointment, and reported a very successful and encouraging meeting. Mr. Walker was appointed to represent the Church at the meeting of the Provident Fund. The invitation of this Church to meet here next June was accepted by the Union; and it will devolve on you to take steps at an early date to have timely arrangements made for the meeting. Your Board recommend that an effort be made, as on some former occasions, to secure the presence of some eminent representative of Congregationalism from abroad, in order to give a stimulus to our own ministers and delegates, and to add zest to the meetings.

The annual Missionary Services were held on February 25th and 26th, and were interesting and stimulating, with good collections resulting. The Rev. M. H. Hitchcock attended as a deputation from American Board, and Revs. Thos. Hall and Geo. Willett represented our Canadian Home Missions. Your Board recommend that these meetings be continued.

The question of Social Meetings of members of the Church and Congregation has repeatedly had the consideration of your Board, and that from a conviction that, if properly arranged and wisely used, they may be made a useful means of promoting social intercourse and that mutual knowledge and interest in each others' welfare which should be found among members of the same household of faith. Two meetings were held during the year: one on June 20th, and the other on Nov. 14th. The former was well attended, being a leave-taking of the Pastor, on his departure for England. An incident of this meeting deserves notice here. This was the presentation by Mr. Hague, on behalf of the brethren contributing thereto, of the sum of \$350.00 to the Church Secretary, as an expression of the grateful appreciation with which his

services are regarded, and also to aid in the payment of the expenses of himself and family on a visit to England; which considerate gift was thankfully accepted and acknowledged in suitable terms by the Secretary. The other meeting was not so successful as your Board wished to make it, owing mainly to the unavoidable absence of many of the older members of the Church whose presence had been desired and expected. Your Board do not recommend the abandonment of these meetings in consequence of this apparent failure :—rather, let us all determine to do better next time.

As the other Standing Committees and Associations of the Church will report severally for themselves, your Board need not refer to their labours further than to emphasise and impress on the minds of all, the obligations under which we are placed by them for their services so cheerfully rendered to promote the welfare of the Church in its various departments

The following sums have been raised for denominational or special objects :—

Ladies' Aid Society	-	-	-	\$	307.95
Cong. College of B. N. A.	-	-	-		598.50
Canada Cong. Miss. Socy.	-	-	-		713.60
Cong. Union	-	-	-		69.75
By Sunday School	-	-	-		154.34
Foreign Missions	-	-	-		343.74
Provident Fund	-	-	-		56.70
Grant to C. I.	-	-	-		50.00
House of Industry and Refuge	-	-	-		81.35
Fellowship Fund	-	-	-		201.40
Building Fund Union	-	-	-		1,277.88
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All which is respectfully submitted by your Board.

GEORGE CORNISH,

Church Secretary

MONTREAL, January 28th, 1884.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Your Trustees, in presenting their report for the year 1883, have pleasure in announcing a further reduction of the Church debt during the year of \$1,650.

The receipts for current expenses were.....	\$7,438.48
Disbursements (including balance due Treasurer from 1882.)	7,421.73
Balance on hand.....	\$ 16.75

The small margin between receipts and expenses points to the necessity of carefulness in the matter of expenditure. The item of printing and advertising, \$111.95, includes \$42 for a special standing-advertisement which the Trustees are of opinion might be saved.

Special votes from the Church funds, not for strictly Church expenses, are to be deprecated; whilst the item of \$54 for Board of Pulpit Supplies does not speak well for our hospitality as a church, and is an extravagant expenditure of its funds.

The Church property has been maintained in good order, and its sanitary condition has been materially improved during the year. A new furnace, placed in the north transept, has much improved the comfort of the Church. The Church-parlor has also been improved.

The Trustees find a still increasing difficulty in providing eligible pews and sittings for those desirous of attending our services. As it appears that nearly all the present seat-holders occupy fully the space allotted to them, little relief can be expected from that source. They would therefore suggest whether the time has not come for placing the choir behind the pulpit and re-arranging the seats in the south transept so as to add to the seating capacity of the building.

In accordance with the Act of Incorporation, the following members retire:—viz, Messrs. Jamieson, McLachlan and Reid.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. WALKER,

Secretary.

MONTREAL, January 29th, 1884.

TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Trustees have laid before the Church their usual annual statement of receipts and disbursements. The Church has in this respect much cause for thankfulness that all current expenses for the year have been paid, as well as the deficiency carried forward from last year, and a small balance is still left on hand.

The monthly receipts are as follows:—making a total of \$7,438.48; the disbursements for the year \$7,263.35; making, with the deficiency of 1882 of \$158.38, a total of \$7,421.73; thus leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$16.75.

The Treasurer must again call attention to the fact that so many subscribers leave a large proportion of their payments over until the end of the year, thus causing him considerable difficulty in paying current expenses as they mature.

It will be noticed from the statement that nearly \$1,800 was received by the Treasurer in the last month of the year, and indeed at the very end of the month, which should have been spread over the whole twelve months. A little forethought in this matter on the part of subscribers would make the Treasurer's duties much less of a burden, and your Pastor and others would not be kept waiting for amounts past due to them.

With 1884 we enter upon the tenth year of our Emmanuel Church history, and unfortunately with a debt of \$26,000 upon the building and organ. This very heavy liability calls for early and serious consideration at our hands. We are paying annually no less a sum than \$1,620 for interest on this debt, and it is incumbent on us to adopt some new and energetic measures that will provide for its early extinction.

JOHN S. McLACHLAN,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE EMMANUEL CHURCH BUILDING
FUND UNION FOR YEAR 1883.

The Committee of the Emmanuel Church Building Fund Union beg to report that they have now completed the fourth year of their operations.

They have to record no additional subscribers during the year, and that about one half of the regular subscribers to the Church are still unrepresented.

There has been paid on account of the Church debt during the year 1883 \$1,650, making a total for the four years of \$9,830.94.

The Treasurer's statement, which has been printed and distributed, gives full details of the amounts received and disbursed during the year, and is appended.

As we have now entered upon the fifth year of the existence of the Building Fund Union, the duties of your Committee will have been fulfilled with the payment of the fifth and final instalment on the subscriptions during the current year.

It might be noted here, as showing the serious strain upon the energies of a church caused by a debt, that this Church has paid for interest alone, during the past eight years the large sum of \$16,760.55.

Your Committee feel that there is still far too large a debt upon the Church property, and would urge that the present effort be followed by some comprehensive plan for reducing or entirely extinguishing the debt during the next few years.

H. W. WALKER,

Secretary.

January 16th, 1884.

HENRY LYMAN,

Chairman.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

There has been nothing of an unusual character to mark the work of the "Ladies' Aid" during the past year.

About Christmas boxes of clothing were sent to three ministers' families in the country, whose names we had obtained from Mr. Hall. These were most gratefully received, and in each case the recipient has sent warm thanks.

Donations of money and material have been made to some members of our own Church, and special collections have been made for several of our city charities, viz.:—Industrial Rooms Bazaar, \$125; Home for Friendless Women, \$53.25; Labrador Mission, \$72.50; Donations and subscriptions for the year amounted to \$57.20, which, with a balance of \$25.95 from last year, make a total of \$333.90 for the year.

The ladies' prayer meeting, held every Monday, has been most encouraging, and though very unobtrusive in its work, we trust it is among those quiet influences which tend to the growth of the life of Christ in our midst,

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE BROWN,

Sec-Treas.

MONTREAL, January 26, 1884.

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY OF MISSION WORKERS.

In the early part of February last (1883) a meeting was held by a few of the young ladies of the Church and Sunday School to organize a juvenile society to promote an interest in and to work for Missions. At first the attendance was small, and little more was attempted or accomplished than reading extracts from books and magazines relating to Foreign Missions.

In September, however, when the meetings resumed after the summer, more definite plans were made. Having read about the work in various foreign lands, the preference was given by the members of the Society to India, and in October we finally decided to undertake the support of a native teacher there. Though our numbers are few we hope to be able to raise the necessary sum by working and contributing among ourselves. We have had, so far, only two orders for needlework, though we have been anxious to get more.

The chief object of the Society is to interest specially the young girls of the Sunday School in the work of Foreign Missions, and while the sewing is being done at the meetings, some story, or sketch of the lives of missionaries is read aloud. The hour thus employed is a very pleasant one, and we hope will be profitable also. We should be glad if more of the Sunday School scholars would join us. Our meetings are held every alternate Wednesday afternoon in the Church Parlor.

A. B. COCHRANE

Secretary.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting a good attendance for the year.

The changes in the personnel of the School have been more marked this year than formerly. These changes are noticeable in the senior classes, some connection with the School being in the city necessarily only for a part of the year. In this connection it is fair to state that while some have left the city, others have come to take their places. Mr. Geo. Williams, one of our teachers, resigned his class to take the position of Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Peterboro, Ont. He left with the best wishes of his fellow teachers for his success in his new sphere of labour.

Mr. Seth P. Leet, has during the year been obliged on account of ill-health, to resign his connection with the School, having gone to Saint Angelos, California, for the winter. Our hope is that he will return next spring with restored health to labour in our midst.

Mr. Hughes, the Librarian, resigned his position, having accepted a business employment in British Columbia. The vacancy created has been filled by Mr. Arnold Stevenson.

Continuing the plan adopted last year, each class has collected by envelope for two objects: Missions and the Building Fund of the Church. It is optional with the scholars to contribute to one or both objects. The total collected is \$154.34—Missions, \$89.31; Building Fund, \$65.03.

To encourage and foster a Missionary spirit, special services with addresses have been held. It is gratifying to report an increased interest in missions, as shown by the larger amount collected for this object during the year.

It is proposed to devote the contributions for Missions to the same objects as last year, viz.: the support of a girl at the Orphanage in Nazareth and a supplementary amount to the fund sent to Miss McCallum in Constantinople, but these items will be definitely decided at a future meeting of the Sunday School Committee.

It may be mentioned that in May last the Sunday School in connection with the Congregational Church at Waterville, Que., asked for a donation of books to the library of their school. The request was made known to our School and was cheerfully and liberally responded to. In addition to a number of books donated by teachers and scholars person

ally, a number from our own library were sent, in all over 100 volumes. A special collection was also made and the sum of \$10 was sent. Books and money were very gratefully acknowledged by the Sunday School alluded to.

From the interest taken in Missions in the past year we may expect increased contributions during the present year. When the numerical strength of the School is considered we think we are justified in regarding the collections for the year as very encouraging. The lists from the classes prove the results of littles when aggregated, and the benefit of regular and systematic giving.

The absence of scholars on account of sickness has been frequent. During the year two of our number have been removed by death. Both were young ladies from Mrs. Stevenson's class, Miss Fabian and Miss Annie Baxter. Unless prevented by sickness, these young ladies were regular in their attendance and were attached to their teacher and the School.

We think of them now free from bodily weakness and suffering to which they were incident in their last sickness. *Now* they are in the safe keeping of a kind and loving God.

The Sunday devotional meetings have been of an interesting character, and have been helpful to those who attended them.

It is pleasing to report that the books of the Library have been more in demand during the past year than formerly. The weekly copies of the *Sunday at Home* have been returned by the scholars and have been sent to distant schools in the country by the hands of the Rev. Mr. McKillican, of the Sunday School Union.

The annual excursion of the Church and Sunday School to Missisquoi Park took place last June and was well attended by those connected with the congregation and the Sunday School. The net charge to general expenses account is a little in excess of former years. This is explained by the fact that to encourage as large an attendance of the School as possible, tickets were issued to the scholars of our School at half the cost paid for them to the railway companies. Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson were of the party, the weather was favourable and a very enjoyable day was spent.

The musical part of the services of the School has not been forgotten. It is proposed to make this part of our service more attractive to the scholars during the present year.

In our School are all ages, ranging from those found in the preparatory class to those connected with the senior classes, and while noticing with gratitude the number of senior scholars in the School, may not the question be asked are there not some attending our Church who could profitably spend an hour of a Sunday afternoon by joining some of the senior classes or forming new classes. The force of example is great. Our Sunday Schools would become more potent for good if those of maturer years retained their connection with the Sunday School longer than they do at present. Let the prevailing idea now in some quarters grow and strengthen that a lad when he becomes *sixteen or seventeen* years of age is too old to continue a Sunday School scholar, let this impression gain ground, and the School will become limited numerically in its strength and restricted in its ultimate usefulness. On the other hand, could we not imitate the example of our neighbours across the lines, where the Sunday School is, if I may be permitted to use the expression, the most popular institution of the church. There you will find a number of the classes are made up of young men and young women and those that may justly be considered no longer young. These people retain their connection with the school. The church does not lose the benefit of their interest and services, as transition from school to identification with church and church interests generally follows. Let us have a large increase of advanced scholars. The difficulty of retaining young lads in the School will *then* soon disappear.

Our Primary Class has been well attended. In all weathers the little-ones connected with this class have been found in their places. From its ranks new classes have been formed during the year. Speaking from personal knowledge and observation, too much can hardly be said in commendation of the efficient manner in which it has been conducted by Mr. Charles Williams.

And now as regards results. The work has been in years past quiet and unobtrusive, but who of us can measure the good resulting from the instructions imparted by the teachers, listened to and received by the scholars? Who can estimate to the scholars the value of portions of the Word of God lodged in the memory to be called forth in time of need? What a guard these may have been and may yet be in times of temptation. What a help in circumstances of difficulty and perplexity, and what a comfort in seasons of sorrow and adversity. Who, then, can commence to estimate their value or speak of their results?

Looking back on the past and remembering the changes which have taken place, we find that a large number of those who were connected with our School when it was organized in the Gymnasium building have left the city. Some are now very remote from this, and not a few have passed away from earth. These reflections suggest faithfulness on the part of teachers, leaving the results of their instructions with God.

J. B. LEARMONT,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

Your Committee report that the Choir practices have been regularly held.

The position of organist has been faithfully filled by Mr. A. Clarence Lyman. They beg to recommend his re-appointment as organist for the year 1884.

The difficulty of obtaining volunteer singers for the Choir has been more apparent during the past year than formerly.

Your Committee are much indebted to the ladies and gentlemen who have, at no little self-denial, formed the Choir for the past year.

In October last your Committee engaged the services of Mr. Edwin Harris, the organist of St. James the Apostle Church for a term of six months as choir instructor. It is needless to say that the gentleman named is an accomplished musician and well qualified for the position.

From a desire to increase the efficiency of our Choir and improve our congregational singing those who had a taste for music and were willing to assist in this direction of church work were invited to the Saturday evening practices. It is a matter of regret that so few have responded to the invitation given.

Your Committee would recommend to their successors in office that a special effort be made to increase the number attending the Choir practices and the awakening of greater interest in this enjoyable and important part of our Church services.

There are doubtless many in the congregation who sing. Will not some of these friends respond to our invitation by becoming members of the Choir.

The Committee have found some difficulty in obtaining the regular services of persons to act as bellows-blowers for the organ. We would suggest to the new Board of Trustees meeting this difficulty, if possible, by putting in a water-motor during the present year.

On behalf of the Committee :—

J. B. LEARMONT.

Convener.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

We are glad to be able to report that the Association is in even a more flourishing condition than last year. Not only have we a much larger attendance at our fortnightly meetings, but the members take a more active personal interest in the Association. This is largely owing to their informal and friendly character.

We have not confined ourselves to any one subject or class of subjects, but have made our evenings all the more pleasing by their variety. We might mention, among other subjects, "Phrenology," Rev. Mr. Hall; "Monumental Brasses," illustrated by rubbings, Mr. W. D. Lighthall; "Botany," Prof. Penhallow; "Silence and Sewing," Mr. Kennedy. Some evenings have been most enjoyably spent in listening to answers given by Dr. Stevenson to questions previously asked by members.

We have had one open meeting in the lecture-hall of the Church which was largely attended by members of the congregation. A collection was taken which gave the Association, after all expenses were deducted, nine dollars.

At our regular meetings we have an average attendance of about 50.

Altogether the Church has to congratulate itself on having a most thriving "Young People's Association," which we feel sure is doing good work by bringing the young people of the congregation more together and by promoting a personal interest in the work of the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. H. LONSDALE,

Secretary

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

(Those marked with * are non-resident.)

- Aitcheson, Miss
 Alexander, Mr. Charles
 Andres, Dr. S. J.
 Bain, Mrs.
 Baxter, Mr. M. S.
 Baxter, Mrs.
 Baylis, Miss
 Birks, Mr. Arthur
 Birks, Mrs.
 Bizzey, Mrs. Jas. E.
 Bizzey, Mrs.
 Bizzey, Miss
 Black, Mr. Chas. R.
 Black, Mrs.
 Black, Miss Susan
 Blackader, Mr. F. F.
 Blackader, Mrs.
 Blackader, Mr. Chas. H.
 Blackader, Dr. A.
 Blackader, Mr. Ed.
 Briggs, Miss
 Brown, Mrs. Wm.
 Brown, Mr. Robt. G.
 Brown, Mrs. R. G.
 Budge, Mr. D. A.
 Budge, Mrs.
 Burland, Mr. G. B.
 Burland, Mrs. G. B.
 Burland, Mr. J. H.
 Burland, Miss C. J.
 Burland, Miss H. R.
 Campbell, Mr. Donald
 Campbell, Mrs. D.
 Campbell, Miss Jessie
 *Campbell, Mr. Robt.
 *Campbell, Mrs. Robt.
 *Cochrane, Mrs. Hugh
 Cochrane, Miss Annie
 Cornish, Rev. Geo.
 Costen, Mr. Thos.
 Costen, Mrs. T.
 Costen, Mr. Wesley
 Costen, Mr. Thos., Jr.
 Cowan, Mr. R. W.
 Cowan, Mrs.
 Cowan, Miss L. S.
 Cowper, Mr. P. H.
 Cowper, Mrs.
 Cushing, Mrs. Lemuel
 Currie, Mr. W. T.
 Dangerfield, Mrs.
 *Davis, Mr. Alfred
 *Davis, Mrs. A.
 Davies, Mr. Howell
 Dewar, Mr. Guy
 Dewar, Mrs.
 Dickenson, Mrs.
 *Dougall, Mr. J. D.
 *Dougall, Mrs. J. D.
 Dougall, Mr. Geo. M.
 Dougall, Miss Janet A.
 Douglas, Mr. Alexander
 Douglas, Mrs. Alexander
 Douglas, Mrs. C. A.
 Downs, Mr. D.
 Downs, Mrs.
 Duff, Mr. J. M. M.
 Duff, Mrs.
 Duff, Miss Margaret A.
 Elliott, Mrs.
 Fisher, Mrs.
 Fraser, Mr. Geo. B.
 Fraser, Mrs. Geo. B.
 Fry, Mrs.
 Fry, Miss Mary
 Gardner, Mr. John
 Gerrie, Mr. Andrew
 Gibb, Mrs.
 Gibb, Miss Mary Belia
 Gibb, Miss Elizabeth
 Grafton, Mrs. F. E.
 Gurd, Mr. Charles
 Gurd, Mrs. C.
 Gurd, Miss M.
 Gurd, Dr. D. F.
 Gurd, Mrs. David F.
 Hague, Mr. Geo.
 Hague, Mrs.
 Hague, Mr. Henry J.
 Haight, Mrs.
 Haight, Miss Jennie E.
 Hastie, Miss J. A.
 Hawthorne, Mr. David
 *Hibbard, Miss
 Hughes, Mr. E.
 Hickley, Mr. P.
 *Ivers, Mrs.
 Jamieson, Mr. R. C.
 Jamieson, Mrs.
 Jamieson, Miss H. A.
 Jamieson, Miss H. L.
 Johnston, Mr. J. L.
 Johnston, Mrs. J. L.
 Johnston, Mr. W. P.
 Johnston, Mrs. W. P.
 Kingan, Mr. Gordon
 Kingan, Mrs.
 Ketley, Mrs.
 Lavers, Miss Jane
 Lay, Mrs.
 *Lay, Miss Elizabeth
 Learmont, Miss
 Learmont, Miss Jane F.
 Learmont, Mr. Joseph B.
 Learmont, Mrs. J. B.
 Leishman, Mrs.
 Leishman, Miss A.
 Leeming, Mrs. John
 Leet, Mr. S. P.
 Leet, Mrs.
 Leslie, Miss Margaret Eva
 Lighthall, Mr. W. D.
 Lighthall, Miss
 Linton, Mr. Jas.
 Linton, Mrs.
 Lonsdale, Mr. J. C.
 Lonsdale, Mrs. J. C.
 Lonsdale, Mr. T. H.
 Lonsdale, Mrs. T. H.
 Lyman, Mr. Henry
 Lyman, Mrs. Henry
 Lyman, Mr. Theodore
 Lyman, Mrs. Theodore
 Lyman, Mr. R. C.
 Lyman, Mr. H. H.
 Lyman, Mr. A. C.
 Lyman, Mr. W. E.
 Lyman, Miss Elizabeth Mary

Lyman, Miss Grace
 Macintosh, Mr. John
 Macintosh, Mrs.
 Macphie, Mr. D.
 Macphie, Mrs.
 Macphie, Miss Ida Kate
 Macphie, Miss Edith F.
 Macphie, Miss Lily
 Massey, Mrs.
 McDunnough, Mr. Wm.
 McDunnough, Mrs.
 McDunnough, Miss Jessie
 McLachlan, Mr. J. S.
 McLachlan, Mrs. J. S.
 McLachlan, Mr. Wm.
 McLachlan Mrs. Wm.
 *McLaren, Mr. Wm.
 *McLaren, Mrs.
 McLaren, Miss Sarah
 McLaren, Dr. David
 McNaughton, Mr. J. A.
 Milne, Mrs. Drusilla
 Moir, Mr. Archibald
 Moir, Mrs.
 Moir, Miss Janet
 Moodie, Mr. Wm.
 Murphy, Mrs. A. A.
 Osborne, Mr. Fred.
 Outhwaite, Mr. Walter
 Pedley, Mr. Jas. W.
 Penhallow, Mrs.
 Popham, Mr. John
 Popham, Mrs.
 Porteous, Mr. John
 Porteous, Mrs.

Porteous, Miss
 Ramsay, Mr. A. W.
 Reid, Mr. Wm.
 Reid, Mrs.
 Ritchie, Mr. H. K.
 Ritchie, Mrs.
 Robertson, Miss
 Robinson, Mrs.
 Robinson, Miss Alice
 Ross, Mr. W. R.
 Ross, Mrs. W. R.
 Ross, Mr. Robt.
 Ross, Mr. John
 Russell, Mr. Wm. S.
 Russell, Miss Mary F.
 Sanders, Mr. Henry
 Sanders, Mrs.
 Savage, Mr. Alfred
 Savage, Mrs. Alfred
 Scholes, Mr. Francis
 Scholes, Mrs.
 Sharpe, Mr. Edmund
 Sharpe, Mr. Ed. S.
 Sharpe, Mrs. E. S.
 Snedden, Miss
 Solaadt, Miss Flora Jane
 *Spaulding, Mr. Abraham
 *Spaulding, Mrs.
 Stevenson, Rev. J. F.
 Stevenson, Mrs. J. F.
 Stevenson, Mr. Fred. A.
 Stevenson, Mr. J. W.
 Stevenson, Mrs. J. W.
 Stewart, Mr. Chas.
 Sutherland, Mr. J. B.

Taylor, Mr. James
 Telfer, Mrs.
 Thompson, Miss
 Thompson, Mrs. Jas.
 Thompson, Miss Florence
 Thompson, Miss Margaret
 Trenholme, Mrs. N. W.
 Todd, Mr. Robert
 Todd, Mrs. R.
 Todd, Mr. Patrick
 Unsworth, Mr. Jos. K.
 Vennor, Mr. Henry
 Walker, Mr. H. W.
 Walker, Mrs. H. W.
 Walker, Mrs. S. M.
 Walker, Miss Annie
 Weir, Mrs. W. H.
 Weir, Mrs. Robert S.
 *Westcott, Mr. James
 *Westcott, Mrs.
 White, Miss
 White, Miss Annie
 Wilkes, Rev. Henry
 Wilkes, Mrs.
 Wilkes, Miss
 Wilkes, Miss Cybella C.
 Williams, Mr. Geo. E.
 Williams, Mr. Chas. T.
 Williams, Mrs. C. T.
 Williams, Mr. Frank H.
 Williams, Mrs. Frank H.
 Wilson, Mr. J. T.
 Wilson, Mrs.

MONTREAL, February 28th, 1884.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

JOHN S. McLACHLAN in Account with Emmanuel Church.

Dr.

1883.

Cr.

Jan. 31.	To Collections.....	\$ 380 50
Feb. 28.	“ “	400 15
March 31.	“ “	566 65
April 30.	“ “	814 35
May 31.	“ “	431 85
June 30.	“ “	469 60
July 31.	“ “	438 75
Aug. 31.	“ “	223 79
Sept. 30.	“ “	591 29
Oct. 31.	“ “	689 50
Nov. 30.	“ “	627 25
Dec. 31.	“ “	1786 80

To sale of Hymn Books... 7420 48

18 00

\$7438 48

To Balance Cash on hand, \$16 75.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31, 1883.

Jany. 1.	By Balance due Treas.	\$158 38
Dec. 31.	“ Dr. Stevenson.....	\$3600 00
	“ E. Jay, Sexton	400 00
	“ Fuel account.....	225 15
	“ Gas account.....	188 52
	“ Water Rates.....	66 50
	“ Pulpit supply 235 00	
	“ Bd. of Supplies 54 00	
	289 00
	“ Sunday School.....	100 00
	“ Miss McCallum's outfit	33 50
	“ “Canadian Independent”	50 00
	“ Printing and Advertising	111 95
	“ Incidentals	78 73
	“ Music Comm. 500 00	
	“ Organ Blow'g. 50 00	550 00

“ Interest

“ Est. Freer 420 00

“ “ College... 540 00

“ “ Est. Smith 660 00

1620 00

By Cash on hand..... 7263 35

16 75

\$7438 48

Audited and found correct.

C. R. RLACK,
H. LYMAN.

WILLIAM REID, Treasurer, in Account with Emmanuel Church Building Fund Union.

Dr.

1883.

Cr.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from 1882	\$942 26
“ Amount received as per List.....	1277 88
“ Interest	29
	<u>\$2220 43</u>
To Balance on hand.....	\$568 93

PAYMENTS.

By J. S. McLachlan, on account of Debt.	\$400 00
“ John Porteous, on account of Note..	1250 00
“ D. Bentley, Printing	1 50
“ Balance	568 93
	<u>\$2220 43</u>

Audited and found correct,

H. W. WALKER.

MONTREAL, January 16, 1884.

TREASURER'S Account with Ladies' Aid Society for 1883.

<i>Dr.</i>	1883.	<i>Cr.</i>
To balance from 1883.....	\$ 25.95	By Decorations for Church and Socials \$ 19.55
Donations and subscriptions.....	47.25	“ Post Cards and stamps..... 20
“	9.95	“ Industrial Rooms for work..... 30.00
Collected for Labrador Mission.....	72.50	“ Cartage
“ for Industrial Bazaar.....	125.00	“ Donations to poor families..... 7.00
“ “ Home for Friendless Women 53.25	53.25	“ Cashmere for boxes..... 15.20
		“ Labrador Mission..... 72.50
		“ Industrial Bazaar..... 125.00
		“ Home for Friendless Women..... 53.25
		“ Balance..... 9.95
	\$333.90	\$333.90

ANNIE BROWN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The CHURCH SECRETARY in Account with the Fellowship Fund.

<i>Dr.</i>	1883.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Balance.....	\$ 8.70	By Grants to Members..... \$ 160.00
To Collections:—		“ Church Secretary's Expenses for
January.....	20.05	Writing, Postage, etc..... 4.00
February.....	50.10	Bread and Wine..... 8.40
April.....	22.00	
May.....	24.00	172.40
June.....	19.00	
July.....	13.00	
August.....	6.53	
September.....	14.25	
October.....	17.90	
November.....	17.50	
December.....	18.37	By Balance on hand..... 29.00
	\$201.40	\$201.40

MONTREAL, December 31, 1883,

