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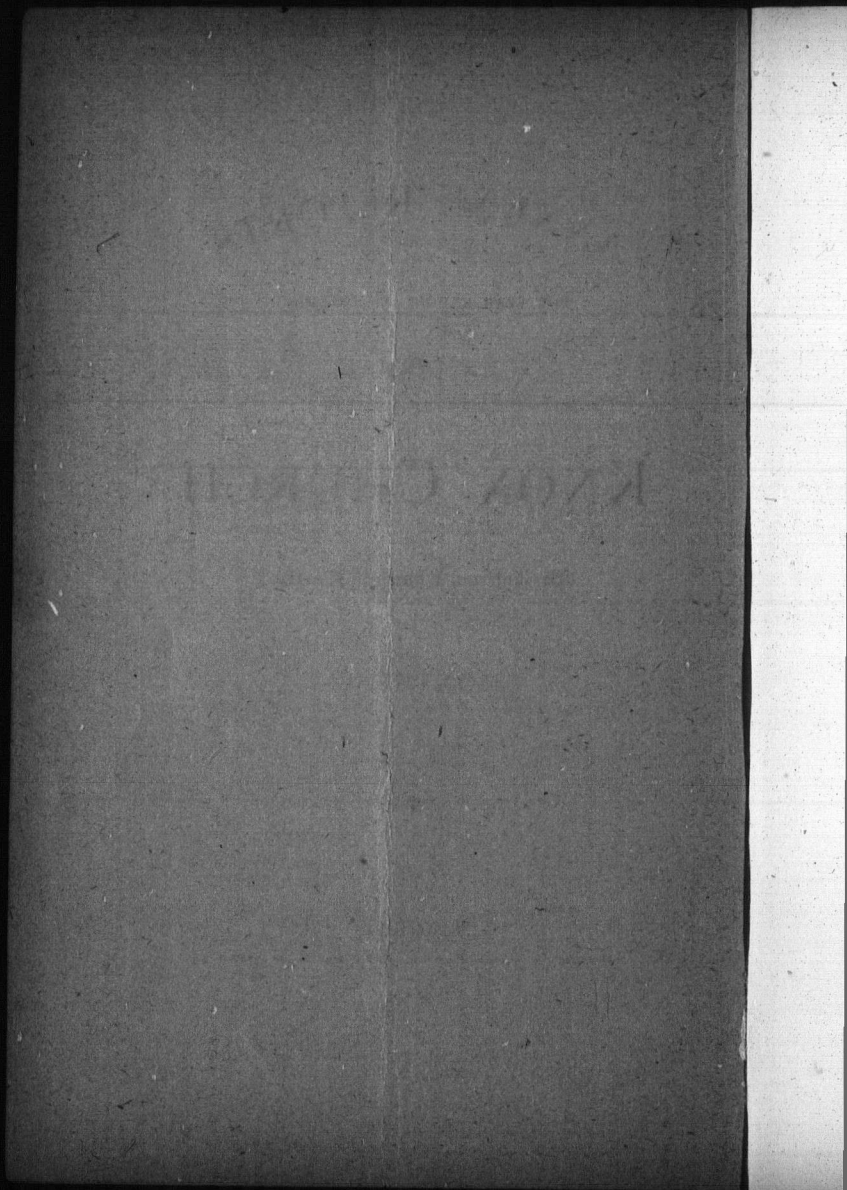
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OFFICE-BEARERS.

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1st JANUARY 1885.

KIRK SESSION:

REV. JAMES FLECK, B.A., - - Moderator.

EDWARD MOORE, Clerk.

D. AIKMAN.

REV. PROF. CAMPBELL, M.A.

ARCH'D SWAN.

W. D. McLAREN.

JOHN McDUGALL.

J. T. DONALD, B.A.

JAS. WALLACE.

WALTER PAUL.

TRUSTEES:

WM. McGIBBON/

W. D. McLAREN.

D. AIKMAN.

ROBERT GARDNER.

H. B. PICKEN, JR.

ALEX. MURRAY.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

W. D. McLAREN, President.

H. B. PICKEN JR., Treasurer.

WM. CAIRNS, Secretary.

WALTER PAUL.

J. G. DAVIE.

ROBT. HENDERSON.

W. S. EVANS.

A. W. STEVENSON.

JAS. GARDNER.

A. R. WIGHTMAN.

GEO. BARRINGTON.

H. S. STAFFORD.

AUDITORS:

JNO. BAILLIE.

JOHN B. PICKEN.

ANDREW T. ROBERTSON, Leader of Psalmody.

CHAS. STUART, Organist.

JOHN DONAGHY, Caretaker, 1427½ St. Catherine Street.

ELDERS AND DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT No. I.—Edward Moore, Elder.

From (including) St. Lawrence Main street, all east of that street ; from the river northward.

DISTRICT No. II.—James Wallace, Elder.

From (not including) St. Lawrence Main street to (including) Bleury street ; and from the river to city limits.

DISTRICT No. III.—W. D. McLaren, Elder.

From (not including) Bleury street to (and including) St. Genevieve and University streets ; and from (including) St. Antoine and Craig streets to city limits.

DISTRICT No. IV.—Walter Paul, Elder.

From (not including) St. Genevieve and University streets to (not including) Peel and Windsor streets ; and from (including) St. Antoine to (not including) Sherbrooke street.

DISTRICT No. V.—J. T. Donald, B.A., Elder.

From (not including) University street to city limits on the west ; and from (including) Sherbrooke street to city limits on the north.

DISTRICT No. VI.—Rev. Prof. Campbell, M.A., Elder.

From (including) Peel street to city limits on the west ; and from (including) St. Catherine street to (but not including) Sherbrooke street.

DISTRICT No. VII.—John McDougall, Elder.

From (including) Peel and Windsor streets to (not including) Mountain ; and from (including) St. Antoine street to (not including) St. Catherine street.

DISTRICT No. VIII.—D. Aikman, Elder.

From (including) Mountain street west to city limits ; and from (including) St. Antoine street to (not including) St. Catherine street.

DISTRICT No. IX.—Archibald Swan, Elder.

From (including) St. Peter street to city limits on the west ; and from (not including) St. Antoine street to the river.

STATED MEETINGS.

DIVINE SERVICE every Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL and BIBLE CLASSES meet at 3 o'clock.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be dispensed (D. V.) on the third Sabbath of the months of March, June, September, and December.

THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM will be administered on the first Sabbath of each month. Parents are requested to give notice to either the Pastor or Elder of the District, during the week previous, of their intention to present their child for baptism.

THE SESSION meets each Sabbath morning for prayer at 10.45 A.M. ; monthly for the transaction of business at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on the third Monday of each month.

THE WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING is held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The last Wednesday evening of each month being devoted, in part, to *Missionary Intelligence*.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation is held in the month of January.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Session Room.

Attendance for PEW LETTING at close of Wednesday evening service.

ADDRESS FROM THE SESSION.

The Kirk Session, as usual, on the occasion of the annual meeting, desires to address the Congregation on the various responsibilities and duties of the Christian life and work.

Throughout the year the Session has met every Sabbath morning for prayer, and has held monthly business meetings for conference on the spiritual affairs of the Church. The Elders' quarterly visits to the people at communion time have also been regularly made, as well as occasional calls in cases of sickness. This has been a year of much sickness; but, we have reason to believe it has generally been blessed in bringing the afflicted and their families more sensibly near the Great Comforter. We have had to record sixteen deaths, seven of which were of members of the Church. Their deaths were peaceful.

The Sabbath-school is well officered and well attended, and the school work well done. Parents might help the teachers greatly by having the lessons thoroughly learned at home and by occasionally visiting the School themselves.

"Religious difficulties of young men" has been the subject of the Pastor's Bible class this season. The attendance was fair, but by no means as large as it ought to be.

The Prayer Meeting—a pleasant break in the secularities of the week—is enjoyed by many, but neglected also by many, to the impoverishment, we fear, of their spiritual life.

There is little to boast of this year in regard to the givings of the people for the cause of Christ at home and abroad. It has been a testing year. We have not gone back, it is true; but we have advanced only a step. All the more remains to be done.

For a considerable time past it has been a constant regret that the service of praise was so poor. Repeated change of organist had worn out congregational singing. Since the appointment of a choir-master there are unmistakeable signs of improvement, and the Session hope soon to hear the praises

of God sung as they should be, by all the people, understandingly, sweetly, and heartily.

Finally, brethren, we have reason to thank God for the continued presence of His Holy Spirit in the ministrations of His house, and for the share He permits us to take in the work of the kingdom. Let us, by the grace of God, determine, that henceforth we shall, one and all, spend and be spent more self-denyingly in the glorious service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Montreal, 21st January, 1885.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held this evening, the Rev. James Fleck, B.A., Pastor, in the chair.

After devotional exercises the chairman made some remarks regarding the spiritual condition of the Congregation, which are embodied in a statement from the Session, to be found on the preceding page.

The Secretary of the Board of Management, acting as clerk to the meeting, read a report from the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society, which on motion was received and adopted.

Mr. W. D. McLaren then moved, seconded by Mr. D. Aikman,—“That the Congregation adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and proceed forthwith to the election of a new committee, to be styled the “Missionary Committee,” whose duties shall be to have a general charge of all matters of a missionary or benevolent character, which may from time to time claim the attention of the Congregation, including the allocation, subject to approval by the Congregation, of such undesignated moneys as may be on hand at the close of each year.” Carried.

The following were then elected members of the Missionary Committee :—Messrs. Arch. Swan, A. C. Clark, D. Aik-

man, Jno. McDougall, Walter Paul, A. W. Stevenson, W. D. McLaren, A. R. Wightman and Jno. Baillie.

The Annual Report of the Board and the Treasurer's Financial Statement were then taken as read. On motion it was unanimously resolved that both be received, adopted, printed and distributed among the Congregation.

The question of improving the music of the Church having been brought up, several members present expressed themselves strongly in favor of procuring a new and suitable organ, and on a show of hands being called the meeting appeared to be unanimous on that point. The following committee were then appointed to ascertain the probable cost and attend to other matters of detail, and report to a future meeting if necessary :—Messrs. A. W. Stevenson, G. Barrington, W. D. McLaren, Walter Paul, H. B. Picken, jr., James Gardner, Wm. Cairns.

The election of office-bearers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows :—

President, . . . W. D. McLAREN, (re-elected).

Treasurer, . . . H. B. PICKEN, jr., “

Secretary, . . . WM. CAIRNS, “

Managers, . . . JAMES GARDNER, GEORGE BARRINGTON and H. S. STAFFORD.

Auditors, . . . JOHN B. PICKEN and JOHN BAILLIE.

Mr. H. B. PICKEN, Jr., was elected a Trustee to fill the place of Mr. A. S. Ewing, resigned.

The appointment by the Board during the year of Messrs. Evans and Wightman to fill the places rendered vacant by the resignations of Messrs. Ewing and Lundie was confirmed.

Refreshments were served during the evening.

WM. CAIRNS,
Secretary.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX CHURCH,
for year ending 31st December, 1884.

Your Board have the pleasure of presenting to you, the following report of their administration for the year just closed, and in doing so, would gratefully acknowledge our heavenly Father's continued care and kindness to us as a Congregation and the measure of prosperity with which we have been blessed during that period.

The "Weekly Offering System" of collecting the Church revenues which has been very generally adopted by the Congregation, went into operation the beginning of the year, and we are glad to say, has proved fairly satisfactory in its working.

The Statement of the Treasurer, shortly to be read, will show that the finances of the Church are in a sound and healthy condition. All the regular and incidental expenses of the Congregation have been met and the sum of \$1,499.61 has been applied to Missionary and Benevolent purposes.

Few of the Schedules issued in December have yet been returned, a reliable estimate of the receipts for 1885 cannot therefore be made, but it is hoped that it will be such as will enable us to contribute more liberally to the cause of Missions.

Our late organist, Dr. McLaren, having removed from the city during the year, the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Robertson as leader of psalmody, and Mr. Stewart as organist.

Your Board has under consideration, the improvement of this important part of our Church services, and desires earnestly to impress upon the Congregation, and more especially the younger members, the necessity of coming forward, and assisting Mr. Robertson in his endeavour to promote the hearty rendering of praise to God at our meetings for worship. It is matter for regret that the Saturday evening practices are not more generally availed of.

In connection with the the music of the Church, the question of advisability of procuring a new and suitable Organ has been freely discussed, but for various reasons, no definite action has as yet been taken in the matter.

During the summer season our beloved Pastor had his usual vacation, visiting the mother-land accompanied by Mrs. Fleck, an estimable lady of our own Congregation, with whom he was united in marriage just prior to his departure. A meeting of welcome was held on their return in September, when a very pleasant evening was spent, the Congregation testifying their love and regard in the presentation of a Silver Tea Service. The meeting was also taken advantage of by the Teachers of our Sabbath-School, to make a presentation to their esteemed Superintendent, Mr. Paul, on the occasion of a similar happy event.

Early in the year two members of your Board, Messrs. G. W. Lundie and A. S. Ewing resigned, their places being filled by the election of Messrs. W. S. Evans and A. R. Wightman.

The members of your Board retiring this year are Messrs. Wm. McGibbon, James Gardner and A. C. Clark, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The reports of the Sunday School and other Associations connected with the Church, will show that they have been energetically and successfully carried on.

The Church building and properties have been kept in a state of good repair, during the year several minor matters of improvement having been attended to.

In conclusion, your Board feel gratified at the satisfactory report now presented. The year has been one of commercial depression and as a Congregation we have not escaped feeling its effect in the removal of some, and curtailment of incomes of others. Nevertheless we have good reason to be thankful. Truly our heavenly Father has blessed us, and under His divine guidance we continue to prosper. We therefore, at the beginning of a new year, pray for increased wisdom and strength, to enable us in His providence to carry on the work He has given us to do in this portion of His vineyard.

The whole respectfully submitted.

WM. CAIRNS,
Secretary.

KNOX CHURCH.

Financial Statement for year ending 31st Dec. 1884.

RECEIPTS.

1884. Jan. 1.

By balance on hand.	\$ 2.00
" Envelope contributions	\$4919.22
" Plate collections	497.20
" Hospital collection.	35.00
" Interest on Contingent Fund	25.00
	<u>\$5476.42</u>
	\$5479.02

EXPENDITURE.

To Minister's Stipend	\$2500.00
" Salaries.	703.98
" Gas \$92.46; Water \$38; Fuel \$143.50	273.96
" Printing and Stationery.	78.00
" Dominion Square Tax	78.65
" G. R. Prowse, repairs to furnaces, &c.	82.00
" J. Usherwood, for painting and glazing.	73.75
" J. Fyfe, altering pews, &c.	36.75
" Labor,—Church cleaning, &c.	62.40
" Repairs and alterations	53.62
" Sundries per vouchers	36.30
" Knox Church Sabbath School.	200.00
" Montreal General Hospital.	35.00
" Presbytery Fund.	15.00
" Synod Fund	20.00
" Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	50.00
" Montreal Sabbath School Association.	5.00
" Balance to Missionary Fund per Memo.	1174.61
	<u>\$5479.02</u>

R. & O. E.
Montreal, 31st Dec., 1884.

H. B. PICKEN, JR.,
Treasurer

Missionary Statement for the year 1884.

1884. Dec. 31.	
By amount from General Fund	\$1174.61
To paid for Missionary Records	\$23.75
" City Missions	100.00
" Taylor Church	50.00
" Home Missions	200.00
" Foreign "	200.00
" Colleges	200.00
" French Evangelization	150.00
" Manitoba College Building Fund	100.00
" " " General "	100.00
" Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission	25.00
" Presbyterian College Students Missionary Society	25.86
	<u>\$1174.61</u>

(Included in our Missionary contributions is the sum of \$15.00, given by a non-resident member of the congregation.)

Poor Fund Statement for year ending 31st Dec. 1884.

By balance on hand	\$45.67	
" Collections	80.00	
		\$125.67
To paid for Groceries	\$12.08	
" Board of Inmate Ladies' Benevolent Institution	42.00	
" Associated Charities	10.00	
" Dorcas Society	15.00	
" Balance on hand	46.59	
		<u>\$125.67</u>

Contingent Fund.

By balance on hand	\$500.00
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E. & O. E.
Montreal, 31st Dec. 1884.

H. B. PICKEN,
Treasurer.

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2.40
3.62
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the mode of collecting Church revenue adopted by the Congregation at last annual meeting, the Committee has been relieved of the greater part of its work. The only duty devolving upon it has been the consideration of the claims of the various missionary schemes to share in the sum placed at its disposal. This sum, amounting to \$1,174.61, it is proposed to disburse as follows:—

<i>Presbyterian Record</i>	\$ 23.75
City Missions	100.00
Taylor Church	50.00
Home Missions	200.00
Foreign Missions	200.00
College Fund	200.00
Manitoba College	200.00
French Evangelization	150.00
Pointe-aux-Trembles School	25.00
Students' Missionary Society of Presbyterian College, City	25.86

At a meeting of the Committee, held on the 16th inst., it was resolved—"That, whereas, under the Weekly Offering System, all congregational contributions for missionary and benevolent purposes are collected in the weekly envelopes, there seems to be no further use for a special organization to collect missionary contributions, and as all the other functions of the Congregational Missionary Society can be fulfilled as well by a small committee, the Committee of the Missionary Association recommends to the annual meeting that the Association, as at present constituted, should dissolve, and that a committee of nine members be appointed annually, whose duty shall be to allocate, subject to approval by the Congregation, such contributions for missionary and benevolent purposes as shall be received undesignated, and also to have general charge of all matters of a missionary or benevolent character in the Congregation."

J. T. DONALD,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
KNOX CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
For Year 1884.

It gives us great pleasure to report the continued prosperity of our School in nearly all its branches during the past year.

The attendance has been good, the numbers attending as follows:—

Teachers and Officers on the roll, 31; Scholars and Bible Classes, 185; total, 216. Average number present, Teachers and Officers, 29; Scholars and Bible Classes, 132; total, 161.

The School was closed during the months of July and August, no cause calling for a change from the course pursued by the Teachers in 1882-3. At the re-opening of the School, when the Bible Classes were resumed, it was arranged that Mr. Fleck's Class should be exclusively for young men, and that Mrs. Paul should take the young ladies.

We are sorry to have to report a considerable falling off in the Missionary collections for the year. This may be accounted for in part by the change in the financial system in the Congregation, but we hope by increased diligence and liberality that the ensuing year may prove to be the best in our whole record. Certainly this branch of God's work should not be allowed to suffer.

The Library continues in good order, and a number of new books have been added during the year, since which there has been quite an increase in the circulation.

The Annual Soiree held on the 15th February was a repetition of the success which has always marked these gatherings. The attendance was large, and a very pleasant evening spent.

The Annual Pic-nic held on the 27th June, at Vaudreuil, was fairly attended, and the weather was all that could be desired. Plenty of amusements were provided in the shape of

boating, swings and games, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The monthly business meetings of the Association have been remarkably well attended, and have been productive of much good for the general welfare of the school.

The Prayer Meetings at the close of the Sunday-school exercises have also been well maintained.

The singing in the School has considerably improved during the last few months, being now under a most efficient instructor.

The cot in the Children's Ward of the General Hospital has been faithfully and regularly visited by some of the lady Teachers.

In conclusion, we have reason to feel gratified in being able to present such a fair report. Thanking God for His goodness to us during the past year, we pray for increased wisdom and strength to enable us to go on successfully in the work he has assigned us.

The whole respectfully submitted.

THOS. HENRY.

Secretary.

At the Annual Meeting of the Association held January 6th, 1885, the following office-bearers were elected for the present year:—

<i>Superintendent,</i>	..	..	..	Mr. W. PAUL.
<i>Assistant Superintendent,</i>	..	..	"	D. AIKMAN.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer,</i>	..	..	"	THOS. HENRY.
<i>Joint Librarians,</i>	..	..	{	" H. B. PICKEN, JR., " J. J. MCGILL.
<i>Organist,</i>	..	..	..	MISS BROWN.
<i>Conductor of Singing,</i>	..	..	..	Mr. JOHN McDUGALL.

Mr. T. BAILLIE was appointed to take charge of the S. S. papers.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SOIREE.

The Annual Sabbath-School Soiree was held this evening, 13th February, 1885, and was very largely attended by the scholars and their friends. After all had partaken of the good things provided, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Paul, when a hymn was sung, which was followed by prayer by the Rev. J. Fleck. The Secretary-Treasurer then read the Annual Report of the School, and the financial report, both of which were unanimously adopted.

The Scholars then voted the Mission money as follows :—

Moved and seconded, that \$50 be given to the Knox Church Sabbath-School Cot in the Children's Ward of the General Hospital.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that \$50 be given to the Pointe-aux-Trembles School.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that \$50 be sent to Dr. Mackay, of Formosa.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that \$50 be given to Home Missions.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the balance \$33.87 be sent to Dr. King, Principal of the Winnipeg College to be applied to running expenses of College.—Carried.

The Rev. Jas. Fleck then presented the numerous prizes to the successful competitors, and briefly addressed the meeting.

After pronouncing the benediction, each scholar was presented with an orange and a box of candy on the way out.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT—KNOX CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1884.

MISSIONARY FUND.

1884.		1884.
Jan. 1.	To Plate Collections.....	\$115.91
Dec. 31.	" Children's Missionary Association.....	113.32
	" Interest.....	4.64
		<u>\$233.87</u>
		<u>\$233.87</u>

LIBRARY FUND.

1884.		1884.
Jan. 1.	To Balance.....	\$17.88
July.	" Dividend on Bank Stock.....	16.00
Dec.	" ".....	16.00
		<u>\$49.88</u>
		<u>\$49.88</u>

KNOX CHURCH DORCAS REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 3.	Balance on hand	\$12.25
	Donation from Knox Ch., per H. B. Picken, Jr.	30.00
	" " the Ladies	1.22
		<u>\$43.47</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Dec. 8.	Robertson, Linton & Co	\$ 9.25
19.	" " "	6.78
	Nazareth S. S. Mission	10.00
	Sundries	44
	Home for the Friendless	2.00
	Returned to Treasurer of Knox Church	15.00
		<u>\$43.47</u>

JANE W. MCGILL, *Treasurer.*KNOX CHURCH AND SABBATH-SCHOOL
TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the removal of the Secretary from the city no extended report was presented.

The Association, however, continues in its good work. The usual monthly Literary and Musical entertainments were held, which were, as heretofore, open to the public. They were attended by good audiences on every occasion, and have been productive of good in promoting the cause of temperance. A number signed its pledge-book during the year.

Oxford Saloon—We again undertook to use our influence in, if possible, preventing the applicant from getting a license, but were unsuccessful.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

1883.—To	Balance	\$ 6.92
1884.—	" Cash, 3 friends	15.00
	" " two collections	37.65
	" " friend	1.38
		<u>\$60.95</u>

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By	Tuning Piano	\$ 1.25
"	Oxford saloon expenses	57.00
"	Witness account	1.70
"	Cartage	1.00
		<u>\$60.95</u>

The Annual meeting for election of officers for the coming year was held on the 7th November, and resulted as follows:—

<i>Hon. President,</i>	.. ..	REV. J. FLECK, B.A.
<i>President,</i>	.. ..	R. HENDERSON.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.. ..	J. McD. HAINS,
<i>Secretary,</i>	.. ..	T. HENRY.

COMMITTEE:

MISS McNAB,	MR. WIGHTMAN,
" BAILLIE,	" PAUL,
" H. GARDNER,	" ROBERTSON,
" D. LOCKE,	" DUNTON,
" SUTHERLAND,	" LENKLATER,
" WIGHTMAN.	" J. B. PICKEN.

RECAPITULATION.

For Congregational purposes	\$3,980
College Funds, ordinary	\$200
special	100
Manitoba	234
Home Mission Fund	250
Augmentation of Stipend Fund	310
French Evangelization Fund	200
Foreign Mission Fund	250
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	25
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	25
Assembly's Expense Fund	15
Total payments to schemes of the Church	1,609
Contributed by Sunday-School, included in above, \$184	
Synod and Presbytery Fund	20
Other Benevolent and Religious objects	569
Total payments for all purposes	<u>\$6,178</u>

H. B. PICKEN, Jr., *Treasurer.*

Montreal, 31st December, 1884.