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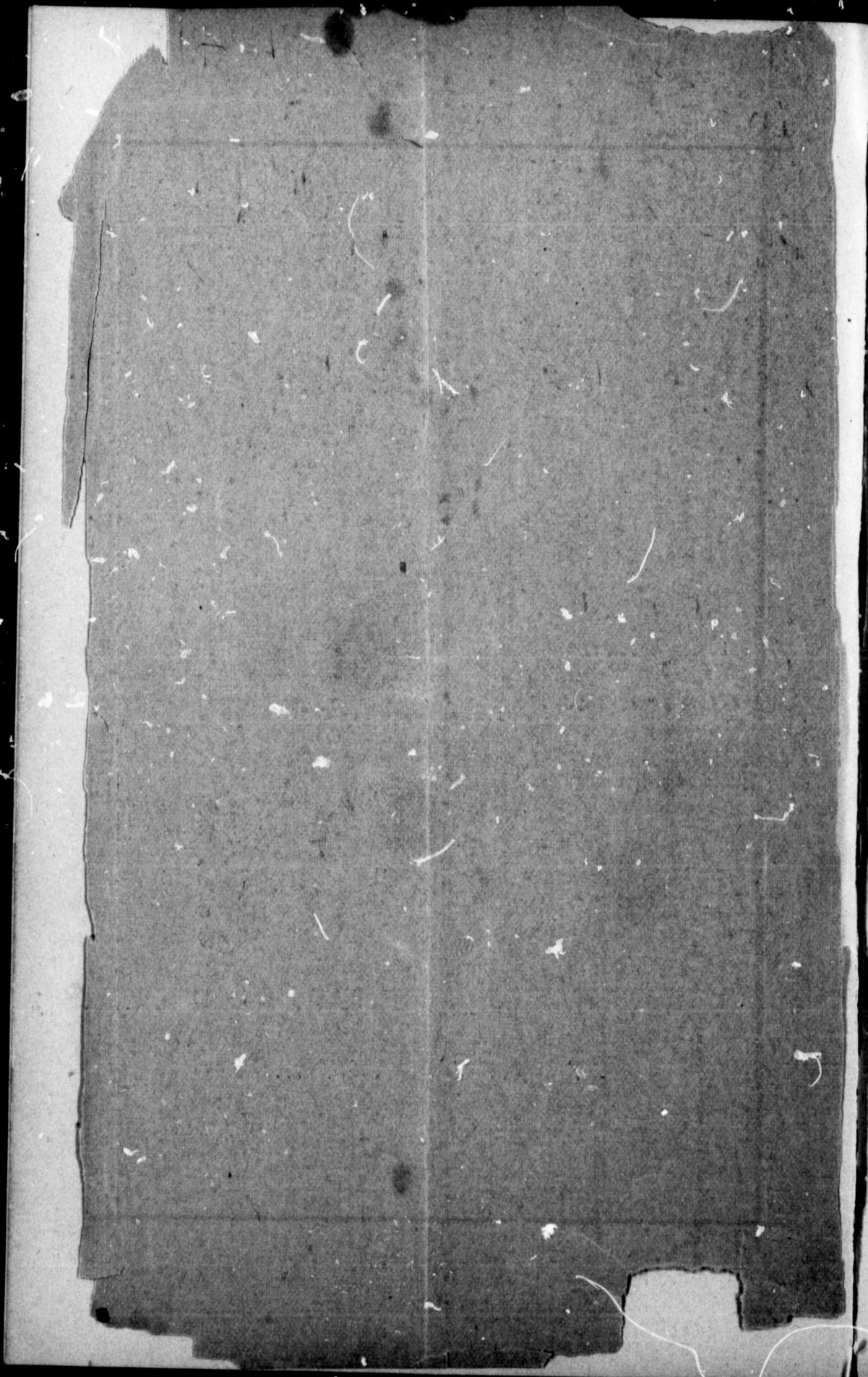
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Names of Elders

*In the order of their appointment, from the formation of
the Congregation until the present time.*

NAMES.	WHEN APPOINTED.	REMARKS.
PHILIP ROSS	The first Kirk Session.	Died in Montreal. Died in Montreal, 17th April, 1857. Died in Montreal, 23rd July, 1863.
ROBERT ARMOUR		
JAMES CARSWELL		
WILLIAM KERR	31st May, 1835,	Died in Montreal, 8th April, 1842.
JOHN REDPATH	do.	Resigned, 30th January, 1844.
GEORGE MCKENZIE	do.	Died in Montreal, 13th February, 1868.
JOHN BRUCE	do.	Died at Lachute, 19th January, 1866.
HON. PETER MCGILL	28th Dec., 1845,	Died in Montreal, 28th September, 1860.
DUGALD STEWART	do.	Died in Montreal, 25th January, 1852.
GEORGE McDONALD	do.	Died in Montreal, 20th November, 1869.
WILLIAM GUNN	do.	Died in Quebec, 16th December, 1856.
WILLIAM CHRISTIE	do.	
WILLIAM ROSS	do.	
T. A. GIBSON	do.	
ARCHIBALD FERGUSON	13th May, 1855,	Died in Montreal, 9th October, 1876.
JOHN GREENSHIELDS	do.	Died in Montreal, 23rd March, 1867.
HEW RAMSAY	do.	Died in Montreal, 22nd February, 1858.
A. B. STEWART	do.	
ROBERT WEIR	do.	
DAVID MORRISON	17th March, 1867,	
WILLIAM R. CROIL	do.	Died at Nassau, N.P., 3rd April, 1873.
ALEXANDER MCPHERSON	do.	
JAMES RIDDELL	23rd April, 1871,	Died in Montreal, 22nd August, 1875.
ALEXANDER MITCHELL	do.	
NEIL J. MCGILLIVRAY	do.	
ROBERT WATSON	do.	
CHARLES D. PROCTOR	do.	
WILLIAM REID	do.	
JAMES CROIL	do.	
JAMES ROSE	25th Feb., 1877,	
JAMES TASKER	do.	
JAMES A. CANTLIE	do.	
JAMES MOORE	do.	
RICHARD JELLYMAN	do.	
ALEXANDER MOFFAT	do.	

Minister.

REV. JOHN JENKINS, D.D. 140 Mansfield Street.

Inducted 27th June, 1865.

The Kirk-Session.

WILLIAM CHRISTIE,	Residence, 26 St. Constant street.
THOMAS A. GIBSON,	" 39 Balmoral street.
WILLIAM ROSS,	" 77 Mansfield street.
ROBERT WEIR,	" 51 Anderson street.
ALEXANDER MACPHERSON,	" 74 McGill College Avenue.
DAVID MORRISON,	" 13 Brunswick street.
JAMES CROIL,	" 158 Mansfield street.
NEIL J. MCGILLIVRAY,	" 476 Sherbrooke street.
ROBERT M. WATSON,	" 844 Sherbrooke street.
ALEXANDER MITCHELL,	" — Simpson street.
CHARLES D. PROCTOR,	" 724 Sherbrooke street.
WILLIAM REID,	" 1746 St. Catherine street.
JAMES A. CANTLIE,	" 152 Mansfield street.
RICHARD JELLYMAN,	" Dorchester Avenue.
ALEXANDER MOFFAT,	" 43 St. Mark street.
JAMES MOORE,	" 196 Peel street.
JAMES ROSE,	" 1160 Dorchester street.
JAMES TASKER,	" 311 George street.

SESSION CLERK, T. A. GIBSON.

TREASURER OF KIRK-SESSION, WILLIAM REID.

REPRESENTATIVE ELDER, ALEXANDER MACPHERSON.

Board of Trustees.

ANDREW ALLAN,
CHARLES P. DAVIDSON,
ALEXANDER EWAN,
JOHN HOPE,

JOHN RANKIN,
JAMES ROSE,
GEORGE STEPHEN,
JOHN C. WATSON.

CHAIRMAN, ANDREW ALLAN.

SECRETARY, JOHN HOPE, 16 Corn Exchange.

TREASURER, JOHN RANKIN, 12 De Bresoles street.

ORGANIST, SAM'L GREENSHIELDS, 90 Union Avenue.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL, JOHN L. MORRIS, 292 Peel Street.

Sexton, THOMAS GARDINER, *who resides at the Church.*

Elders' Districts.

The Congregation is divided into FIFTEEN DISTRICTS. Each District is assigned to one or more Elders. The Elders visit the Families in their respective Districts, note changes of residence, and acquaint the Minister and Session of cases requiring special attention, such as sickness, &c. For residences of the Elders, see preceding page.

DISTRICT No. I.—MR. CHRISTIE.

From McGill Street (inclusive) to Dalhousie Square.
From Craig Street (inclusive) to the River.

DISTRICT No. II.—MR. ROSE.

From Craig to Sherbrooke Streets (not including either).
From St. Charles Borromeo Street (inclusive) to Papineau Road.

DISTRICT No. III.—MR. MCGILLIVRAY.

From St. Charles Borromeo Street (not inclusive) to St. Denis Street.
From Sherbrooke Street (inclusive) to Petite Cote, etc.

DISTRICT No. IV.—MR. WEIR.

From St. Charles Borromeo Street (not inclusive) to Bleury Street (inclusive).
From Craig Street to Dorchester Street (including both).

DISTRICT No. V.—MR. TASKER.

From St. Charles Borromeo Street (not inclusive) to Bleury Street (inclusive).
From Dorchester Street (not inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No. VI.—MR. GIBSON with MR. MOORE.

From Bleury Street to Union Avenue (not including either).
From Dorchester Street (inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No. VII.—MR. MITCHELL.

From Union Avenue to McGill College Avenue (both included).
From Dorchester Street (inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No. VIII.—MR. PROCTOR.

From Bleury Street to St. Genevieve Street (not including either).
From Dorchester Street to Craig and St. Antoine Streets (both included).

DISTRICT No. IX.—MR. CANTLIE.

From St. Genevieve to Mountain Streets (both included).
From Dorchester to St. Antoine Streets, (both included).

DISTRICT No. X.—MR. REID.

From Mountain Street (not inclusive) to farthest West.
From Dorchester Street to Bonaventure Street (not including either).

DISTRICT No. XI.—MR. MACPHERSON.

From McGill College Avenue to Mountain Street (not including either).
From Dorchester Street (not inclusive) to the Mountain.

DISTRICT No. XII.—MR. CROIL with MR. JELLYMAN.

From Mountain Street (inclusive) to Cote St. Antoine.
From Dorchester Street (inclusive) to Cote des Neiges.

DISTRICT No. XIII.—MR. MORRISON.

From McGill Street to Mountain and McCord Streets (inclusive).
From St. Antoine Street (not inclusive) to the Canal.

DISTRICT No. XIV.—MR. MOFFAT.

From Mountain and McCord Streets (not including either) to farthest West, including
Wheel House and Lower Lachine Road.

DISTRICT No. XV.—THE ASSISTANT-MINISTER.

The Victoria Mission District.

Memoranda.

PUBLIC WORSHIP on the Lord's Day, at Eleven A.M., and Seven P.M.

WEEKLY PRAYER-MEETING, Wednesday Evening, at Eight o'clock.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL AND BIBLE-CLASSES meet every Sabbath at Three P.M. — except in the months of July and August, when the School is closed.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER is administered in the months of January, May, and October.

ORDINARY MEETINGS of the Kirk-Session are held on the first Sabbath of each month, immediately after the Morning Service.

THE MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT SCHEMES of the Church are under the management of a STANDING COMMITTEE, consisting of the Kirk-Session and Board of Trustees, and other members elected annually by the congregation.

JAMES ROSE, *Chairman*; ALEXANDER MOFFAT, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

Address, Box 1095, Montreal.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation for the transaction of business is held in the Lecture Hall of the Church, on the second Monday of January in each year.

APPLICATIONS FOR SITTINGS may be made to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, or to the Sexton at the Church.



Report of Kirk-Session.

This being the first Report published by the Kirk-Session, it may not be out of place to mention a few particulars respecting the past history of the Congregation, which cannot be more appropriately introduced than by transcribing the following brief and touching minute of the first meeting of the Kirk-Session:—

At Montreal, the 24th day of August, 1834, on which day the Session of St. Paul's Church, in Connection with the Church of Scotland, met, pursuant to notice from the Pulpit, and was constituted.

SEDERUNT.—The Rev. Edward Black, *Moderator*; Messrs. Philip Ross, Robert Armour, and James Carswell, *Elders*.

This being the day on which St. Paul's Church was opened for public worship, the Session judged it proper to enter on record that Divine Service was conducted, in the forenoon, by the Minister of the Congregation; in the afternoon, by the Rev. Walter Roach, of Beauharnois; and in the evening, by the Rev. Montgomery Walker, from the Colonial Society of Glasgow.

This also being the first meeting of Session held since the Congregation was acknowledged as one of the Churches in Connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Members of Session gave to each other the right hand of fellowship, with the assurance each of using his endeavours to promote the spiritual improvement of the Congregation, and to advance the interests of the Church of Christ.

The right hand of fellowship, with every wish for the welfare of the Congregation, was also given to the Members of Session by the Rev. Walter Roach and the Rev. Montgomery Walker.

Prayers for the Divine Blessing on this portion of the Church were offered up by all the Ministers present.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH was founded in 1832 by the Rev. Edward Black, D.D., a native of the Shire of Galloway, Scotland, who came to Canada in 1822, and was for some years colleague with Mr. Esson, in the old St. Gabriel Street congregation. The Church edifice was built entirely through Dr. Black's energy, and chiefly by money advanced by himself. The first Communion

Service was held in it on the 5th of October, 1834; and Dr. Black continued to officiate, with much acceptance, to a constantly increasing congregation, until his death, on the 8th of May, 1845, in the fifty-third year of his age.

The Rev. Dr. Robert McGill, formerly minister of Niagara, succeeded Dr. Black, on the 5th November, 1845. He was a native of Ayrshire, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Glasgow, who had come to Canada in 1829. The memory of this excellent and pious minister is still cherished by many in the congregation. Dr. McGill died on the 4th of February, 1856.

On the 4th of the following November, the Rev. William Snodgrass, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, was inducted into the vacant charge, and continued faithfully and efficiently to minister to this congregation, until he entered upon his duties as Principal of Queen's University at Kingston, in October, 1864.

Principal Snodgrass was succeeded by the Rev. John Jenkins, D.D. — the present minister — who was ordained on 6th August, 1837, as a missionary to India. Dr. Jenkins was received from the English Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Montreal, in May, 1865, and was inducted on the 27th June following.

The earliest statement of numbers, dated September, 1836, is as follows: — 178 communicants; 77 "hearers"; 29 intending communicants; and 205 children — making a total of 489 under the care of the Kirk-Session. The average attendance at the Lord's Table, during Dr. McGill's ministry, was 200; during that of Dr. Snodgrass, 260; and during the incumbency of the present minister, 327.

The congregation continued to worship in the old Church, in St. Helen Street, until the last Sabbath of January, 1867. The Church had then become too small for the congregation, and had ceased to be central. It was, therefore, determined to build upon the present site. During the erection of the new edifice, the congregation occupied the Hall of the Normal School. On the 27th September, 1868, new St. Paul's was dedicated. The opening services were conducted, in the forenoon, by the present

minister ; in the afternoon, by the venerable Dr. Mathieson, of St. Andrew's Church ; and in the evening by the Very Reverend Principal Snodgrass, D.D.

On the following Sabbath, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 318 communicants. The roll now numbers 546, of whom 398 were present at the last Communion.

The Church was built at a cost of \$100,000, including the organ ; of this sum, \$24,000 was realized from the sale of the old property. During the last ten years the congregation has contributed, for all Church purposes, the sum of \$171,500, exclusive, of course, of the sum obtained from the sale of the St. Helen Street Church.

It affords the Kirk-Session much pleasure to notice the marked increase in the amounts contributed for the missionary and other purposes under the direction of the General Assembly, as well as for benevolent objects of a local character. This is mainly due to the introduction of "the Schedule System" of collection, which was adopted by the congregation towards the close of last year, by means of which, together with two special collections included in the report of the Trustees, and the missionary collections of the Sabbath-school, the total sum of \$3,623.40 was contributed during the year for strictly missionary purposes. Compared with the givings of former years, this is a creditable amount ; but, in proportion to the ability of the congregation, and the urgent requirements of our vast mission fields, at home and abroad, it is regarded by the Kirk-Session rather as indicating the beginning of a better *regime*, and a higher appreciation of privilege and responsibility, than as a subject of boasting, "as though we had already attained" the requisite and reasonable measure of Christian liberality that should be expected from such a congregation as St. Paul's.

The results of the past year in this regard furnish reasons for profound thankfulness. By them let us be encouraged to faithfulness in well-doing, feeling assured that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." And let us not rest satisfied until it be said of every one of us—the richest and the poorest in the congregation : *He* hath done what he could,—"*She* hath done what she could" for the promotion of the cause and Kingdom of THE REDEEMER.

In looking back over the year which has just closed, the Session rejoice to be able to state, that it has been among the most prosperous and successful of all the years during which the congregation has existed. In the early part of the year, the Rev. Robert Laing, M.A., who had been our assistant-minister for nearly five years, received and accepted a call from St. Matthew's Church, Halifax. He closed his efficient labours amongst us on the 17th of March last.

During the last four months the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, B.A., has, with great faithfulness, and with profit to the congregation, assisted Dr. Jenkins in both pulpit and pastoral work. It may be stated, that the services on Sabbath mornings have been more largely attended this year than at any former period. The Session would, however, draw the attention of the congregation to the unsatisfactory attendance at the Sabbath evening services. The comparative smallness of the numbers attending these services may, in part, arise from the considerable distance from Church at which many of the families reside; but this does not sufficiently account for the disparity which usually exists as to numbers between the morning and evening services. The attention of the congregation, and especially of communicants, is also drawn to the importance, in the interests of the Church, of securing a much larger attendance at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

The three Communion seasons of the year have been times of refreshing, from the presence of the Lord. The numbers in attendance have been as follows:— In January, 374; in May, 353; in October, 398.

The number of communicants reported last year to the General Assembly was	...	...	...	...	537
The number on the roll at present	...	...	...	...	546
The number of persons added to the roll during the year 1878 is	..	...	...	...	45
The number of deaths	...	..	...	...	6
The number of removals	...	...	...	..	30
The net increase during the year	...	...	...	...	9
Present roll	...	...	...	...	<u>546</u>

The Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, called by notice from the Pulpit, and held within the School-room of the Church, on Monday, the 16th day of September, 1878, at Eight o'clock, P.M.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins was appointed Chairman, and Mr. John Hope, Secretary.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer, and thereafter read the advertisement calling the meeting; after which the minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary, and confirmed.

The Chairman then stated that at a Joint Meeting of the Kirk-Session and Trustees, it had been decided to recommend the congregation, for reasons which he explained, to change the day of the Annual Meeting of the congregation from the third Monday of September to the second Monday of January; whereupon Mr. Alexander Mitchell moved:—

That the Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the congregation, held on the 1st September, 1873, fixing the third instead of the first Monday of September, in each year, as the day of the Annual Meeting, be rescinded; and that in the second By-Law the words "on the first Monday of September" be erased, and the words "on the second Monday of January" be substituted.

Which motion was seconded by Mr. John Macdonald, and unanimously agreed to.

Mr. James Croil then moved, seconded by Mr. Alexander Ewan:—

That this Meeting be adjourned to the second Monday of January next, at the same time and place; and that all the Office-Bearers of the Church, appointed at the last Annual Meeting, continue in office until that time.

Which motion was also carried unanimously.

The Benediction was then pronounced, and the meeting adjourned.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D.,
Chairman.

Minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, called by notice from the Pulpit, and held in the School-room of the Church, on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1879, at Eight o'clock, P.M.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins was called to the chair, and Mr. John Hope was appointed Secretary to the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer ; after which the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Secretary read the Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August last, and the Treasurer's Statement, and other documents referred to in the Report, in the following terms :—

Report of the Trustees of St. Paul's Church to the congregation, at their Adjourned Annual Meeting, on the 13th of January, 1879.

The Trustees submit, for the information of the congregation, the Treasurer's Statement for the year ended 31st of August last. It would have been desirable to have had the statement brought down to the 1st of January—the beginning of the new financial year—but the difficulty experienced by the Treasurer in collecting the pew-rents for the intervening four months, and the further difficulty of ascertaining the exact cost of recent alterations in the choir, have rendered this impossible. The next statement (which will be submitted twelve months hence) will, therefore, have to embrace a period of sixteen months.

The Trustees congratulate the congregation on the reduction of the balance due the Treasurer, from \$4054.14 to \$2576.30, during the year comprised in the statement. This reduction has been the result of increased revenue, consequent upon the large accession of members, who came to us from St. Andrew's Church, at the commencement of the financial year, and of the important additions voluntarily made to pew-rents by old and generous members of the congregation, who were willing, in this way, to help our insufficient income.

It is matter of regret that the balance would not be so favourable, if the accounts were carried down to the 31st December ;

for the alterations in the choir, already mentioned, have entailed considerable expense. The Trustees consented to this expenditure with great reluctance ; but they found it impossible, on other conditions, to hope for the services of an efficient congregational Choir, and that to adopt the less desirable alternative of engaging professional assistance, would be even more expensive. The changes proposed had, therefore, economy to recommend them, as well as other advantages.

The Treasurer of the Building Fund reports that much progress has been made during the past year in collecting the outstanding subscriptions made some time ago in liquidation of the debt on the Church. Of these only sixteen—representing, together, \$1465—remain open ; and, from promises made, it is hoped that within a very short time nearly all will be paid.

It is deemed fitting, at the present time, to supply to the congregation a synopsis of the revenue and expenditure of the Church for the last ten financial years. Such an exhibit has been prepared from the printed statements, by a professional accountant, and is appended hereto. What most concerns us in this document is, that it shows an average deficit in the income of the Church of \$720.90 per annum, or \$7208.97 for the ten years. Of this sum \$4632.67 has been at various times transferred from the Building Fund ; and the remaining \$2576.30 was owing to the Treasurer on the 31st of last August, when the tenth year closed. It is noteworthy that the amounts paid for interest on debt during these ten years exceeded the entire deficit mentioned by \$2091.44.

It has to be explained that the sums amounting to \$4632.67, transferred at various times from the building to the current expense account, were so transferred because it appeared to the Trustees at the time, that they had been expended on objects which belonged to the permanent building rather than to its maintenance. Experience, however, has taught the Trustees that this was a mistake ; because they find that from year to year similar disbursements have to be made, and charged to the ordinary income of the Church.

The Trustees also append an interesting memorandum, regarding pew-rents, for the same ten years. This memorandum shows the number of sittings let and unlet, with the gross revenue and nett revenue during that period. The difference between the gross and the nett revenue consists of the pew-rents which the Treasurer has been unable to collect. The Trustees are sorry to observe, of late years, that the loss of revenue from this cause has been gradually increasing ; and that during the last year it amounted to over ten per cent. of the entire pew-rents.

Owing to the incompleteness of the accounts referring to the last four months, the Trustees are not able to state the exact amount of the debt at the present time ; but from the materials at their command, they estimate that the congregation commenced the year — beginning 1st January — with a debt of about \$6000.00, including the estimated cost of the late alterations. Of this sum \$1465.00 is, in great measure, covered by unpaid subscriptions to the old debt, and the balance of \$4500.00 is floating debt due to the Treasurer.

Before concluding this report, the Trustees desire to say that the building of the Church tower, and the erection of the stone fence and railing round the property, as provided by the original plans, have of late been repeatedly pressed upon their attention. These are objects which have their cordial sympathy, and for which they are even prepared to strain prudential considerations. But in view of the more important need which has come to the congregation of providing a permanent assistant, or an assistant and successor, to their much-esteemed Minister, and of a probable increase of yearly expenditure for this purpose, they hardly feel themselves in a position, at present, to deal with additional proposals, which would involve an estimated outlay of \$10,000 to \$12,000. It has been mentioned to them that there are some members of the congregation who have not yet availed themselves of opportunities of subscribing to the Building Fund, and others who have not had such opportunities, who would be willing to give assistance to these very desirable objects ; and that it is possible, also, that some who have already subscribed might be willing to do something more. The Trustees would heartily

commend any movement in such a direction ; but if no such aid is afforded, all they can say at the moment is, that at the earliest suitable time they will give these matters their full and anxious consideration, and do what may seem to them to be best for the highest interests of the Church:

The Trustees have only to add that the members of their Board who, by the usual rotation, now retire, are Messrs. Andrew Allan and C. P. Davidson, who are both eligible for re-election.

Signed, in the Chairman's absence, in name and
by authority of the Trustees, by

JOHN HOPE,
Secretary.

After some discussion, in which several members of the congregation took part, it was moved by the Rev. Professor Murray, and seconded by Mr. John Lewis :—

That the Report now read be approved of, and that the same, with the Financial Statements referred to therein, and the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September last, and of this Adjourned Meeting, be printed and circulated among the members of the congregation,—*Carried.*

Mr. James Rose read the Treasurer's Report of the Standing Committee on the Missionary and Benevolent Schemes of the Church, with the relative cash account. Remarks in reference thereto followed. It was then moved by Mr. James Croil, seconded by Mr. Alexander Macpherson, and resolved :—

That the Report be adopted ; that the thanks of the meeting be given to the Standing Committee for their very efficient and successful services, and especially to the Convener ; and that the Committee be re-appointed, with power to add to their number.

Thereafter, it was moved by Mr. Duncan Macpherson, seconded by Mr. John Macdonald, and resolved :—

That Messrs. Andrew Allan and C. P. Davidson be re-elected Trustees for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. Robert Forsyth, seconded by Mr. John Macdonald, and resolved :—

That the thanks of the congregation be tendered to the Trustees for their efficient management of the temporal affairs of the Church during the last financial year.

Moved by Mr. James Croil, seconded by Mr. Alexander Macpherson, and resolved :—

That the thanks of the congregation are due to Mr. Samuel Greenshields, for kindly presiding at the Organ ; and also to the Choir, for their valuable services during the year.

Moved by Mr. James Johnstone, seconded by Mr. James Rose, and resolved :—

That the thanks of the congregation be tendered to Messrs. Alexander Moffat and John Fair, Auditors, and that they be re-appointed for the current year.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins stated that the Kirk-Session and Trustees had had two or three conferences respecting the Assistantship ; that among other things, the appointment of an Assistant and Successor had been mooted, and that though he was not then prepared to ask the congregation to unite with him in taking steps toward such an arrangement, yet he could assure the meeting that both the Kirk-Session and the Trustees were agreed that the best possible assistance must be secured without delay.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D.,
Chairman.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Memorandum of Pew-rents for ten years ending 31st August, 1878

Year.	Sittings Let.	Sittings unlet.	Gross Revenue.	Nett Revenue.	Loss.
1869	762	138	\$5089 15	\$4813 55	\$275 60
1870	740	155	4888 50	4716 50	172 00
1871	733	165	4972 00	4850 25	121 75
1872	699	199	4788 00	4663 25	124 75
1873	729	168	4961 50	4759 50	202 00
1874	746	148	5200 00	5051 50	148 50
1875	755	139	5250 00	5006 00	244 00
1876	745	151	5241 50	4958 50	283 00
1877	745	150	5309 00	4958 00	351 00
1878	855	40	5998 50	5426 50	572 00
	7509	1453	\$51698 15	\$49203 55	\$2494 60

For the past ten years ending 31st August, 1878, the averages have been—

For Sittings Let.....	750	
“ “ Unlet	145	
“ Gross Revenue		\$5170 00
“ Nett “		4920 00
“ Loss from unpaid Pew Rents		250 00
Total Sittings.....	895	

JOHN RANKIN,
Treasurer.

Synopsis of Revenue and Expenditure for Ten Years ending 31st August, 1878.

REVENUE.

	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	TOTALS.
Ordinary Collections.....	\$ 1365 87	\$ 2271 03	\$ 2812 18	\$ 3193 70	\$ 1670 28	\$ 1648 42	\$ 1788 54	\$ 1914 49	\$ 1931 18	\$ 2092 93	\$ 29496 49
Special ".....	1027 53	4731 05	4935 25	4703 25	1429 10	1398 00	1039 00	1349 27	1710 00	884 97	52698 04
General Revenue—Fees-rents, &c.....	5272 50	7002 08	7747 43	7896 95	4895 00	5101 00	5025 00	4895 99	5430 50	7708 50	82194 53
From Building Fund.....	7665 90	7002 08	2941 14	1143 58	7994 38	8147 42	7852 54	8159 75	9071 68	10656 40	4632 67
	7665 90	7002 08	10088 57	9040 53	7994 38	9295 37	7852 54	8159 75	9071 68	10656 40	89827 20

EXPENDITURE.

	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	TOTALS.
Minister.....	\$ 2710 00	\$ 3260 66	\$ 3067 36	\$ 3700 00	\$ 3700 00	\$ 3700 00	\$ 3700 00	\$ 3700 00	\$ 3700 00	\$ 3700 00	\$ 34938 02
Assistant.....	144 66	1611 07	1220 08	1249 21	1204 50	866 57	764 28	333 34	1500 00	750 00	2583 34
Interest on Debt.....	400 27	400 00	391 64	669 13	681 37	655 00	410 00	735 38	758 00	746 66	9300 41
Music.....	415 80	453 41	1144 85	1150 13	1429 10	1398 00	1029 00	250 00	200 00	150 00	4207 41
Special Collections.....	3953 87	3659 38	2404 58	1790 98	2127 36	3359 65	2944 52	2450 68	1920 93	2976 61	27588 56
Church Officer, Session, Insurance, Coal, Gas, Water, and Sundries.....	7624 60	9384 52	8228 51	8559 45	9142 33	9979 22	8857 80	8659 90	9788 93	9178 24	89403 50

ABSTRACT OF ABOVE.

Revenue for Ten Years.....	\$86,827 20
Expenditure for Ten Years.....	89,403 50
Difference being Balance due Treasurer 1st September, 1878, per account.....	\$2,576 30

STATEMENT OF ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Actual Revenue, being exclusive of moneys received from Building Fund, as above	\$82,194 53
" Expenditure as above	89,403 50
	<u>\$7,208 97</u>
Deficiency	.....
Of which received from Building Fund as above	.....
Balance due Treasurer 1st September, 1878, per his account	\$4,632 67
	<u>2,576 30</u>
The average yearly Actual Revenue for ten years is	\$8,219 45
Expenditure is	8,940 35
" Deficiency is	<u>\$,720 90</u>

(Signed), ALEX. MOFFAT, Accountant.

Dr. *The Treasurer's account for year ending 31st August, 1878.* **Cr.**

<p>1878.</p> <p>To Pew-rents collected for year ending as above..... \$6,089 50</p> <p>" Ordinary Collections..... 2,092 93</p> <p>" Dr. Jenkins on account Mr. Laing's salary \$250, for supply of Pulpit \$32..... 282 00</p> <p>" Special Collections as follows:—</p> <p> General Assembly Fund.....\$ 97 15</p> <p> College Fund..... 243 98</p> <p> Poor and Sessional purposes..... 584 70</p> <p> Sabbath-School..... 175 06</p> <p>Less Ordinary Collections deducted 245 92</p> <p>" Amount collected on account of Floating Debt.. 1,337 00</p> <p align="right">\$10,656 40</p>	<p>1877.</p> <p>Sept. 1, By Balance in advance by Treasurer at this date... \$1,054 46</p> <p>" Minister's Stipend for year..... \$3,700 00</p> <p>" Assistant Minister's Stipend for ½ year 750 00</p> <p>" Paid for Pulpit Supply..... 235 00</p> <p>" " Choirmaster, Dr. Davies, \$100 and Chorister, \$50..... 150 00</p> <p>" Church Officers' Salary for year..... 400 00</p> <p>" Interest on Debt..... 746 66</p> <p>" Kirk-Session for Sessional purposes... 198 10</p> <p>" Special Collections paid..... 85 97</p> <p>" Insurance..... 248 41</p> <p>" Coal \$163 19, Gas \$203 41..... 366 60</p> <p>" Water Tax..... 174 91</p> <p>" Smith & Gamble, for Painting and Graining..... 300 00</p> <p>" Peter Nicholson, for Painting and Re-pairing..... 240 00</p> <p>" Wm. Walker, for Furnace, Pots, &c. 60 80</p> <p>" Kent & Ford, for Partitions Basement. 160 00</p> <p>" Paid for Bellows for Organ and Fittings. 145 00</p> <p>" Sundry Accounts for Repairs, Furnishings and Petty Charges..... 447 79</p> <p align="right"><u>9,178 24</u></p> <p align="right">\$13,232 70</p>
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Certified as correct. ALEX. MOFFAT, } Auditors.
JOHN FAIR, }

Montreal, September, 1878.

\$13,232 70

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JOHN FAIR, }
Auditors.

Certified as correct.

\$13,232 70

Missionary and Benevolent Schemes.

At a meeting of the congregation, held on 29th October, 1877, it was unanimously resolved to adopt "the Schedule System" of collection — and at that meeting a Committee, consisting of the Members of the Kirk-Session and Board of Trustees, together with other persons named, was appointed to consider the best means of giving effect to the resolution to adopt the system.

That Committee considered the whole matter very carefully, and submitted Report to a meeting of the congregation, held 12th November, 1877 — which Report was at that meeting approved of and adopted. Thereupon, Schedules were sent out to the members of the congregation ; and now that the first year of the system has closed, the results can be judged of. Three hundred and ten blank Schedules were sent out. Of these, one hundred and sixty have been returned, contributing as follows :—

Eight contributions of	\$1.00	.....	\$8.00
Five	"	2.00	10.00
One	"	2.50	2.50
Nine	"	3.00	27.00
Seven	"	4.00	28.00
Twenty-three	"	5.00	115.00
Five	"	6.00	30.00
Three	"	8.00	24.00
One	"	9.00	9.00
One	"	9.95	9.95
Eighteen	"	10.00	180.00
Five	"	12.00	60.00
One	"	12.50	12.50
Five	"	15.00	75.00
Two	"	16.00	32.00
One	"	18.00	18.00
Eleven	"	20.00	220.00
Two	"	24.00	48.00
Eleven	"	25.00	275.00
Two	"	25.25	50.50
Four	"	30.00	120.00
Two	"	32.00	64.00
One	"	36.00	36.00
Six	"	40.00	240.00
Five	"	50.00	250.00
Three	"	60.00	180.00
One	"	61.35	61.35
One	"	65.00	65.00
One	"	90.00	90.00
Seven	"	100.00	700.00
Three	"	150.00	450.00
One	"	200.00	200.00

Making a total contribution of \$3688.80

Montreal, September, 1878.

Of this total contribution there had been paid, to the 7th January instant, \$3489.80, which has been distributed as shown by the Treasurer's cash account hereto appended.

The balance of contributions not paid and not distributed, amounting to \$199.00, the Committee appointed to make distribution have resolved to carry forward into the current year 1879, to be distributed with the contributions for that year.

The Treasurer's Account, for the year ended 31st December, 1878, is hereto appended.

JAMES ROSE,
Chairman.

Montreal, 7th January, 1879.

*Cash Account of Treasurer for year ended
31st December, 1878.*

RECEIPTS.

From Schedule Contributions, per Cash Book	\$3489.80
Interest on Bank Account	14.44
	<u>\$3504.24</u>

PAYMENTS.

PURPOSES NAMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

General Assembly's Home Missions Fund.....	\$600.00
" Foreign " 	450.00
" French Evangelization Fund	200.00
" Montreal College " 	600.00
" Mission to Lumbermen " 	50.00
" Manitoba College " 	78.14
Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund	210.00
	<u>\$2188.14</u>

OTHER PURPOSES.

City Missionary	\$170.00
Sabbath School Association	100.00
Victoria Mission	300.00
St. Paul's Sabbath School	250.00
General Assembly Fund	40.00
Presbytery Fund	30.00
Presbyterian Record	75.00
General Hospital	100.00
Bursary Fund	60.00
House of Refuge	50.00
Expenses of Management	141.10
	<u>\$1316.10</u>
	<u>\$3504.24</u>

ALEX. MOFFAT,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 7th January, 1879.

The Sabbath-School.

JOHN L. MORRIS, *Superintendent.*
 THOMAS HENDERSON, *Secretary.*
 JAMES MCGREGOR, *Treasurer.*

Librarians.

ALAN ARTHUR, WILLIAM CUSHING,
 JOHN FAIR, ADAM STENHOUSE,
 KENNETH MCLEA.

Teachers.

Miss RAMSAY, " CARMICHAEL, " BROWN, " MCCULLOCH, " GAIRDNER, " SANDERSON, " MCLEOD, " HENDERSON, " CALDWELL, " H. GAIRDNER, " ROBERTSON, Mrs. MORRIS,	Miss M. HENDERSON, " LAUDER, " SYM, " REDPATH, " E. REDPATH, " FAIR, " CHRISTIE, " M. LAUDER, " COUPER, " NEWMAN, Mr. ALEX. MACPHERSON, " ALEX. MOFFAT,	Mr. ROBT. HENDERSON, " JAMES RUSSEL, " W. DICK, " W. ROACH, " C. S. DRUMMOND, " A. T. DRUMMOND, " HENRY NEWMAN, " JOHN MCNISH, " L. M. LEWIS, " P. S. ROSS, " K. MCFEE, " JAMES MCGREGOR.
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The Sabbath-school of St. Paul's Church had its beginning in 1832, the same year in which the congregation was organized. It appears to have been superintended by the Minister, the Rev. Dr. Black, until the summer of 1836, when he went to Scotland on a visit. Mr. John Bruce, one of the elders, who had taken an active part in the formation of the school, took charge of it at this time, assisted by Mr. John Redpath—the number of scholars in attendance being *eighty-one*. Mr. Redpath soon afterwards became the Superintendent, and held that office until the 30th January, 1844, when he resigned the office of the eldership and ceased his connection with St. Paul's Church.

On the 14th May, 1837, at the request of the male teachers, a committee of the Kirk-Session was appointed to assist in drawing up a constitution for the Sunday-school. On the 17th July, 1846, the Kirk-Session agreed to take the supervision of the school into its own hands—the several members being appointed to that duty in rotation, for one month at a time each, in the following order:—Robert Armour, James Carswell, George McKenzie, William Christie, George McDonald, William Gunn, T. A. Gibson, Dugald Stewart, William Ross, and the Hon. Peter McGill. Shortly after, Mr. T. A. Gibson was appointed to the

superintendency—the duties of which he continued to discharge with marked ability until 11th October, 1863, at which time Mr. Robert Hay was elected. Mr. Hay's incumbency was of short duration. On the 8th May, 1864, owing to ill health, he was obliged to relinquish the work for which he was eminently qualified. He died shortly afterwards of consumption. Mr. Gibson was again appointed, and continued in office until 3rd March, 1866, when he finally retired, having occupied the position of Superintendent upwards of twenty years. He was succeeded by the Rev. William M. Black, now Minister of Anwoth, Scotland, who resigned on 26th December, 1867, in consequence of the duties devolving upon him in connection with the formation of St. Mark's Church, Montreal, of which he was the founder. Mr. William Oswald was then elected to fill the vacancy, and continued in office until 2nd January, 1870, when Mr. William C. Menzies was elected Superintendent. Owing to his removal to Halifax, Mr. Menzies resigned in October following. The next Superintendent was Mr. James Croil, elected 19th March, 1871, who held the office until 8th February, 1878, at which time the present Superintendent was appointed.

In consequence of the Union of the Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion, which took place on the 15th June, 1875, this School took its place on the Roll of the Sabbath-schools of "THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA." The next matter of interest in its history was the accession to its numbers by the amalgamation of the Sabbath-school formerly known as that of "The Unionists from St. Andrew's Church," in June, 1877, when one hundred and ten scholars and twenty teachers were added to the Roll.

The present staff consists of twenty-one male teachers and other office-bearers, and twenty-two female teachers. The number of scholars on the Roll, including the Bible-classes, is two hundred and ninety-four. The Infant Class has 87 on its roll, and is divided into two departments, under the charge of Mrs. John L. Morris, assisted by Miss Emily Redpath. The library contains 780 volumes. The total amount contributed through the Sabbath-school, in 1878, for missionary and benevolent purposes, was \$409.13.

The whole number of young people receiving instruction in the Sabbath-schools (including the Victoria Mission) and the Bible-classes, is 478. The number of teachers in the several departments is 62.

The Bible-Classes.

It has always been the desire of the Kirk-Session to encourage the youth of the congregation in the systematic study of the Holy Scriptures. To this end classes have been held for many years on Sabbath afternoons, conducted for the most part by the Ministers of the congregation — though other members of the Session and congregation have at different times conducted such classes — among whom may be mentioned Mr. James Tasker and Mrs. William Reid. Prior to the appointment of Rev. Robert Laing as assistant Minister, Rev. Dr. Jenkins maintained a large and successful Bible-class in the vestry of the Church—the care of which devolved upon Mr. Laing during his incumbency. On Mr. Laing's removal, in March last, the class was divided — Mr. J. Murray Smith undertaking the superintendence of the young women's class, and the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank that of the young men. Both of these are now conducted with a high degree of efficiency. The want, however, of suitable apartments for holding these classes, which meet in the body of the Church, is felt to be a great drawback, and seriously interferes with their extension and usefulness. It is hoped, therefore, that measures may be soon taken by the Trustees to provide the accommodation so much required for the comfort and usefulness of this important branch of the work of the congregation. The number on the roll of Mr. Smith's Class is 27, and on that of Mr. Cruikshank's 15.

There is no more interesting and profitable study to which the young people of a congregation can give their attention than the study of the Word of God ; and it is earnestly hoped that a very much larger number than are now in attendance will come forward and avail themselves of the advantages which the Bible-classes afford them of perfecting their knowledge in the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make them "wise unto salvation." The course of instruction followed in these classes, and in the Sabbath-school, is that of "The International Series of Lessons."

W. R. CRUIKSHANK, } *Superintendents.*
J. MURRAY SMITH, }

Young Men's Association.

REV. JOHN JENKINS, D.D.,	<i>Honorary President.</i>
JOHN L. MORRIS,	<i>President.</i>
REV. W. R. CRUIKSHANK,	<i>1st Vice-President.</i>
ALEXANDER MOFFAT,	<i>2nd Vice-President.</i>
JOHN SHAW,	<i>Secretary.</i>
Messrs. SAMUEL GREENSHIELDS, CHAS. S. DRUMMOND, JOHN MACNISH, ALEX. T. RIDDELL, WILLIAM DICK, J. M. KINGHORN, and HUGH A. BAIN,	}
	<i>Executive Committee.</i>

This Association was first organized on the 9th November, 1868, "for the promotion of religious and mental culture." It commenced with a membership of thirty-four, and forthwith instituted a series of meetings, of a literary character chiefly, which had the desired effects of exercising the talents of the young men, and aiding them in the art of public speaking; while at the same time it served as a valuable bond of union between them and the congregation. From time to time a number of excellent papers were read and lectures delivered upon historical and scientific subjects of general interest, which were usually followed by open discussions of a less formal character, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws enacted for the orderly conduct of its meetings. With varying measures of interest and success the Association has been maintained during these ten years, and its efforts are still true to its original aim — the self-culture and mutual improvement of its members.

The first outside work undertaken by the Association was "the support of the Victoria Mission Sabbath-school." In March, 1872, the members were authorized to receive subscriptions for the purpose. This was followed, in 1873, by proposals to erect a Chapel on the Forfar street property, which had been acquired some years earlier, and to institute Missionary services on Sabbath evenings in conjunction with the Sabbath-school. Plans and tenders for the erection of a building to cost \$4500, were submitted and ultimately accepted. Further details respecting the completion of this work and the success which subsequently attended

it are elsewhere given under the heading of "THE VICTORIA MISSION."

All young men attending the Church are cordially invited to become members of this Association. The annual fee is only *one dollar*. Notwithstanding the many advantages which it offers and the manifest interest taken in it by the senior members of the Church, it has not yet reached the numerical strength which the combined influence of all the young men in St. Paul's Church would impart to it. A much larger and more regular attendance of members is very desirable, as well in the interests of the Association as of its individual members.

Victoria Mission.

In the year 1866, Messrs. Lemuel Cushing and W. C. Menzies, of St. Matthew's Sabbath-school, visited the families of the Forfar Street District, and resolved to open a Sabbath-school. On 12th August of the same year, a School was opened in the old stone buildings formerly occupied by the Grand Trunk Railway Co., with an attendance of twelve scholars, under the superintendence of Mr. Norman MacLeod, who held office until November, 1869.

In December of the same year, the present superintendent, Mr. John Larmonth, of St. Paul's Church, was elected superintendent, under the auspices of the Sabbath-school Association of Montreal in connection with the Church of Scotland. In May, 1872, the Young Men's Association of St. Paul's Church undertook the responsibility of carrying on the work of the Mission. In 1870, a site was purchased by the Revds. Dr. Jenkins and Robt. Campbell on behalf of the above named Sabbath-school Association, for the sum of \$300, on which the present Chapel was erected, which was opened on the first Sabbath of 1875, by Revds. Dr. Jenkins and Robert Laing.

The following is the attendance in the Sabbath-school from 1867 to 1878.

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878
Teachers on Roll	7	7	8	9	8	13	14	14	15	14	17	16
Scholars " "	33	46	60	77	83	131	175	135	168	182	152	184

The annual Missionary collections in the Sabbath-school average \$50, of which sum, \$20 is devoted to the support of Victoria

Rachel, an orphan in India: the remainder, to other missionary objects. Sabbath evening services, from October to April, were commenced in September, 1872, with an attendance of about twenty-five. The Rev. Robert Laing, assistant Minister of St. Paul's, conducted these services until his removal to St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, in March, 1878; latterly, they have been conducted by the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, of St. Paul's Church. The attendance has been gradually increasing up to the present time; it is now about one hundred and seventy. A Thursday evening service was also commenced in December, 1878. At this meeting there is an average attendance of fifty. A Choir of twenty members has also been organized during the present season, which has greatly aided in rendering the meetings more attractive.

The collections at the Sabbath services average about \$50 per annum. The current expenses of the Mission are about \$300, which amount is provided by the Kirk-Session of St. Paul's Church. Connected with the School is a good Library of four hundred volumes. A vigorous Temperance Association has been in operation for some years, and now numbers about eighty members. Mr. John Larmonth is President of this Association. A Dorcas Society was established a few months ago, under the very efficient Presidency of Mrs. Wilson, which has already done good work.

A series of popular entertainments have been conducted under the auspices of the young men of the District, which have been eminently successful. From the proceeds of these meetings, a sufficient sum has been realized to purchase an excellent organ. Mr. George Wilson has rendered valuable service to the Mission by his gratuitously presiding at the organ, and conducting the Psaimody in a most satisfactory manner.

Before concluding this Report, it is due to Mr. Larmonth that acknowledgement be made of his invaluable services in connection not only with the Sabbath-school but with the other departments of Christian work which have been so successfully carried on here during the ten years he has been connected with it,—carried on amid difficulties and discouragements such as few could have surmounted.

The cost of the Building was about \$5,500; of this sum there was raised by subscription \$1,100. A Bazaar held by the Ladies of St. Paul's Church in 1875, realized \$2,200, and another held in 1877, realized \$1,500. The debt remaining on the property is about \$1,200. It is estimated that the portion of the site still unoccupied will eventually realize the full amount of the indebtedness.

The Choir.

MR. SAMUEL GREENSHIELDS, *Organist and Choir-Leader.*

The names of the members are as follows :—

Mrs. BAIN,	Miss GIBSON,	Mr. DICK,
“ MURRAY,	“ SYM,	“ MOYSE,
“ E. B. GREENSHIELDS,	“ CALDWELL,	“ W. REDPATH,
Miss GREENSHIELDS,	“ HENDERSON,	“ K. McPHERSON,
“ GRAHAM,	Mr. H. BAIN,	“ ROBERT SHAW,
“ SCOTT,	“ C. S. DRUMMOND,	“ JOHN SHAW.
“ DAWES,	“ E. B. GREENSHIELDS,	“ BROWNING.

The first reference to the Choir of St. Paul's Church, in the minutes of the Kirk-Session, is under date 29th March, 1846, when proposals were entertained for the re-engagement of Mr. Fax as Precentor. At next meeting there was presented a report from the Music Committee, recommending the discontinuance of “the paid Band,” and “that a volunteer Choir of the best singers in the congregation be substituted.” On the 20th December of that year Mr. John Greenshields received the thanks of the Session “for his assiduity in conducting and improving the singing.” It was at the same time announced that Mr. Donald Ross had undertaken the leadership during Mr. Greenshield's absence in Scotland. In August, 1848, Mr. John Brown undertook that office for a short time; after which, it again devolved upon Mr. Greenshields, who conducted the psalmody until 1853. On his retirement from the Choir at this time, Mr. Greenshields was presented by the congregation with a handsome piece of silver plate and an address, acknowledging his many valuable services to the congregation. In 1860, at the suggestion of the Kirk-Session, the Choir removed from the gallery and occupied the front pews in the area of the Church. In the following year the Choir memorialized the Kirk-Session to be allowed to return to the gallery; this not having been complied with, it was announced that “the Band had agreed to occupy their own seats in the Church!” From this time until the opening of the new Church, Mr. Rodgers officiated as Precentor.

On the 22nd January, 1877, at a meeting of the congregation, it was resolved (seven members dissenting) "to authorize the Trustees to provide a Harmonium to lead the psalmody in the services to be held in the McGill Normal School Hall, and to take steps for obtaining an Organ for the new Church." Liberal contributions were given for this purpose, and when the Church was opened it was accordingly provided with an Organ which cost about \$5500. Messrs. McKay, Pierce, Nevin, and Withers, were in succession engaged as Organists and leaders of the Choir. In September, 1873, Mr. Samuel Greenshields placed his services at the disposal of the congregation *gratuitously*, and has ever since conducted the psalmody with great efficiency. An important alteration was made this year in lowering the Organ from the elevated gallery in which it was originally placed to the floor of the church. This change has greatly improved the appearance of the building, and added to the comfort and convenience of the Choir, which is now composed entirely of volunteers.

The Dorcas Society.

Mrs. JENKINS	.. .. .	<i>President.</i>
Mrs. ANDREW MCFARLANE,	.. ..	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Miss SANDERSON,	.. .. .	<i>Secretary.</i>
Mrs. TASKER,	.. .. .	<i>Treasurer.</i>

This benevolent and eminently useful Society is as old as the congregation itself, and has at all periods in the history of the Church secured the cheerful and active co-operation of the ladies in the prosecution of its distinctive work. The nature of the work undertaken by this agency will be seen at a glance from the following

REPORT FOR 1877-1878.

"The ladies of the congregation having been occupied with a bazaar in November of last year, the usual meetings were not commenced until December, so that the season was much shorter than formerly. Although on the one hand it is to be regretted that the attendance was small, and the amount of work done,

compared with the size of the congregation, limited, yet the efforts made by "a persevering few" have during the past year been satisfactory.

The weekly meetings for sewing were held on Wednesdays, in the Session Hall, in conjunction with the Young Women's Association, when a good deal of clothing was made up and distributed. Forty-two garments, besides blankets, flannel, boots and shoes, groceries, &c., were given out. Six families have been assisted with their rent during the whole year; and one aged member is supported entirely by this Society, In two instances children belonging to the Sabbath-school received clothing, while several cases received assistance sent by the St. Andrew's and the Ladies' French Evangelization Societies. In every instance these parties have been carefully visited before relief was given, so that no imposition was practicable.

The ladies who so kindly undertook the duties of collecting and visiting deserve our warmest thanks; the work was carried out thoroughly, and in most cases the collectors met with a liberal response.

In conclusion, the thanks of this Committee are tendered to all who, by their sympathy or substantial aid, have contributed to this humble work."

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Treasurer's Account from 12th Dec., 1877, to 15th Oct., 1878.

Dr.		Cr.
To Balance from last year	\$37.28	
To Collections, as follows:—		
Per Misses Ramsay and Robertson..	42.00	By Payments on account of house- rent to six families
" Miss Brown	3.50	\$87.50
" Mrs. McFarlane and Miss San- derson	72.00	Expended for clothing
" Misses Munro and Carmichael .	15.60	49.41
" Misses Caldwell and Croil	11.90	For blankets, crockery, fuel, &c. ...
" Miss Forsythe	16.25	26.48
" Mrs. Tasker	12.00	Balance on hand
Interest on Bank account	6.87	54.55
Flannel sold	0.54	
	<u>\$217.94</u>	
Montreal, 15th October, 1878.		<u>\$217.94</u>
	E. TASKER, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

Young Women's Association.

MRS. JENKINS, *President.*
 Miss AMY ROBERTSON, *Secretary.*
 Miss NEWMAN, *Treasurer.*

This Association was formed two years ago, for the purpose of enlisting the sympathies of the younger members of the congregation in behalf of the different benevolent institutions of the city, outside of St. Paul's Church. Though its funds are kept separate, it works in concert with the Dorcas Society. Its meetings are held in the school-room of the church, once a week, during the winter months, when clothing is made up for the Hospital, the Hervey Institute, and other charities. During last year the Association also aided the Victoria Mission and the Industrial Rooms Bazaar.

Summary of Expenditure.

1878.

Ordinary Congregational Expenses, including stipend, repairs, insurance, interest, &c.	\$9,178.24
Missionary and benevolent purposes, as per report of Standing Committee,	3,504.24
Towards endowment of Queen's College, cash paid .	1,552.00
Contributions of the Sabbath-school, per report ...	409.13
By the Dorcas and other Societies	280.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
	\$15,173.61