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OFFICE-BEARERS

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1st JANUARY, 1886.

KIRK-SESSION:

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

EDWARD MOORE, Clerk.

D. AIKMAN,

REV. PROF. CAMPBELL, M.A.

JOHN McDUGALL,

W. D. McLAREN,

JAMES WALLACE,

J. T. DONALD,

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.*

JNO. BAILLIE, *Secretary.*

A. R. WIGHTMAN, JAS. GARDNER, WALTER PAUL,
J. G. DAVIE, GEO. BARRINGTON, ROBT. HENDERSON,
W. S. EVANS, H. S. STAFFORD. A. W. STEVENSON.

AUDITORS:

JNO. McD. HAINS,

WM. CAIRNS.

ANDREW S. ROBERTSON. *Leader of Psalmody.*

CHARLES STUART, *Organist.*

HENRY BRIGHT, *Caretaker.*

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 the 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—

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 either to the Pastor or to the 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 8 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 meet 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 by H. B. PICKEN, Jr. and WALTER PAUL.

SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION meets on first Tuesday of every month.

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STATEMENT FROM THE KIRK-SESSION.

The year 1885 will be memorable in the history of Canada as a year of rebellion, and in the history of Montreal as a year of pestilence. Yet these calamities have not been altogether unmitigated evils. Especially is this true of the epidemic of smallpox, from which our French-Canadian fellow-citizens suffered so sorely. In the providence of God, "who maketh all things work together for good to them that love Him," this greivous visitation has been overruled for good. It demonstrated the necessity of sanitary reform in the abodes of the poor, and of thorough cleanliness and temperance in the habits of the people. Better still, it turned the attention of the careless to spiritual things, worked a wholesome condition of humiliation and prayerfulness in the community, and induced a greater susceptibility to religious influences.

Thus, though the past year has been one of great anxiety and depression, the Session has reason to believe it was also one of growth in the knowledge of Divine things. In evidence of which the means of grace have been well attended. There was less falling off during the summer months than in previous years, with a marked increase at the close of the year in the attendance at evening service.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed four times during the year at the usual seasons, a goodly number partaking on each occasion.

Since the last annual meeting 41 members have been added to the roll, and 31 removed. Of the latter, 10 were removed by death, 13 by certificate to other churches, 1 entered the ministry of the church, 7 names had to be dropped owing to long continued and unexplained absence. The nett increase is thus 10, and the total number at the present time after the strictest revision is 396.

During the year 39 entries were made in the Church Register, 9 of which were marriages, 13 baptisms, and 17 deaths. Of the recorded deaths 4 were infants, 5 were members of other churches, and the remainder were within our congregation.

The following are their names:—

GEORGE FAIRLEY COOKE.
 JAMES MANSON WHINTON.
 MARGARET KERR.
 BELLA RUTHERFORD.
 ARCHIBALD SWAN.
 SAMUEL KERR.
 JESSIE MANSON MCKAY.
 ELIZABETH BISHOP.
 MARY MCKENZIE.
 FLORENCE WELSTEAD SNOWDON.
 GEORGE BROWNE.
 HARRY MAGOWN.

This long list speaks solemnly to us who are left, bidding us "work while it is day, because the night cometh when no man can work." Among the names of those who have entered into rest is that of Archibald Swan, one of our most active elders, a singularly conscientious and upright man, whose words of friendly encouragement and faithful remonstrance will long be remembered.

This decrease in the number of Elders, the membership of the Church meanwhile steadily increasing, will necessitate very soon a considerable addition to the Session, if the work of the congregation is to be efficiently sustained.

In conclusion, the Session recognizes thankfully the hand of God upon this congregation for good, shielding us completely from the "noisome pestilence that walketh in darkness"; guiding and blessing us in all our labours—in Sabbath School, Bible Class, Temperance, Dorcas, Missionary and other religious and benevolent work.

Forward therefore into the duties of another year we will go "in the strength of the Lord God," not afraid to spend and be spent in the service of our Blessed Master, always remembering this word "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

ANNUAL MEETING.

Montreal, 20th January, 1886.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held this evening, and was largely attended. The Pastor, Rev. J. Fleck, occupied the chair.

After devotional exercises, the meeting was declared open for business, the chairman requesting the secretary to the Board of Management to act as clerk.

The minutes of last annual meeting were taken as read.

The secretary then read the annual report of the Board of Management, also the Treasurer's statement, which, after some discussion, were received, adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated in the usual way.

On motion, it was resolved that the new Board of Management be requested to give their first attention towards securing improved ventilation in the church.

The report of the Missionary Committee was then read, and on motion, received, adopted, and ordered to be printed with the annual reports.

The Financial Secretary then stated that an envelope had been placed in his hands by a prominent member, to be opened after the reading of the Missionary Committee report. It contained \$100.00 for the Mackay mission in Formosa. The announcement was received with applause.

Some discussion then took place regarding the mode of contributing to the Augmentation scheme, and on motion it was resolved, that the matter be referred to the Missionary Committee with instructions to issue a circular setting forth the scheme, which, with envelopes for contributions, are to be distributed among the members and adherents.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting as follows :—

President,—W. D. McLAREN, re-elected.

Treasurer—H. B. PICKEN, JR. “

Secretary,—JNO. BAILLIE.

Members of Board—A. W. STEVENSON, WALTER PAUL, and ROBT. HENDERSON.

Auditors—JNO. MCD. HAINS and WM. CAIRNS.

The chairman then made the annual statement on behalf of the Session, touching the spiritual condition of the congregation. It will be found on page five.

The members of the Missionary Committee were then elected as follows, viz :—

Messrs. A. C. CLARK, D. AIKMAN, JOHN McDUGALL, WALTER PAUL, A. W. STEVENSON, W. D. McLAREN, A. R. WIGHTMAN, JNO. BAILLIE.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the benediction.

WM. CAIRNS, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX CHURCH,

for Year ending 31st December, 1885.

Your Board have pleasure in submitting to you the following report of their administration for the past year, and desire to express with grateful hearts their sense of the Divine goodness, which has been abundantly vouchsafed to us as a Congregation during that period.

The past year has been a most exceptional one, owing to the prevalence of a dread disease in our midst, which for a time demoralised business, and to a greater or less extent, affected pecuniarily or otherwise, all sections of our community, and no doubt we as a Congregation, indirectly at least, have felt its effect.

From the statement of the Treasurer shortly to be presented, you will be gratified to learn that financially we continue in a sound and healthy condition. The regular and incidental expenses have all been met, and the sum of \$1,193.80 applied to Missionary and Benevolent purposes. The receipts for the year shew an increase of \$91.95, and the disbursements also an increase of \$159.21, as compared with last.

The Weekly Offering system continues to work fairly satisfactory, and in this connection your Board desire to remind the Congregation,

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that the time is opportune for those who desire to augment their offerings, thus giving us the means of extending the cause of the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

By the liberality of some of our members, the Church has been handsomely carpeted, giving it a much more bright and cheerful appearance. The platform in front of the pulpit, has also been extended and the pulpit itself lowered, which is an improvement. The Church also has been thoroughly cleaned during the year. In the basement, the class-room has been partitioned off, making a new and comfortable Session room, which was much needed,—the Sabbath-School and Temperance Associations have undertaken to carpet it. Other minor matters of repairs and improvement have also had the attention of your Board during the year.

Enquiries have been made and estimates received regarding the procuring a new and suitable Organ for the Church, but after mature consideration it was deemed advisable to let the matter rest for the present.

The reports of the Sabbath-School and other Associations connected with the Church will shew that they have been carried on with vigor and success.

The members of your Board retiring this year are Messrs. Walter Paul, Robt. Henderson and A. W. Stevenson, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

In conclusion your Board desire gratefully to thank the Divine Father for His blessing and encouragement during the labors of the year now gone.

May the members of the Congregation go on, diligently and faithfully performing the duties devolving upon them, gathering strength as they go, reaching out a loving and helping hand to others, and drawing them into the fold of our blessed Lord and Redeemer, whom to know is everlasting life.

The whole respectfully submitted,

WM. CAIRNS,
Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

By receipts from Envelopes.....	4850.52
" receipts from Plate Collections.....	525.45
" Special Collections	80.00
" Subscriptions to Carpet fund.....	364.98
" Interest on Contingent account	15.00
" Special Subscription to French Evangelization	100.00
" Special Subscription to Formosa Mission	100.00
	6035.95

EXPENDITURE.

To Minister's stipend.....	2500.00
" Salaries.....	714.00
" Fuel 122; Gas 92.28; Water 38.....	252.28
" Printing and Stationery 45.55; Insurance 25.....	70.55
" C. Fyfe, carpenter, 42.85; J. Usherwood, painting &c., 95.25	138.10
" Repairs to Organ, Furnace, Plumbing, &c.....	45.80
" Church Cleaning, Carpet Beating &c.....	96.25
" Sundry Accounts, as per vouchers.....	118.59
" City Tax for Flagstones.....	121.60
" J. Baylis & Son for carpet.....	364.98
" Balance to Missionary and Benevolent objects.....	1613.80
	6035.95

Examined and found correct.

JOHN BALLIE, }
J. B. PICKER, } *Auditors.*

H. B. PICKER, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Contributions to Missionary and Benevolent Objects.

Sunday School Fund	\$200.00
Assembly Fund	15.00
Ministers' Widows, and Orphans Fund	25.00
Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund	25.00
Presbytery and Synod Fund	25.00
Montreal General Hospital	30.00
City Missions	150.00
Home Missions	100.00
Foreign Missions	100.00
Assembly College Fund	100.00
Manitoba Building Fund	100.00
French Evangelization	150.00
" " Special	100.00
Formosa Missions, Special	100.00
Montreal College	100.00
Assembly Augmentation Fund	158.80
Taylor Church	25.00
Students' Missionary Society	25.00
Lumbermen Mission	20.00
Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission	25.00
Missionary Record	40.00
	\$1613.80

Poor Fund Statement.

1885.	
Jan. 1. To balance on hand	\$46.59
" Collections	144.70
	\$191.29
By Subscription House of Refuge	\$25.00
" disbursed by Rev. J. Fleck	18.00
" " Jas. Paterson	5.00
" " Mr. McLaren	11.00
" " Mr. Paul	15.67
" Dorcas Society	35.00
" Board of Inmate Ladies' Benevolent Inst.	27.00
" Balance on hand	54.62
	\$191.29
Montreal,	W. D. McLAREN,
31st Dec., 1881.	<i>Treasurer.</i>

Contingent Fund.

To balance on hand	\$500.00
	E. & O. E.
Montreal 31st Dec., 1884.	H. B. PICKEN,
	<i>Treasurer.</i>

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Missionary Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, have now the pleasure of reporting that the sum of \$1193.80 has been placed at their disposal by the Board of Management, which, with \$100 of special contribution, makes the amount contributed for mission purposes fully equal to last year, and they now submit for the approval of the congregation the following allocations, viz :—

City Mission.....	\$150.00
Home ".....	100.00
Foreign ".....	100.00
Assembly College Fund.....	100.00
Manitoba College Building Fund.....	100.00
French Evangelization.....	150.00
" Special.....	100.00
Montreal College.....	100.00
Assembly Augmentation Fund.....	158.80
Taylor Church.....	25.00
Students' Missionary Society.....	25.00
Lumbermen's Mission.....	20.00
Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools.....	25.00
Missionary Record.....	40.00
In all.....	\$1193.80

The Committee would recommend that means be adopted to place the claims of the General Assembly's Augmentation scheme before the congregation, and that the system of separate envelopes be adopted for a monthly contribution. The Committee, whilst viewing with complacency our efforts for the past year, would urge still larger liberality and more earnest prayer and sympathy for that work for which the Church was established.

A. C. CLARK,
Convener.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

KNOX CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

For Year 1885.

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

The attendance has been good, the numbers being as follows:—Teachers and officers on the roll 32; scholars and Bible-classes 235; total, 267. Average number present—teachers and officers 29; scholars and Bible-classes 171; total 200.

The school was closed during the months of July and August, as in previous years.

The Missionary collections although slightly in advance of last year do not come up to those of previous years.

The Library continues to be in good shape, supplying the scholars with good and instructive reading. A number of new books has been added to our collection during the year, and a number of old ones re-bound.

The annual Soiree held on Friday, February 13th, was very largely attended by the scholars and their friends, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The annual Picnic, held on Saturday, June 20th, at Otterburn Park, St. Hilaire, was a decided success. The weather was all that could be desired, and plenty of amusement was provided in the shape of boating, swings, games, &c., &c., and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

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

The prayer meetings at the close of the Sunday exercises have also been well maintained.

The Pastor's class for young men has been more largely and more regularly attended than in past years.

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

We have lost during the year the services of several teachers, most of whom, however, have been replaced.

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 year, and especially in protecting us during a time when our city was visited by a dread disease; we pray for increased wisdom and strength to enable us to go on successfully with the work He has assigned us.

The whole respectfully submitted.

THOMAS HENRY, *Secretary.*

At the annual meeting of the Association held January 5th, 1886, the following officers 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> .. ..	..	..	{ " J. J. MCGILL.
			" T. BAILLIE,
			" D. MURDOCH.
<i>Organist,</i> .. ..	..	..	MISS BROWN.
<i>Conductors of Singing,</i> .. ..	..	..	{ Mr. A. S. ROBERTSON.
			" H. B. PICKEN, JR.
<i>Representative Member,</i> .. ..	..	..	" JOHN McDUGALL.

KNOX CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DEC., 1885.

GENERAL FUND.

1885.	To Balance.....	\$ 3.26	
Jan. 1.	" Cash received from Church.....	200.00	
	" Sale of Picnic tickets.....	28.70	
	" Contributions from friends.....	5.40	
			<u>\$237.36</u>
1885.	By Soiree expenses.....	\$ 62.06	
	" Picnic expenses.....	88.10	
	" W. Drysdale's account.....	73.80	
	" D. Bentley's account.....	9.25	
	" Postage.....	3.62	
	" Balance.....	.53	
			<u>\$237.36</u>

LIBRARY FUND.

1885.	To Balance.....	\$ 8.31	
Jan. 31.	" Dividend on bank stock.....	16.00	
Dec. 31.	" " " " ".....	14.00	
			<u>\$38.31</u>
1885.	By E. Picken's account—books.....	\$18.52	
	" James Innes' account—binding.....	10.65	
	" Balance.....	9.14	
			<u>\$38.31</u>

MISSIONARY FUND.

1885.	To Plate collections.....	\$ 87.99	
	" Children's Missionary Association.....	145.55	
	" Interest.....	3.32	
			<u>\$236.86</u>
	" Bible Class collections.....	12.00	
			<u>\$248.86</u>
	By South Sea Island Missions.....	\$ 12.00	
	" Balance.....	236.86	
			<u>\$248.86</u>

THOMAS HENRY,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
KNOX CHURCH DORCAS SOCIETY.
For the Year 1885-86.

OFFICE-BEARERS:

President,	Mrs. LOCKE.	
Vice-President,	" FLECK.	
Treasurer,	" MCGILL.	
Secretary,	" PAUL.	

On account of alterations in the class-rooms, the usual weekly meetings of the Society were held at 748 Palace Street instead of in the Session room, as formerly. Throughout there was a good attendance.

Owing to the unusual amount of distress in our midst, applications for relief were numerous. In every instance this was afforded, in the form of clothing, not money. In this connection we would again remind the congregation that cast-off clothing will always be gladly received and distributed by the members.

Mount Royal Hospital, Russell Hall, Taylor Church, Nazareth Street Church, Pointe-aux-Trembles, and two poor families have received parcels of clothing.

Respectfully submitted.

M. LOCKE, *President.*
M. PAUL, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To Donations from Poor fund.....	\$25-00
" Voluntary contributions from the ladies of the Society	18.75
	<u>\$38.75</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By Paid Hodgson, Sumner & Co.....	\$21.25
" Advertising for hospital donations.....	1.50
" Cab hire .....	.50
" Books for poor children.....	2.50
" Cash due Mrs. Locke from last year.....	3.90
" Balance on hand	9.10
	<u>\$38.75</u>

JANE MCGILL, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
KNOX CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL
TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

In presenting this the eighth annual report of our Association, your committee desire gratefully to acknowledge God's goodness as again continued to them in this department of christian work ; at the same time they have to acknowledge that they have not accomplished as much as they expected, nor in fact done as much as they intended at the beginning of the year. They started with the intention of pressing the claims of the Association upon all, but especially upon the young people of our Church and S. S. who have not yet joined it. This was done in a degree, but not so much as it might have been.

The Association, as in the previous year, opposed the granting of a license to the "Oxford" saloon, but failed to prevent the granting of this license, not having complied with certain legal requirements, which we only found out when too late to take the proper action ; however we intend to take more effective measures next year.

The work of collecting from members of the W. C. T. U. in our congregation was again done, as in former years, by two ladies of the Association.

The public meetings and entertainments of the Association were held monthly during the winter season, and the attendance and interest were kept up during the entire season.

Your committee desire to record their warmest thanks to the several clergymen and the many ladies and gentlemen who so willingly and so ably assisted in making these meetings a success.

An opportunity was afforded at every meeting to take the pledge, of which a number availed themselves during the year.

This temperance work is a great work, and under the deep

conviction of its increasing importance as a means of protecting our young people from the many temptations with which they are surrounded, your committee desire, in concluding, very earnestly to press it upon the attention of our whole congregation in the hope that they may be made willing to help on the good work, and especially to rescue the perishing, and to care for those who are in danger of being drawn into this dreadful vice.

The whole respectfully submitted.

THOMAS HENRY,
Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1884-85.

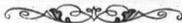
To collections, Nov. 7th and April 24th. \$25.94

DISBURSEMENTS.

By advertising.....	\$19.46
" Tuning piano	1.25
" Postage.....	.23
" Balance.....	5.00
	<u>\$25.94</u>

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HENRY, *Treasurer.*

**RECAPITULATION.**

For Congregational purposes	..	..	..	\$4,422.15
Sundry Missionary and Benevolent objects, as per list				1,613.80
Contributed by Sabbath School	..	..	..	248.86
Other Benevolent and Religious objects	..	..	..	<u>208.56</u>
Total payments for all purposes	..	..	..	\$6,493.37

