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Reports for 1884.

MELVILLE CHURCH,

COTE ST. ANTOINE.

Pastor, - - - Revd. J. MCGILLIVRAY, B. A.

SESSION.

REV. J. MCGILLIVRAY, *Moderator.*

JAMES GRAY, Sr.

WILLIAM GREIG, Sr.

A. C. HUTCHISON, - *Session Clerk.*

TRUSTEES.

A. C. HUTCHISON,

M. HUTCHINSON,

WM. GREIG,

D. RUTHERFORD,

J. K. MACDONALD.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1888:

M. HUTCHINSON, - - - *President.*

D. RUTHERFORD, - - - *Vice do.*

ROBT. HARVIE, - - - *Treasurer.*

H. C. RUSSELL, - - - *Secretary.*

THOS. SAMUEL,

J. K. MACDONALD.

W. MINTO,

A. C. HUTCHINSON,

N. MCLEOD,

ALEX. WILLS.

AUDITORS:

ROBERT HARROWER,

J. J. MORRISON.

COMMITTEE ON PEWS AND SITTINGS:

D. RUTHERFORD.

ROBT. HARVIE.

Report of Kirk-Session, Melville Church.

Members on Church Register January 1st, 1887	..	51
Added during the year:		
On profession of faith	..	12
By certificate	..	10
		— 22
Total at present on register	..	73

Elders' Districts.

No. 1.—ALEX. C. HUTCHISON.

From City limits to Bethune Street, and south of Western Avenue.

No. 2.—WM. GREIG.

From City limits to Lansdowne Avenue, and north of Western Avenue, also from Lansdowne Avenue to western limits of Municipality, and north of Sherbrooke Street.

No. 3.—JAS. GRAY.

From Lansdowne Avenue and Bethune Street to Western limits of Municipality, south of Sherbrooke Street.

Annual Congregational Meeting.

The second Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church on the evening of Wednesday, January 18th, 1888; the president, Mr. M. Hutchinson, in the chair. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises conducted by the Pastor. The President having made some remarks the following report of the Managers and statements by the Treasurer were submitted:—

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Report of the Board of Managers.

A year has passed since the Board of Managers presented their first annual report to the congregation and it now becomes their duty to again report what has transpired during the past year affecting the temporal interests of the Church and congregation.

When the last annual report was presented the congregation was without a settled pastor, and consequently the expenditure was not so great as it otherwise would have been, and \$500 of the surplus of \$622.40 which was then shown, it will be recollected, was by a resolution of the congregation transferred to the credit of the Building fund.

In June last, however, the congregation succeeded in obtaining a permanent pastor, and therefore the expenditure has been somewhat increased, and is now pretty definitely settled and may be stated to be \$2,050 per annum. This expenditure is made up of the Minister's stipend, the salary of the Organist and other expenses connected with the organ, the expenses of the Caretaker, fuel, lighting, printing, advertising, interest on debt, &c.

Our available income at present, based on present contributions, amount to \$1920.40 this consists of \$1635.40 as the result of the weekly offerings by means of the Envelopes, and \$285 as the amount of the plate collections during the year.

It will thus be seen that to meet the ordinary expenses of the next year the revenue will have to be increased \$130. This is true although the revenue of the past year has been somewhat increased by the contributions of new members. In our last report 59 was mentioned as the number of contributing members with weekly offerings amounting to \$30.50, and to-day the number of contributing members is 65 and the weekly offerings \$31.45.

But at present every sitting in the church may be said to be taken, there being 196 sittings (not including those of the Choir) and 192 of these are actually taken and occupied. We have therefore no accommodation whatever for new members and hence unless the church, is enlarged the deficiency in the revenue must be met by the present pew-holders, so that in any event the present occupants should endeavour in order to maintain the church in a proper state of efficiency

in all its departments to increase their contributions as far as they conveniently can. And from the schedule prepared and attached to the Treasurer's statements will be seen how the contributions are classified and made up, and how a slight increase on the part of certain classes of contributors will afford the additional amount required. But of course it must be understood that the system adopted is a purely voluntary one, and no one is expected to give any more than what his own conscience dictates to him he should contribute, taking of course into consideration his own means and circumstances and the need and circumstances of the church. Let each one give as God has prospered him. And in any event every member and adherent of the church is entitled to the same privileges and accommodation whether his contribution be much or little, and no one except the Treasurer has any knowledge whatever of what another gives.

The condition of the Church however is one for which we all should be devoutly thankful. The attendance of the Sabbath services and the interest taken in the work of the Church in its several departments and the harmonious and kindly feeling prevailing, which has always marked the efforts of the congregation and its officers in promoting the welfare of the Church is especially gratifying and augurs well for the future growth and success of the Church.

The Church building that was erected only two years ago and which was supposed at the time to be sufficiently large to afford accommodation for all that would be likely to attend for the next five years, is to-day as already intimated found too small and insufficient to accommodate those wishing to attend, the municipality in which the Church is situate is growing rapidly, and next spring owing to the increased house accommodation, there will be a much larger accession to our population than what has occurred in any former year, and each succeeding year will no doubt witness a decided increase over each previous year. The question therefore presents itself—what are we to do to meet the demands that are being made and will be made upon our Church for accommodation which at present we are unable to furnish? Shall we close our doors? or shall we enlarge our boundaries and provide for the future growth of the Church?

As a Christian congregation there seems to be no alternative but to increase the size of our present building, doing so with as little outlay as is consistent with the increased accommodation required for the next few years.

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And in this connection it is necessary to mention and to bear in mind that the needs of the Sabbath School for increased accommodation are even greater than those of the Church.

Mention should also be made of the valuable services rendered by the Choir and its efficiency under the able direction of Mr. Wills.

Before closing this report it is meet that mention should be made of the loss sustained and the regret felt by the congregation during the past year in the death of two of its adherents, Capt. David R. Kerr and Mr. James F. Macfarlane, both heads of families, old residents and enjoying the esteem and confidence of the whole community and who were always ready and willing to lend a helping hand in promoting the interests of the Church and congregation.

M. HUTCHINSON, *President.*

H. C. RUSSELL, *Secretary.*

Contributions to the Building Fund,

To pay off the balance of floating debt due at 31st December, 1886.

H. C. RUSSELL	\$10.00
A. C. HUTCHISON	25.00
G. A. ROBERTSON	5.00
ROBERT HARROWER	20.00
J. W. HANNAH	5.00
ROBERT HARVIE	10.00
ROBERT GREIG	5.00
W. S. THOMSON	10.00
J. R. WALKER	20.00
M. HUTCHINSON	25.00
T. SAMUEL	5.00
W. GREIG	10.00
MRS. OUTHET	5.00
GEO. W. WOOD	5.00
ALEX. MILLS	10.00
W. R. SAMUEL	2.00
J. K. MACDONALD	10.00
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MELVILLE CHURCH, COTE ST. ANTOINE.
TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1887.

ORDINARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
1886.		1887.	
Dec. 31.	Balance in hand \$ 622.40	Jan. 19.	Transferred to Building Fund by resolution of Annual Meeting.. \$500.00
			Grant to Sabbath-School, do. .. 50.00
			Assembly Augmentation Scheme. 20.00
			<u>\$570.00</u>
1887.			
Dec. 31.	Income for the Year:		Expenses for the Year:
	"Weekly offerings," by envelopes..... \$1557.35	Dec. 31.	Pulpit supply..... \$387.50
	Plate collections..... 276.82		Rev. J. McGillivray,
	<u>1834.17</u>		7 months' stipend 738.33
			<u>\$1145.83</u>
			Salary of Organist, 11 mos. \$ 94.00
			Attendant to Organ..... 26.00
			Repairs to Organ..... 10.00
			<u>130.00</u>
			Caretaker's salary
			Interest on balance on land
			Fuel, \$61.63; lighting, \$12.77
			Insurance \$13.13; advertg \$10.00
			Presbytery Clerk's fee at ordinatin
			Printing, \$29.75; Stationery, \$1.85
			Registers, \$3.75; Hymn bks, \$5.18
			Sabbath School expenses, 1887..... 50.00
			Sundries (cleaning, &c.)
			<u>1740.99</u>
			Balance on hand. 145.58
			<u>\$2456.57</u>
	Balance on hand..... 145.58		

The expenses for 1888 are estimated at \$2,060.00, and the estimated income, on the basis of the present contributions, at \$1,920.00.

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIVED.	EXPENDED.
1887.	1886.

Balance on hand	145.58	
	<u>\$2456.57</u>	
The expenses for 1888 are estimated at \$2,050.00, and the estimated income, on the basis of the present contributions, at \$1,920.00.		
Sabbath School expenses, 1887...	50.00	
Sundries (cleaning, &c.)	22.10	1740.99
Balance on hand	145.58	<u>\$2456.57</u>

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED	
1887.		1886.	
Jan'y 19.	Transfer from ordinary revenue, by resolution of Annual Meeting.....	Dec. 31.	Balance short at this date
			\$536.62
Dec. 31.	Contributions (from members and adherents)	Nov. 21.	L. Paton & Son.....
			71.83
		Dec. 31.	Balance on hand
			73.55
			<u>\$682.00</u>
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
1886.		1887.	
Dec. 31.	Balance on hand	April 16.	Paid over to Ladies' Aid Society
		Nov. 21.	" " Treasurer Gen'l Hospital
Jan'y 31.	Rent of Vestry from School Com'rs	Dec. 31.	Balance on hand
Nov. 17.	Thanksgiving collection		
Dec. 31.	Contributions towards cost of Organ... ..		
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Report of the Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society have during the year 1887 paid \$318.40 towards the liquidation of the debt on the organ.

Of this sum \$97 was the net proceeds of a concert organized by Mrs. J. Campbell, and held in the David Morrice Hall last winter, the balance \$221.40 was obtained from a sale of fancy and useful articles prepared by the ladies.

The ladies have also during the year carpeted the vestry and put in stained glass window, they have also provided mattings to cover the carpets on the aisles of the church, and a complete set of crockery for use at socials.

The money required for this was obtained by special subscriptions, the private sale of useful articles, and by a parlour concert given by Mrs. N. McLeod. The money obtained for rent of the vestry from the School Commission and given to the ladies by the Board of Managers, was applied to the same purpose.

The Ladies' Aid Society has now resolved itself into a Dorcas Society, and are at present engaged on work for the East end French Mission, and for some of the pupils in the Mackay Institute.

Further Business of the Annual Meeting.

The Officers and Management for 1888 were elected. They were instructed to have the usual statements and reports printed and distributed.

A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their valuable services to the Church.

It was unanimously resolved to enlarge the Church building; with this end in view a Building Committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and take any other steps necessary. The proposed alteration will increase the seating accommodation to five hundred.

The question of establishing a Missionary Society in connection with the Church was then taken up, and cordially approved of. A special meeting to organize such a society to be called for the first Wednesday in February current.

The president, in the name of the congregation, then presented the Rev. Mr. Warden with a Silver Cutlery Service in oak case, thanking him at the same time for his great services.

The usual social was then held, and passed off satisfactorily.

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**SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF
Melville Church Sabbath-School.**

OFFICERS:

ALEX. C. HUTCHISON,	<i>Superintendent.</i>
WM. GREIG, SR.	.. ..	<i>Assistant-Superintendent.</i>
ROBT. GREIG,	.. ..	<i>Secretary.</i>
MISS JEANNIE SAMUEL,	.. ..	<i>Treasurer.</i>
W. B. HUTCHISON,	.. ..	<i>Librarian.</i>
JAS. SMITH,	.. ..	<i>Assistant-Librarian.</i>
ERNEST KERR,	.. ..	<i>Organist.</i>

TEACHERS:

REV. J. MCGILLIVRAY,	.. ..	<i>Bible Class.</i>
WM. GREIG, SR.	.. ..	<i>Miss C. KERR, Infant Class.</i>
JAS. PHYMISTER,	.. ..	<i>" J. SAMUEL.</i>
N. MCLEOD,	.. ..	<i>" H. KERR,</i>
J. K. McDONALD,	.. ..	<i>" JESSIE MUNRO,</i>
ROBT. GREIG,	.. ..	<i>" MCNACHTAN,</i>
ALEX. WILLS,	.. ..	<i>" GRACE BROWN,</i>
J. BLACK.	.. ..	<i>" LILY RAMSAY,</i>

REPORT PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL, JAN. 27, 1888.

For the second time under the name of Melville Church Sabbath-School, we are permitted in God's providence to gather together to celebrate our annual festival, and it is with hearts truly grateful to our Heavenly Father that we are come together, for He has dealt bountifully with us during the past year. Our numbers have increased, our contributions have increased, and, what is of still more importance, the interest in our work has increased wonderfully, so we have much to be thankful for.

It was with much pleasure that we welcomed to our midst our Pastor, Rev. Mr. McGillivray, who in the short time he has been with us has won the hearts of all. We are very glad to announce that he has taken charge of the Bible class, which, under his leadership, has now greatly increased numbers. We have found it necessary to en-

gage a room in the Academy building for this class to meet in, as the accommodation provided by the Church building is altogether too limited for our daily increasing requirements.

ATTENDANCE.—The roll at present stands as follows :—

Teachers and Officers.	20	—	Increase over last year,	3
Scholars—boys	75	"	"	3
—girls	100	"	"	22
Total,	195	"	"	28

The average attendance of scholars for the year has been : boys, 54, girls 61, total 115. As is customary, the school was closed during the months of July and August.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.—During the past year the sum of \$155.31 has been collected per class boxes for Missionary purposes. This is a very encouraging increase of \$55.78 over last year. Our annual subscription of \$50.00 to the Pointe-aux-Trembles School has been continued for the maintenance of our pupil there.

LIBRARY.—Early in February a stereopticon exhibition was given by Mr. A. C. Hutchison, the net proceeds of which, \$25.05, were placed to the credit of the Library fund. During the vacation 126 new volumes were added to the library at a cost of \$32.84, and at the same time all the books on hand were re-covered and new catalogues issued.

PIC-NIC.—Our annual pic-nic was held at Otterburn Park on Saturday, June 11th; a most enjoyable day being spent by the large number of scholars and friends who attended.

BAND OF HOPE.—During the month of November a Band of Hope was organized in connection with the School. The meetings are held fortnightly, but so little time has elapsed since the formation of the Band, that it would be rather premature to make any report at this time; but we have great hopes for the Band, and trust that the temperance sentiment may be so firmly implanted in the minds of all our scholars that they may all grow up zealous workers in fighting the great evil of intemperance.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ROBT. GREIG, *Secretary.*

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TREASURER'S STATEMENTS FOR 1887.

GENERAL FUND.

		<i>Received.</i>	
1887.			
Jan'y.	To Balance on hand.....	\$29.23	
"	" Grant from Church	50.00	
June.	" Proceeds from Pic-nic	93.63	
Dec.	" Grant from Church	50.00	
"	" Interest	2.54	
			<u>\$225.40</u>
		<i>Expended.</i>	
1887.			
May.	By Hymn Books and Catechisms.....	\$ 4.60	
Aug.	" Expenses for Pic-nic	92.42	
"	" Sunday School Papers	41.08	
"	" Balance	87.30	
			<u>\$225.40</u>

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

		<i>Received.</i>	
1887.			
	To collections, January.....	\$16.28	
	February	12.86	
	March	11.35	
	April.....	12.18	
	May.....	17.28	
	June.....	16.36	
	September	15.17	
	October.....	18.39	
	November.....	16.44	
	December	18.98	
			<u>\$155.29</u>
		<i>Expended.</i>	
1887.			
	Paid to Home Missions.....	\$35.00	
	" Foreign Missions.....	35.00	
	Balance.....	85.29	
			<u>\$155.29</u>

LIBRARY FUND.

		<i>Received.</i>	
1887.			
	To proceeds Stereopticon Exhibition.....	\$25.05	
	" Cash, Mrs. Murray	1.25	
	" " A. C. Hutchison	5.08	
			<u>\$31.38</u>
		<i>Expended.</i>	
	By paid books.....	\$31.38	
			<u>\$31.38</u>

JEANNIE SAMUEL, *Treasurer.**Secretary.*

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

FAMILIES.	SITTINGS OCCUPIED BY EACH.	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION.	RATE PER SITTING PER YEAR.
1	1	\$.15	\$ 7.80
1	2	.20	5.20
1	1	.25	13.00
1	2	.25	6.50
1	3	.25	4.33
7	4	.25	3.25
1	5	.25	2.60
2	3	.35	6.10
1	4	.35	4.55
1	4	.40	5.20
1	6	.40	3.40
2	2	.50	13.00
3	3	.50	8.70
6	4	.50	6.50
1	6	.50	4.35
2	3	.60	10.40
1	3	.75	13.00
3	4	.75	9.75
1	6	.75	6.50
1	3	1.00	17.30
2	4	1.00	13.00
1	5	1.00	10.40
2	6	1.00	8.70
1	6	1.10	9.53
1	4	1.50	19.50
1	4	1.60	20.80
1	4	2.00	26.00
1	4	2.35	30.55