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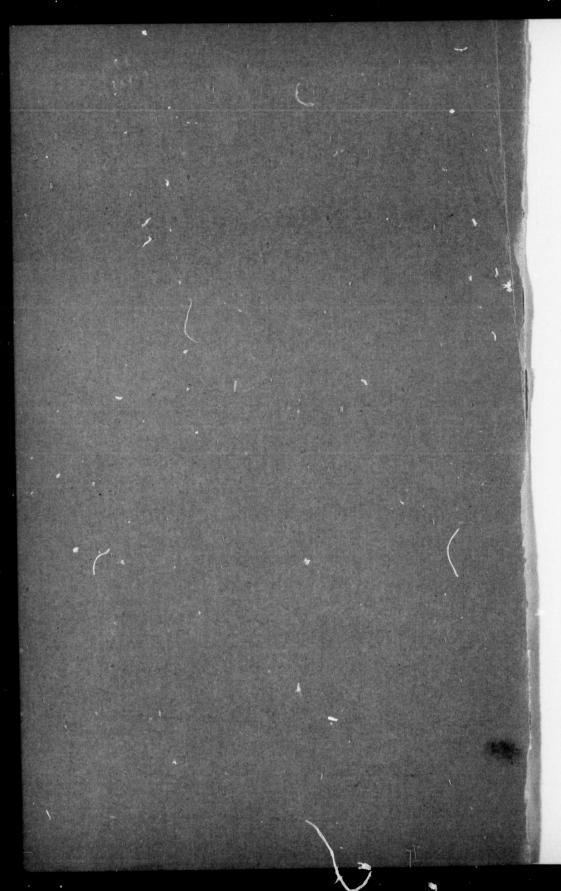


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OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH.

Pastor.

REV. J. F. STEVENSON, D.D., LL.B. (Residence, 922 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.

W. R. Ross,

Mr. Henry Sanders,

" J. B. Sutherland,

" Jas. Taylor,

" C. T. Williams,

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" JNO. PORTEOUS,

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DR. CORNISH.

Sunday School Committee.

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" HENRY LYMAN,
" C. M. ALEXANDER,

" CHARLES GURD,

Mr. S. J. Andres, " A. C. Lyman,

" JOHN PORTEOUS,
" C. T. WILLIAMS.

Organist.

MR. A. CLARENCE LYMAN.

Committee on use of Church Building. THE PASTOR, WITH MESSRS. ALEXANDER AND JAMIESON.

Committee of Building Jund Anion.

Patron.—REV. DR. STEVENSON.

President.—Mr. Henry Lyman. | Treasurer.—Mr. Wm Reid. Secretary.—Mr. H. W. Walker.

Zadies' Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. J. F. Stevenson. | Vice-President—Mrs. Macphie.

Secretary-Treasurer.—Mrs. R. W. Cowan.

Joung People's Association.

President—Rev. Dr. Stevenson. | Vice-President—Mr. C. R. Black.

Secretary.—Mr. Geo. E. Williams.

Sexton.

MR. EDWARD JAY.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER MEETINGS.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—

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Sunday School, at 3 p.m.

Bible Class for Males in S. S., conducted by Mr. George Hague, 3 p.m.

Bible Class for Females, conducted by Mrs.

Stevenson, 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 Opering of the Church.—The second Sunday in January.

WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING .- Monday, 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 (Congregational) 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 special Dedicatory Services.

Number of members received since the organization of the Church, 334.

Number in fellowship January 7th, 1883, 241.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, 1883.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Emmanuel Church was held on the evenings of January 15th and 31st, 1883, 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. Porteous, Walker and Wilson.
- 4. The Annual Report of the Church Board was read; and, on motion, was received and adopted.
- 5. The Rev. Dr. Cornish was re-elected Church Secretary, the Church at the same time again expressing its cordial thanks to him for his services continued during the past year.
- 6. 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.
- 7. The Pastor nominated Messrs. Theo. Lyman, F. F. Blackader, Sanders and Costen, as the said Committee, who withdrew, and returned with the following list of names for presentation to the Church, viz:—Messrs. J. D. Dougall, F. F. Blackader, H. Sanders, C. T. Williams, James Taylor, W. R. Ross, and J. B. Sutherland.

- 8. On motion of Mr. J. D. Dougall, the name of Mr. Bizzey was substituted for his own; and the list as thus amended was adopted.
- 9. The Report of the Ladies' Aid Society was read and adopted. Whereupon,
- 10. 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.
- 11. The Report of the Sunday School Committee was read and received and adopted; and the Committee for the present year was appointed.
- 12. 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 and choir-master for the present year.
- 13. On motion, the above report was received and adopted; and the following were reappointed as the Committee on Psalmody:—Messrs. Learmont, Henry Lyman, Gurd, Andres, C. M. Alexander, A. C. Lyman, Porteous, and C. T. Williams.
- 14. The Report of the Young People's Association was 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."
- 15. The Pastor, and Messrs. Alexander and Jamieson were appointed the Committee on the use of the Church Building.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.

18. It was moved by Mr. J. D. Dougall; and seconded by Mr. Wilson;—That at Sunday evening services all the sittings in the church be free to strangers after 6.55 o'clock.

19. It was moved in amendment by Messrs. Duff and Hague, and carried;—That in order to give all seat-holders an opportunity for expressing their opinions thereupon, the question be not now put, but that the motion be taken up at the next Monthly Church Meeting, on February 28th.

20. The above minutes were taken as read, and confirmed.

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE CORNISH.

Church Secretary.

PASTOR'S LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:-

I greet you with pleasure at the turning of another year in our history as a church. We have much to make us thankful. We have been preserved in peace amongst ourselves, and in kindly relations with all other churches. We have grown in the number of our congregations, and, I think, in the efficiency and interest of our services. Our financial position has never been so good, and the condition of our various church activities is healthy and encouraging. We have reason to look on the past with gratitude and on the future with hope.

The past year has not indeed been without its trials. Three of our members have been taken from us by death, some too who had for many years stood very high in the affection and esteem of all who knew them. They leave places vacant in our social as well as our church life from which they will long be missed, and in which they can scarcely find successors. We have to bow to the will of God, and it is a blessed reflec-

tion while we do so that our friends have passed into the true and higher life, where God preserves for him whatever has contributed to the well-being of his Church or illustrated the power of his Gospel. It is a part of that Gospel itself that Christ hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. Let us try to live as those for whom the better life is not a mere tradition, but a sure and certain hope.

I have been gratified by the large congregations which have gathered on Sunday evenings, but I regret that they should not be composed more generally of those who belong to our own number. Nothing can make me think the practice of attending divine worship only once in a day a good or right one. If we keep the Church open, and if the minister gives the care and labour necessary to make the services edifying and instructive, it appears to me the clear duty of those who can do so, to attend. Let me ask your careful attention to this important subject, the right settlement of which is essential to our influence and success as a Church. How can we do good to others if we are not ourselves in the way of duty?

I have given much attention during the year to promote among the young people of our congregation a spirit of thoughtfulness and social kindness. It will give me great pleasure to welcome still larger numbers to the meetings of our Young People's Association. I have found them both pleasant and profitable, and I believe others have also. All are glad!y received who care to come; the mere presence of our young people is an important contribution to our comfort and success.

The improved position of the Sunday School is a matter for congratulation to the Superintendent, and to all the office-bearers and teachers. The work done is unspeakably important; I pray that it may be more and more successful. In order to make it so, it is most necessary that parents should earnestly co-operate with the work of the school. Let us bear our children very fervently on our hearts before God, that they may be led to give themselves to the Saviour without reserve, and may take their places in the Church as earnest and instructed disciples of Christ. We have promises on which we may lean. The God of our fathers will be the God of our children also.

For information as to the varied activities of the Church, I refer you to the reports of our different Societies. Among them I cannot forbear to mention with special gratitude and pleasure the Ladies' Aid Society. It is my fervent prayer that the blessing of God may rest upon our work in the future as it has already done, but in far greater degree, and that the Church may grow in love and wisdom, in favour with God and in power for good among men.

Your affectionate Pastor,

J. F. STEVENSON.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOARD FOR 1882.

In presenting this the 8th Annual Report of Emmanuel Church, your Board would call upon all to unite with them in thanksgiving for the good hand of God which has been upon us throughout another year. The health of Pastor and Office-bearers has been uniformly good, and the work of the Church has gone on with regularity from month to month; and though it has not been marked by any extraordinary incidents, yet your Board trust, that there has been satisfactory and enduring progress made.

The numbers in attendance at the public services on the Lord's Day have shown a decided increase; so much so, that a difficulty is beginning to be felt by the Trustees in finding seat-accommodation for new applicants. Still, the evening congregation is not so largely attended on the part of members of the Church and Congregation as it ought to be, for whatever may be going on elsewhere our duty is to be found in our proper places in our own Church-home. The attendance at the week-evening services and business-meetings of the Church ought also to be larger; and it is earnestly to be desired that members of the Church and young members especially, should lay this matter to heart, with a view to improvement therein; for the general condition and life of the whole body must suffer if individual members are remiss in the discharge of their duties, or the enjoyment of their privileges. We have in the midst of us piety, intelligence and energy, amply sufficient to make these services not only interesting but also powerful stimulants to higher and better things for us as a Church.

It is due to the Pastor to note that, recognising the kindness of the Church in the matter of his vacation of the previous year, he was absent from the Pulpit only three Sundays, on account of his summer vacation, in the month of July.

The public services in connection with Home and Foreign Missions were held on March 26th and 27th, in which the Revs. Messrs. Shauffler, of the American Board, Dr. Wilkes, Jas. Roy, R. K. Black, and J. L. Forster, with the Paster, took part. Owing to unfavourable weather and other causes, the attendance was not so large as it might otherwise have been, yet the spirit and results of the meetings were satisfactory and encouraging, affording strong grounds for making them one of the annual appointments of the Church. As the earlier part of the winter is doubtless more suitable for them, the Church has appointed those for the current year, for the 25th and 26th of February.

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

Admitte	ed to Fellowship:	-					
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Thus there has been a decrease of two, leaving a membership on the first Sunday of the year of 241. Two of those removed by death were Mrs. Learmont and Mrs. Alexander, old and much esteemed members of the Church, who whilst they had health and opportunity were ever ready with heart and hand to promote its interests. The third, Mr. Charles Fallon, was cut off in the spring-tide of his manhood, and in the midst of bright promises of future usefulness.

Messrs. Hague and Cowan were chosen as delegates to represent the Church at the Annual Meetings of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, which were held in the city of Brantford; and these brethren

duly kept their appointment. Mr. H. W. Walker was deputed to represent the Church at the Annual Meeting of the Provident Fund Society.

The following collections have been made:-

Ladies Aid Society,	#1044.00
Cong. College of B N A	\$1044.93
Cong. College of B. N. A.,	445.00
Canada Cong. Missionary Society,	259.55
Indian Mission,	50.00
By Sunday School	84.00
By Sunday School, Foreign Missions,	214.49
House of Industry - ID	53.76
House of Industry andRefuge,	50.80
Provident E	81.00
Provident Fund,	31.20
Emmanuel Church, B. F. U.,	2676.30

Again must the self-denying efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society receive cordial and grateful recognition from your Board. In the month of November, a Bazaar was held, the contents and management of which must have cost a vast amount of time and thought and trouble on the part of those who arranged for it, and for which they deserve the best thanks of the Church. But whilst according to the ladies all the praise they deserve for this and other signal instances of their eager zeal to reduce the debt on the Church-building, it is greatly to be desired that, by a united and supreme effort to remove the debt, their willingness to work and do good may be free to exercise itself in more fitting ways than this, which involves so much toil and trouble.

It devolves upon the Committee on Psalmody, the Sunday School Committee, and the Young People's Association, to report in detail on the matters severally appertaining to the service of song and the instruction of the young; but your Board must not omit, on behalf of the Church, the expression of grateful appreciation and commendation for services so cheerfully rendered by one and all of those who strive to serve the church in these and other departments of its work and worship.

The thanks of the Church are again due to our esteemed Treasurer, Mr. J. S. McLachlan, for his careful and unremitting attention to the finances of the Church, and it is a matter for thankfulness to the Giver of all good that the voluntary offerings of members of the Church and Congregation have been so generous as to keep us from all anxiety and embarrassment in the essential matter of ways and means.

Early in the year, the Board of Trustees invited the co-operation of your Board in giving attendance at the doors to receive and seat strangers, and in taking up the collections, on the Lord's Day, to which a ready response was made; and a plan was adopted which has been satisfactorily carried into effect. The reception of strangers is an important department of service for the common good, involving as it does for its due discharge, regularity, punctuality and tact on the part of those engaged in it; and your Board in thus prominently referring to it desire to make the suggestion that this is a service in which many of the younger members of the Brotherhood might be well employed, as a preliminary to higher service. Every Anniversary such as this marks the advancement of the Church in years; and, of necessity, has its mournful tale to tell of the thinning of our ranks by the hand of Death, as one grey head after another of those who have "borne the burden and heat of the day" is laid low. It is, therefore, of the greatest moment to our future well-being as a Church, that our younger members should make it their business and duty to take a lively interest and active part in all that concerns our common life and usefulness, in order that they may be prepared, when the time comes, to take the place of those who have gone before them: An army of veterans is a grand thing for a campaign, but if no recruits join the standard, whence will come the veterans of future campaigns? As in the family each member has his own proper place and sphere of service, so in "the Household of Faith" there is ample verge and scope for the exercise of each member's faculty of service, conjoined with the solemn and imporative duty of exercising it with unstinting loyalty and consecration to the great Householder. During the past eight years of our life as a Church our privileges and enjoyments have been great, let us not forget that our responsibilities are correspondingly great; but let us in God's strength gird ourselves afresh for the work that lies before us now and in the future.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Board.

GEORGE CORNISH,

Church Secretary.

MONTREAL, January 29th, 1883.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Your Trustees in presenting their annual report, have pleasure in stating, as you will notice by the Treasurers printed statement, that the increased subscriptions to the current expenses for the year amount to six hundred dollars; and are also glad to state, that the debt upon the Church Building has been reduced during the year by the sum of \$2,700.

Your Trustees have again to thank the Ladies' Aid Society for their valuable assistance during the year for the material help they have rendered, which is highly appreciated by your Board.

During the summer months a new Furnace has been put in and the Church Building has beeen comfortably well heated-we think to the

In view of the fact of the increased numbers of applications for seat accommodation, your Trustees feel that they will be obliged to use the discretionary power, (allowed them by the Church) and allot unoccupied seats in pews that are not fully used, to parties applying.

Your Trustees are glad to report that there are very few pews unlet. It is a question worth considering on the part of the Church, if it would not be advisable to make the seats free to all comers at the Sunday evening services.

In accordance with the Act of Incorporation, the following members of the Board retire, viz.: - Messrs. Scholes, Porteous and Wilson.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. WILSON,

Montreal, 31st January, 1883

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The annual financial statement has been printed and circulated by the Trustees. It shows a total of \$7,800 for contributions to current expenses in 1882, an increase of \$861 over the year of 1881.

This sum of \$7,800 is increased by sundry receipts to \$7,944. The disbursements for the year, as shown by the statement, amount to \$8,103, leaving a small balance due to the Treasurer.

Of this sum of \$8,103 expended, the regular current expenses amount to \$5,200. We have had to pay for interest \$1,620 and \$1000 borrowed from the Merchants Bank last year to pay for repairs and decoration, and \$260 has been paid for a new furnace and sundry repairs; so that the years' result must be regarded as satisfactory, and the expectations expressed in the report a year ago have been fully realized: the only item carried forward against next year, is the balance of \$158 caused by the outlay of \$200 paid out for insurance on the Church-building, for a period of three years in advance.

A comparison of this years' contributions and those of 1881, shows an increase of four contributors, amount \$861, average \$3.15.

It will be noticed that the amount of interest for the Building debt still continues as a heavy addition to our current expenses. It is hoped that some plan will soon be developed whereby a very material reduction will be made in this amount and the current expenses thus relieved of a heavy burden. 1884 will be the tenth year of our Church life, and we ought to make every effort between now and then to clear off this burdensome debt.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. McLACHLAN,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF BUILDING FUND UNION.

The Committee of the Emmanuel Church Building Fund Union beg to report the result of the third year of its operations.

They regret to have to record that the number of subscribers has not been materially increased during the past year, there still remaining fully one half of the total number of seatholders who are not subscribing to its funds.

Of the total number of shares (4000 of \$5 each, into which the effort of the Union to raise \$20,000 was divided), there yet remains nearly one haif unsubscribed.

The total paid on account of Church Debt for the three years has been \$8180.94.

Of the above amount the Committee have to thank the Ladies' Aid Society for the large proportion of \$1,825; \$600 of which was received during 1882.

The Treasurer's statement, which has been printed and distributed, gives full particulars of the amounts received and disbursed during the

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY LYMAN.

President.

REPORT OF LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

In presenting our Sixth Annual Report, we would give devout ascriptions of praise to our Heavenly Father, for having led us so gently through the past year, and for the measure of success which has crowned our efforts. None of our number has been removed by death, and our deliberations have been marked only by harmony and good-will.

As in the previous years of the existence of the Society, our efforts have been directed mainly toward the reduction of the Church-delt and

We were kindly aided by the Young People's Association, who gave a Jubilee Concert last March, under the efficient direction of Mrs. Brown and Miss Wilkes, from which, the net sum of \$74.00 was raised.

It having been decided to hold a Bazaar, the efforts of the Ladies through the Fall, were directed mainly to the furtherance of that object. Working-meetings were held in the Church Parlor, every Tuesday afternoon, from September till December. The net proceeds of the Sale, which was held December 4th and 5th, were \$660.00.

The appeal for donations of money and materials for Dorcas-work, was met with a promptness and liberality most cheering to those who had the matter in charge, and most creditable to many of our number, whom God has made stewards of his loving bounty.

That we might act intelligently, in sending our customary offerings to the families of country ministers, the Rev. Mr. Hall was asked to report any cases that had come under his observation, especially needing assistance. In accordance with his suggestion, two boxes of wearingapparel and materials, valued at fifty dollars each, have been sent to the families of Rev. W. Smith of New Market, Ont., and Rev. A. James of Eaton, Quebec. Kind letters from our President containing five dollars to each Pastor, accompanied the boxes. Could all those who contributed to this purpose, have heard the loving and grateful letters of acknowledgement since received, they would have felt, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Money and clothing were also sent to some members of the Church, known to be in especial need, and to other destitute families in the city, who had been visited by some of the Society.

The balance of the clothing has been given to Miss Allen, the city Missionary employed by the Young Woman's Christian Association, and we are confident that under her direction, it will be carefully and wisely distributed.

The following sums have also been raised for well known Institutions and objects. Labrador Mission, \$70.00; Home for Friendless Women, \$63.00; Furnishing room of Y. M. C. A., \$68.50; Industrial Rooms, \$53.

The prayer meetings were held every alternate Monday until last June, and are held every Tuesday, at present. The attendance through the year has been larger than in any previous year.

That our Father has met and blessed us there—that they have proved a source of rest and strength, and a means of steady growth in the spiritual life, has abundantly verified the promise of rich blessing, to all who meet in his Name, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We are sometimes asked, even now, what is implied by membership in the Ladies' Aid Society? We would answer, a desire to do all in our power to further the interests of our Church Home, and believing more can be accomplished by united efforts than by the same efforts put forth singly, we work together, under that name, and we would cordially invite all ladies of the church and congregation to unite with us.

The membership fee of twenty-five cents, is only an incidental;—its omission would debar no one from a cordial welcome to our number.

The years' retrospect brings from us our tribute of warmest thanks to our devoted President, whose tireless zeal and energy are an unfailing source of inspiration to all her co-workers.

Thanks are also due to Mr. J. S. McLachlan, for packing and forwarding the boxes to the country, and to the many other kind friends who have in so many ways contributed to the successful efforts of the year.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY B. COWAN,

Secretary.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1883.

President, Mrs. J. F. Stevenson; Vice-President, Mrs. Macphie; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. W. Cowan.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting a larger attendance during the past year than any preceding year.

Teachers meetings of a devotional character have been held on the last Sunday of each month.

Acting upon a resolution adopted at one of the meetings of your Committee, to develop systematic giving by the scholars, collections have been made every Sunday, each class receives two envelopes, one for Missions and the other for the Building Fund of the Church.

The amounts collected during the year are as follows:-

Mission Fun	d	\$102.91
Building "		111.58

\$214.49

The result has proved that a greater interest has been taken in both objects than formerly. It now be mentioned here that \$31.81 was the most collected during 1881, against \$102.91 during the year just closed.

This collection does not appear to have interfered with contributions for the Building Fund, if we may judge by comparing the last two years. The collections of 1881 amounted to \$105.75, that of 1882 to \$111.58

Three meetings specially of a Missionary character have been held. One addressed by Rev. Dr. Stevenson, Rev. Mr. Schauffler, Missionary to Bohemia and others.

The other two meetings had reference to the customs of India and Japan, and were what are known as responsive services, Teachers and Scholars taking part. These responsive services appear to have been enjoyed by the scholars, and apart from the information received through them, we believe a good way of fostering a Missionary spirit in the school. Of the amount collected for Missions, the sum of £10 stg., or \$50, was voted for the support of a scholar in the girls' orphanage in Nazareth in Palestine, the draft was remitted to Mrs. Wardlow, who when acknowledging it gave an interesting account of the Missionary effort in this old city of sacred associations.

Miss McCallum a young lady connected with our Church and a member of Mrs. Stevenson's Bible Class has recently offered herself to the American B. of C. for F. M. as a Missionary to Turkey. Her application has been accepted. Miss McCallum expects soon to leave for her sphere of labour. The Sunday School Committee recommend that the sum of \$50 from the Mission Fund be presented to Miss McCallum.

To contribute to healthy reading-material and as a supplement to the Library, 50 copies of the Sunday at Home in weekly parts have been distributed among the scholars, excepting those of the Infant class, the intention being to place a copy in each family represented in the school.

These papers are returned at the end of each month, when they are given to Mr. Leet to be sent to schools in the country less favoured than ours, under the direction of the Sunday School Union.

A new Catalogue of the Books of the Library was printed and distributed in the beginning of the year together with Library Cards. By this plan the books are selected before coming to the School. It is worthy of note that more books were taken out last year than the year previous.

The regularity of attendance of the Scholars during the past year is a pleasing fact and worthy of notice, this applies specially to the Infant Class, unfavorable weather has never interfered with a good attendance of the little folks every Sunday, love and respect for a teacher who has made infant class teaching a successful study is no doubt the cause which has brought about such gratifying results. Mrs. Chs. Williams is the Teacher of this class, assisted by Mrs. Nowell.

It is not out of place to mention here that the sum of \$54.61 was collected by Mr. Jas. Taylor's class during the past year, an illustration of what may be done in a Sunday School class by regular and systematic giving. It is hoped that other classes will follow this example during the year 1883.

During the year there has been due regard to the service of song, occasional practices of singing and chanting taking place from time to time.

A very successful excursion of the Church and Sunday School took place last summer to Mississquoi Park. Complete arrangements for the comfort of all who went were made by the C. V. R. Co. The weather was fine and a most enjoyable day was spent by teachers, scholars and their friends. It is to be regretted that more of the Church and Congregation did not accompany the school.

The principal object of our meeting week after week we believe has not been lost sight of by us, and it is gratifying to know that good has resulted from the work of the past, additions to the Church from the ranks

of the School testifying to this fact. Altogether the year has been one of growth, there has been more to encourage in the past than any year which has preceded, our earnest desire is that the good work done in the past may be but the beginning of still greater blessings to be received in the future.

The whole respectfully submitted.

J. B. LEARMONT,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FSALMODY.

Your Committee beg to report that the Choir practices have been regularly held, but the attendance has not been as encouraging in numbers as could be desired. The position of Organist has been faithfully filled by Mr. A. Clarence Lyman, whom they have pleasure in recommending as Organist of the Church for 1883.

The Committee wish to call attention to the fact that a number of those who have assisted in the choir for some time past have left the city, the greater number of whom were not connected with the Church or Congregation. Your Committee are therefore specially indebted to these ladies and gentlemen for valuable services very cheerfully rendered; in this connection it may be mentioned that more than one of those who have assisted us gratuitously have received appointments in other Choirs with remuneration. The present Choir requires additions to its numbers. Your Committee would therefore respectfully ask for volunteers from the Congregation.

Your Committee are of the opinion that some plan should be devised and adopted, if possible, which would awaken and maintain greater interest by the Church in this part of our service.

They would suggest that this subject receive special consideration at the hands of their successors in office.

To the members of the Choir the thanks of your Committee are hereby heartily tendered.

The whole respectfully submitted.

J. B. LEARMONT,

Convener.

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

This Association may now be reported to be in a flourishing condition. During the past year ten meetings have taken place.

The meetings this season, owing to the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson, who invited the members to meet at their house, have been more largely attended, and have assumed a more social character, and have consequently been more enjoyable. It is none the less instructive than in former seasons.

Dr. Stevenson still contributes largely to the literary entertainment of the Association, and has delivered during the year several highly instructive lectures. The evenings devoted to the answering of questions have also been very interesting. Some of the members have likewise contributed some amusing and instructive essays.

A public entertainment was given last April, at the close of the season. It was largely attended and much appreciated by the members of the congregation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALAN ARTHUR,

Asst. Secretary.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

(Those marked with * are non-resident.)

Aitcheson, Miss
Alexander, Mr. Charles
*Alexander, Mrs. Henry M.
Andres, Dr. S. J.
Andres, Mrs.
Banker, Mrs.
Baxter, Mrs.
Baxter, Mrs.
Baxter, Mrs.
Baxter, Miss Annie
Baylis Miss
Birks, Mr. Arthur
Birks, Mrs.
Bizzey, Mrs.
Bizzey, Mrs.
Bizzey, Mrs.
Bizzey, Mrs.
Bizzey, Miss
Black, Mr. Charles R.
Black, Mrs.
Black, Mrs.
Black, Mrs.
Black, Mrs.
Black, Mr. Charles H.
Blackader, Mr. Charles H.
Blackader, Mr. Charles H.
Blackader, Mr. E.
Blackader, Mr. B.
Blackader, Mrs.
Blackader, Mrs.
Blackader, Mrs.
Blackader, Mrs.
Blackader, Mr. Ed.
Briggs, Miss
Brown, Mr. William
Brown, Mrs.
Brown, Mr. Bobt. G.
Brown, Mrs. G.
Budge, Mrs.
Burland, Mrs. G. B.
Burland, Mr. G. B.
Burland, Mr. G. B.
Burland, Mr. G. B.
Burland, Mrs. G. B.
Campbell, Mr. Donald
Campbell, Mrs. Robert
*Campbell, Mrs. Robert
*Campbell, Mrs. Robert
*Cochrane, Miss Annie
Cornish, Rev. George
Costen, Mr. Thos.
Costen, Mrs.

Costen, Mr. Wesley
Costen, Mrs. Thos., Jr.
Cowan, Mrs. W.
Cowan, Mrs. L.
Cowan, Mrs.
Cowan, Miss L.
Cowper, Mr. P. H.
Cowper, Mr. P. H.
Cowper, Mr. W. C.
Cushing, Mrs. Lemuel
Currie, Mr. W. T.
Dangerfield, Mrs.
*Davis, Mr. Alfred
*Davis, Mrs. A.
Dewar, Mr.
Dewar, Mrs.
Dickenson, Mrs.
Dickenson, Mrs.
Dougall, Mrs. J. D.
The Month of the Mrs.
Downes, Mrs.
Downes, Mrs.
Downes, Mrs.
Duff, Mrs.
*Duff, Mrs.
*Duff, Mrs.
*Duff, Mrs.
*Duff, Mrs.
*Duncan, Mrs.
Duncan, Mrs.
Duncan, Mrs.
Councan, Mrs.
*Councan, M

Gurd, Mrs.
Gurd, Miss M.
Gurd, Mrs. David F.
Gurd, Mrs. David F.
Hague, Mr. George
Hague, Mr. Henry J.
Haight, Mrs. Jennie E.
Hastie, Miss Jennie E.
Hastie, Miss Jennie E.
Hastie, Miss J. A.
Hawthorne, Mr. David
Hibbard, Miss
Hughes, Mr. E.
Hickley, Mr. P.
*Ivers Mrs.
Jamieson, Mrs. R. C.
Jamieson, Mrs. R. C.
Jamieson, Mrs. H. L.
Johnston, Mrs. J. L.
Lohnston, Mrs. J. L.
Lohnston, Mrs. J. L.
Layers, Miss Jane
Layer, Mrs.
*Layers, Miss Jane
Lay, Mrs.
*Layers, Miss Jane
Lay, Mrs.
*Layers, Miss Jane F.
Learmont, Mrs. J. B.
Leishman, Mrs. J. B.
Leithman, Mrs. J. C.
Lonsdale, Mrs. J. C.
Lonsdale, Mr. J. C.
Lonsdale, Mrs.

Lonsdale, Mr. T. H.
Lonsdale, Mrs. T. H.
Lyman, Mr. Henry
Lyman, Mrs. Henry
Lyman, Mrs. Henry
Lyman, Mr. R. C.
Lyman, Mr. A. C.
Lyman, Mr. A. C.
Lyman, Mr. Theodore
Lyman, Mr. Theodore
Lyman, Mrs. Theodore
Lyman, Mrs. Elizabeth Mary
Lyman Mr. Theo. P.
Macintosh, Mr. John
Macintosh, Mr. John
Macintosh, Mrs.
Macphie, Mrs. Edith F.
Macphie, Miss Edith F.
Macphie, Miss Edith F.
Macphie, Miss Lily
McDunnough, Mr. William
McDonnough, Mrs.
McDonnough, Mrs.
McDonnough, Mrs.
McLachlan, Mrs. J. S.
McLachlan, Mrs. J. S.
McLachlan, Mrs. William
McLaren, Mrs.
McLaren, Mrs.
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McLaren, Mrs. William
McLaren, Mrs.
McLaren, Mrs. Grace
McNaughton, Mr. A.
Meldrum, Miss Grace
McNaughton, Mr. J. A.
Meldrum, Miss S.
Moir, Mr. Archibald
Moir, Mrs.
Moir, Mrs.
Moir, Miss Janet

Moodie, Mr. William Murphy, Mrs. A. A. Osborne, Mr. Fred.
Outhwaite, Mr. Fred.
Outhwaite, Mr. Walter Pedley, Mr. Jas. W. Popham, Mr. John Popham Mrs.
Porteous, Mrs. Mrs. Fred.
Samsay, Mr. A. W. Reid, Mr. William Reid, Mrs.
Ritchie, Mrs. H. K. Ritchie, Mrs. H. K. Ritchie, Mrs. H. K. Robertson, Miss Robinson, Mrs.
Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Ross, Mr. W. R. Ross, Mr. W. R. Ross, Mr. John Sanders, Mr. Henry Sanders, Mr. Henry Sanders, Mr. Francis Scholes, Mrs. Alfred Savage, Mrs. Alfred Savage, Mrs. Alfred Savage, Mrs. Ed. S. Sharpe, Mrs. E. S. Sharpe, Mrs. E. S. Sharpe, Mrs. E. S. Snedden, Miss Solandt, Miss Flora Jane Spaulding, Mrs. Stevenson, Rev. J. F. Stevenson, Mrs. J. F. Stevenson, Mrs. Fred. A.

Stevenson, Mr. J. W.
Stevenson, Mrs. J. W.
Sutherland, Mr. J. B.
Sutherland, Miss
Taylor, Mr. James
Teifer, Mrs.
Thompson, Miss
Thompson, Miss Florence
Thompson, Miss Florence
Thompson, Miss Florence
Thompson, Miss Margaret
Trenholme, Mrs. N. W.
Todd, Mr. Robert
Todd, Mr. Robert
Todd, Mr. Patrick
Unsworth, Mr. Jos. K.
Vennor, Mr. Henry
Walker, Mrs. H. W.
Walker, Mrs. H. W.
Walker, Mrs. S. M.
Walker, Mrs. S. M.
Walker, Mrs. W. H.
Weir, Mrs. Annie
Wilkes, Mrs.
White, Miss Annie
Wilkes, Mrs.
Wilkes, Mrs.
Wilkes, Mrs.
Williams, Mr. George E.
Williams, Mr. Chas. T.
Wilson, Mrs. J. T.
Wilson, Mrs.
Wilson, Mrs.
Wilson, Mrs.
Wilson, Miss Janet

Montreal, Feby. 28th, 1883.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

JOHN S. McLACHLAN in Account with Emmanuel Church.

1881. Dec. 31. To Balance. \$45.34 Jany. 31. By Dr. Stevenson. \$3000.00 1882. Jany. 31. To Collections. \$664.65 Feby. 28. " 466.90 Mar. 31. " 578.48 April 30. " 578.48 April 30. " 596.15 June 30. " 1076.50 July 31. " 296.55 July 31. " 409.59 Sept. 30. " 409.59 Nov. 30. " 409.	Dr.		1882.	Cr.
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Audited and found correct,

H. LYMAN,

MONTREAL, December 31st, 1882.

C. R. BLACK.

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

Dr.	18	82.	Cr.
RECEIPTS. To Balance from 1881	\$31 111.58 \$4176.19	J. S. McLachlan, to pay Interest "J. S. McLachlan, on account of the Debt "Balance	405,00

Audited and found correct,

MONTREAL, January 24th, 1883.

H. W. WALKER.

Mrs. R. W. COWAN in Account with Ladies' Aid Society.

Dr.	1882.	Cr.
	13.10 74.18 43.75 12.00 12.00 13.10 14.18 15.10 16.10 17.10 18	29.05 6.50 4.30 1.60 2.00
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Dr. To Collections:— January. February March. April	\$47.30 \$47.30 14.30 21.86 20.20 Writing, Postage, &c. "By Balance due Treasurer	Cr\$ 4.3 236 3 Fund. 31.2 s for 9.2
Dr. To Collections:— January. February March.	\$47.30 Grants to Members and W. M. P 14.30 Grant to Widows and Orphaus' F Church Secretary's Expenses Writing, Postage, &c	Cr\$ 4.3 236 3 Fund. 31.2 s for 9.2 13.6

MONTREAL, Dec. 31st, 1882.

To Balance on hand.....