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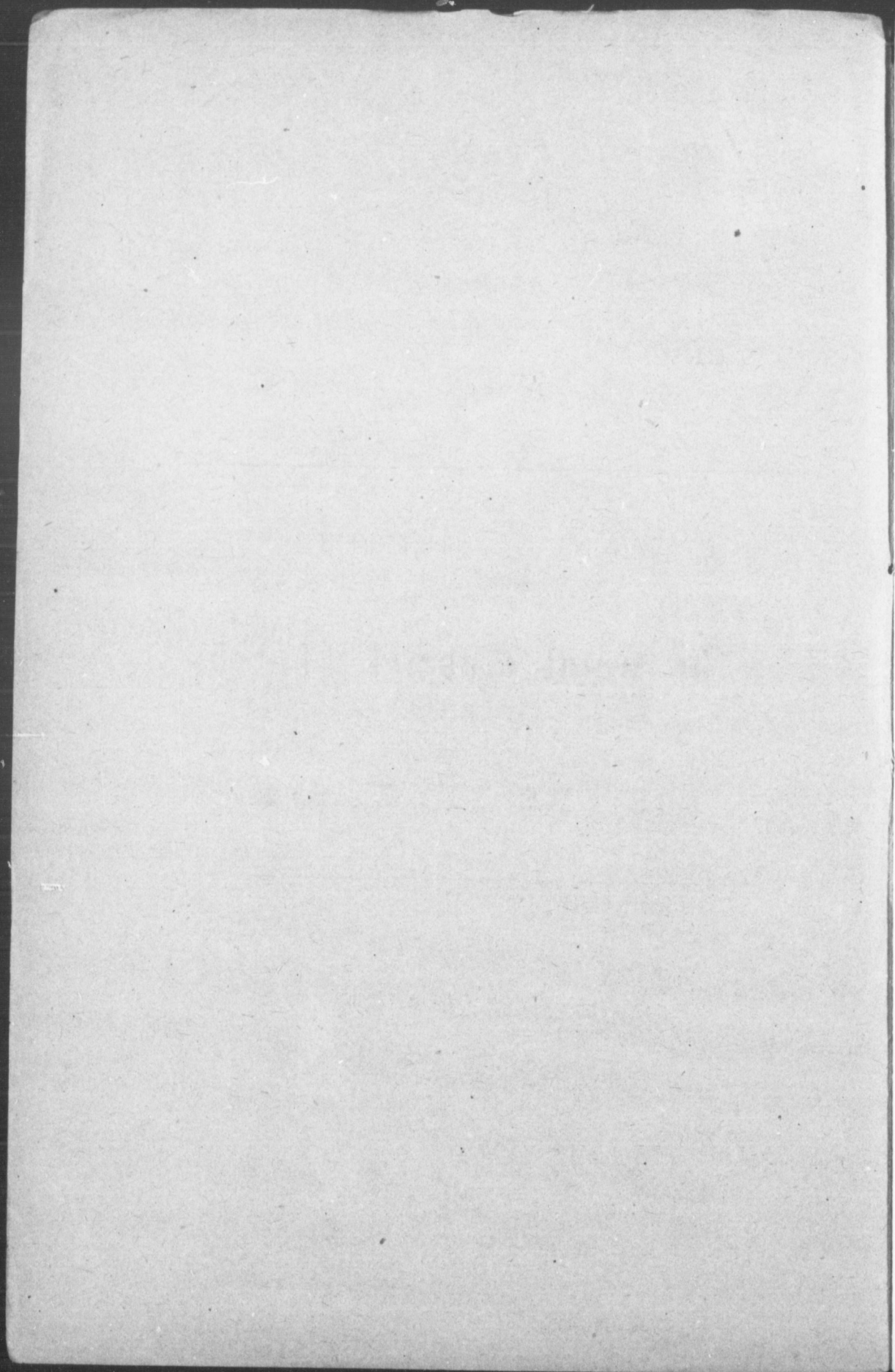
ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Saint Gabriel Church

MONTREAL,

FOR THE YEAR 1874.



The Saint Gabriel Church, MONTREAL.

(ST. GABRIEL STREET, EAST END OF ST. JAMES STREET.)

MINISTER:

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, M.A.

(Inducted, 13th December, 1866.)

Residence,—291 ST. CHARLES BORROMEE STREET.

ELDERS:

<i>Date of appointment.</i>		<i>Date of appointment.</i>	
James Lillie	Sept. 13, 1868.	John A. Stuart	Nov. 19, 1871.
William Patton	" "	Jas. H. Michaud	Feb. 21, 1875.
Robert Brodie	Nov. 19, 1871.	David Tait	" "
William Hood	" "		

Clerk of Kirk-Session,—David Tait.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Alexander Bertram,	Geo. J. Lynch,
Alexander R. Brown,	P. M. MacTavish.
William Darling,	William Patton,
James Duncan,	William Reed,
William L. Haldimand,	James Robertson,
William Hood,	David Sleeth.

Chairman,—W. Darling, 30 St. Sulpice Street.

Secretary,—W. Reed, 309 Commissioners Street.

Treasurer,—William L. Haldimand, 253 St. Paul Street.

Auditors,—D. Tait and Thos. Watson.

The Board of Trustees meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Church Officer,—DAVID BICKERSTAFF, 48 St. Henry Street.

The Congregation is divided into SEVEN DISTRICTS, each of which is assigned to an Elder. It is his duty to visit the families in his District, to note changes of residence, and to inform the Minister and Session of special cases of sickness or poverty.

DISTRICT NO. I.—James Lillie, *Hochelaga*.

From Papineau Road and Papineau Square, East and North, including Longueuil.

DISTRICT NO. II.—John A. Stuart, *107 Amherst Street*.

From Papineau Road and Square, West to Campeau Street, including the latter.

DISTRICT NO. III.—William Hood, *88 St. Hubert Street*.

From Campeau Street to Gosford and Elizabeth Streets, the latter excluded.

DISTRICT NO. IV.—J. H. Michaud, *98 Fortier Street*.

From Elizabeth Street included, to Bleury Street excluded, and from Dorchester Street excluded, northwards.

DISTRICT NO. V.—David Tait,

From Elizabeth Street included, to Bleury Street excluded, and from Craig Street to Dorchester Street, both included.

DISTRICT NO. VI.—Robert Brodie, *2 Bleury Street*.

From Bleury Street included westwards, and from St. Antoine Street included, northwards.

DISTRICT NO. VII.—William Patton, *158 Wellington Street*.

From Gosford Street westwards, and southward of Craig and St. Antoine Streets, both excluded.

The Kirk-Session holds monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7 o'clock p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Lord's Day—at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Weekly Lecture—on Wednesday Evening at 7:45 o'clock.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

Meet every Lord's Day at 3 p.m.

Superintendent,—Rev. R. Campbell, M.A.

Assistant Superintendent,—Mr. K. McFee, B.A.

Secretary,—Mr. John MacBeth Taylor.

Treasurer,—Mr. Robert Stewart.

Librarian,—Mr. William Sleeth.

Assistant Librarians,—Messrs. Alex. McCubbin, Robert Hood and Peter Turner.

Representative to S. S. Association,—Mr. J. A. Stuart.

Teachers,—Misses Bertram, Brown, Cunningham, Macqueen, McNaughton, E. McNaughton, Taylor and Thom; Messrs. Cliff, Lang, McFee, MacTavish, Stuart and Wilson.

Teacher of Bible Class,—Mr. David Tait.

THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets every Tuesday Evening, during the winter months, at Eight o'clock.

Honorary President,—Rev. R. Campbell, M. A.

President,—Mr. William Wilton.

Vice-President,—Mr. P. M. MacTavish.

Secretary,—Mr. R. Stewart.

Treasurer,—Mr. W. Rattray.

Committee,—Messrs. K. McFee, B.A., W. Patton, jr., and David Reid.

DORCAS SOCIETY.

Directress,—Mrs. Campbell.

Treasurer,—Mrs. Haldimand.

Secretary,—Miss Darling.

Committee,—Mrs. Aird, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. D. Hood and Mrs. MacTavish.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

President, Rev. R. Campbell ; *Vice-Presidents*, W. Ewing and W. Hood ; *Treasurer*, W. O. McRobie ; *Secretary*, T. Watson ; *Auditors*, D. Sleeth, jr. and R. Stewart ; *Committee*, Messrs. Bertram, J. Cunningham, Darling, Duncan, Haldimand, Lillie, Michaud, Patton, Reed, Robertson, Sleeth and Stuart.

Collectors, District No. 1, Misses Bennet and McNaughton ; No. 2, Misses McNaughton and Taylor ; No. 3, Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Batchelor ; No. 4, Mrs. Hodge and Miss Macqueen ; No. 5, Misses M. Patton and Thom ; No. 6, Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. McCulloch.

The Synod has appointed public collections to be made in all Churches during the year for the following objects :

(1) The object of the Sustentation Fund is to provide a supplement of at least \$200 per annum to each Minister, in the active service of the Church, who is not in the receipt of an annual allowance or grant from the Temporalities Board. The yearly amount required to meet the claims on this fund is about \$10,000 ; and, by appointment of the Synod, the collections for it are taken up *half-yearly*—on the first Sabbath of March and September.

(2) The collection for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund is made on the 1st Sabbath of January in each year. The number of annuitants is 38, and of Children 53 ; the amount paid to whom in 1874 was \$5428. Each Minister of the Church at his ordination comes under an agreement to contribute \$12 annually to this Fund.

(3) The French Mission Fund contemplates the supply of religious instruction for those of our countrymen—speaking the French language—to whom our influence may extend. Mr. Tanner officiates in St. John's Church in the French language every Sunday.

(4) The Scholarship and Bursary Fund is for the assistance and encouragement of deserving students, having the ministry in view.

(5) The Rev. T. Hart, M.A. was sent in 1872 as missionary to Manitoba. He is at present both preaching every Lord's day and teaching in the Presbyterian College during the week. This Manitoba Mission is now commended to the liberality of our people.

*To the Members and Adherents of St. Gabriel
Church :*

DEAR FRIENDS,

I gladly avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the publication of the Annual Report of the Congregation to say a few words to you, in the way of direct address. The past year has been one in which many Pastors have had their hearts gladdened. Every old-country newspaper is full of details of the revival of the work of God amongst our kinsmen and friends over the sea. We have been hoping, watching and praying for a few drops of the passing shower of grace. Let us not grow weary in our watching. It is the expecting soul that shall at last be satisfied. I propose, once the hurry of the winter's special undertakings is over, to institute a series of cottage meetings, in different parts of the Congregation, in which I shall invite our young earnest members to take part, in the hope of awakening a more earnest attention to Divine things in the hearts of all our people. Let me also bespeak a deeper interest in our Wednesday evening meetings, and a larger attendance at them. Even a dozen earnest spirits, that have confidence in their Father's grace and love, and that believe in the undoubted efficacy of prayer, may make that meeting a great power. For my part, so long as I find the *two* or *three*, who with me can literally claim the Father's promise, present, I shall continue to esteem this meeting a precious privilege.

At the same time, every one knows the magnetic power of numbers, and I desire that you all should feel that you have it greatly in your power, to add to the influence and enthusiasm of our services, on both Sabbaths and week days, by making it a matter of conscience to be present, when possible. We cannot

estimate fully our strength as a Congregation, when we so rarely see our pews filled, although they are all taken.

The year 1874 was one of average prosperity to us as a Congregation. Twelve new families have become identified with us, while five have been removed by death or otherwise. The total number of families now connected with us more or less remotely is 184. There have been 56 new names added to the communion roll; but 22 have been taken off it, leaving an aggregate gain of 34. The purged roll now shows 340 *bonâ fide* names. The baptisms numbered 31, the marriages 12, and the burials 24, 11 being strangers. The completion of the school-room has added greatly to our comfort, and has enabled us to make the Sunday School more efficient, at the same time that it is a saving to the furniture of the Church, and to your property in it, that the children do not meet in the main edifice. In consequence of the enhanced comfort of the place of meeting, our Young Men's Association has entered upon a new era of prosperity. The same is true of the Missionary Association, and I commend it to your continued liberal support. The Dorcas Society is able as usual to meet the necessities of the poor amongst us. So that altogether we ought to be able to enter into the spirit of Samuel, and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Ever your faithful friend and Pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION,
*In accordance with Article 2 of the Rules and Regulations
of St. Gabriel Church.*

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Gabriel Church was held in the Church on the evening of Wednesday the 13th January, 1875.

On motion, Mr. W. Ewing, sen., was called on to preside, and Mr. P. M. MacTavish requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting was opened by praise and prayer by the Rev. R. Campbell.

The minutes of the last annual Congregational meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read the report of the Trustees for the past year; also the Treasurer's statement of Receipts and Disbursements, duly audited.

It was then moved by Mr. J. H. Michaud and seconded by Mr. S. Kerr: "That the Report now read be received and adopted; and, together with the Reports of the other organizations of the Church, and the Financial Statement, be printed for the information of the Congregation."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. J. A. Stuart, and seconded by Mr. T. Watson: "That a vote of thanks be now tendered to Mr. Haldimand for the Financial Statement he has prepared for this meeting; and the great service he has rendered the Church while acting as Treasurer."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robert Stewart, and seconded by Mr. D. Strachan: "That Messrs. Jas. Robertson, Alexander R. Brown, George Lynch and P. M. MacTavish, be the four Trustees elected at this time in accordance with Article 3 of the Rules and Regulations of this Church."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Sleeth: "That Messrs. Thomas Watson and David Tait be elected Auditors for the ensuing year."—Carried.

Moved by Rev. R. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. R. McCulloch: "That a vote of thanks is due and is now tendered to the Members of the Choir for their services in aiding the Psalmody of the Church during the past year."—Carried.

The Annual Congregational Soiree was held in the Church this evening also; refreshments being served in the School Room before the meeting was opened.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. R. Campbell, Rev. C. A. Doudiet and Mr. Croil.

The Choir sang several pieces appropriate to the occasion, for which the audience evinced their appreciation by repeated encores.

Rev. R. Campbell sang a solo which was duly appreciated by the audience.

Moved by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Stewart: "That a cordial vote of thanks is due and is now tendered to the Choir for furnishing the music this evening."—Carried.

On motion of Rev. R. Campbell, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Ladies who provided the refreshments on this occasion.

Mr. Ewing was requested to leave the chair, and Mr. Darling was called thereto. On motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Reed, a vote of thanks for presiding this evening was tendered to Mr. Ewing, which was duly acknowledged.

The evening's proceedings were closed by praise, and the benediction by Rev. R. Campbell.

W. EWING, *Chairman.*

P. M. MAC TAVISH, *Secretary.*

Eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of St. Gabriel Church.

As in accordance with the Bules and Regulations, " at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the proceedings of the Trustees for the past year, together with the accounts of revenue and expenditure, duly audited, shall be submitted for inspection, and approved or disallowed as shall seem proper," the following Report has been prepared for your consideration.

The financial statement of the Treasurer, to be presently laid before you, shows a slight increase in the aggregate of revenue from all sources as compared with the previous year.

The total receipts being.....	\$2778.34.
" " Expenditure.....	2692.86.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 31st Dec... \$85.48.

The Trustees are much pleased to notice the increase of members of the Church, and that the finances are improving; at the same time they have to state that at present there are arrears of seat rents due to the Treasurer, amounting to \$467.00. Had this sum been paid, it would have been employed for the general benefit of the Church, and it would not have been necessary to that extent to use revenue obtained from the sale of the manse property for general purposes.

The pews are let, payable in advance, at a low rate compared with the rate of pew rents in other churches; and as there is an increasing demand for sittings in this church, the Trustees consider it advisable to state that unless all arrears of seat rents are paid by the present holders by the 1st March next, the Treasurer will have power to lease such pews in arrears, to applicants after that date.

The Corporation of Montreal still continue to make a claim for a large sum (about \$1400), against the church for the opening up of St. James street. It was and still is under consideration whether the strip of land on the side of the church and St. James street, and included in the church property, would be

required by the Corporation. If needed by the City, the value of this piece of land would cover the amount demanded.

There has, however, been hitherto a doubt as to whether the Corporation have any legal claim against the Church or other properties in St. James street, as it is understood there has been some informality in the proceedings, in making the expropriation. In order to arrange the matter the Trustees proposed to transfer the piece of land for the sum claimed by the Corporation, with the provision that if the claim of the Corporation could not be collected from the other proprietors, that the price at which the land was transferred should be paid to the Trustees of the Church.

The Corporation intimated to the Trustees that the City required a strip of land on the front of the Church to amend the street line, and in consequence of this there was great delay in erecting the fence. The Trustees finding, however, that the City did not proceed to expropriate the land, determined at last to complete the fence on the original plan.

Should the Corporation now expropriate the land, the expense of taking down and replacing the fence will fall upon the City.

The improvements in the Church, and the building of a School House cost a larger sum than the amount the Trustees were authorised to borrow under mortgage; the deficiency was about \$600, and an appeal was made to the Congregation for a special collection to this extent.

A number of the Congregation have been waited upon, and so far the subscriptions have been liberal. The Trustees understand that the gentlemen who so cheerfully undertook to call on the Congregation for subscriptions will soon wait upon those adherents of the Church who have not been called upon. The Trustees beg to acknowledge the obligation they are under to the gentlemen who have so kindly undertaken this work.

The Trustees have taken into consideration the amount of stipend received by the Pastor of this Church, compared with many other churches in the City, and have resolved to increase the stipend to the extent of \$200 per annum.

To Messrs. Brown, Hood, Bertram, and Patton, who formed the Committee for the improvements on the Church and the

building of the School House, the Congregation is much indebted.

Mr. Bertram has especially interested himself in this matter.

The retiring Trustees at this time are James Robertson, Alex. R. Brown, David Strachan, E. S. Kemp, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM DARLING, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM REED, *Secretary.*

To the Trustees of St. Gabriel Church, Montreal.

GENTLEMEN,—Having been delegated by you for the purpose of collecting subscriptions to defray the extra expenditure on the Sunday School building and railing in the front of the Church, we would take the opportunity of the present meeting, through you, to thank those on whom we have called for the kind and cordial manner they have responded to our request. It has encouraged us to prosecute this duty with pleasure, for we have received a welcome from mostly every one and been liberally met, as the details of our list when completed will show. Not having had an opportunity to call on all the members up to this time, it is our intention to continue the work to its completion, trusting that those on whom we have yet to call will not be offended because they were not earlier applied to. In conclusion, we hope the same liberal feeling will long continue to be one of the traits of the members and adherents of St. Gabriel Church, and allow no debts to accumulate; but let our motto be, "Owe no man any thing, but Love one another."

We remain with respect, yours truly,

W. O. McROBIE.

* GEO. J. LYNCH.

Dr. The SAINT GABRIEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in account with W. L. HALDIMAND, Treasurer, *Cr.*
for Year ending 31st December, 1874.

<p>1874—Dec. 31. To paid Ministers' Stipend \$1600.00 " Church Officers' Salary 120.00 " Precentor's Salary 160.00 " Presbytery Expenses 6.00 " Synod " 43.33 " Session " 38.00 " Interest to Widows' and Orphans' Fund .. 132.51 " Insurance 18.75 " Special collections 308.73 " Gas accounts 78.76 " Printing Report and Communion Cards .. 29.50 " John Dougall & Son 10.00 " Fuel accounts for wood and coal 92.07 " Ground rent 0.50 " Sundry expenses, as per receipts 48.71 Balance in hands of Treasurer 85.48</p> <hr/> <p>\$2778.34</p>	<p>1874—Jan. 1. By Balance in hands of Treasurer \$48.55 " Amount received for Pew Rents 1458.00 " Ordinary Collections 550.06 " Interest from J. H. Mooney to 1st Novr. 413.00 " Special Collections, viz : For Repairs \$88.50 Manitobah Mission 53.92 Sustentation Fund 58.66 Presbytery Home Mission Fund 55.40 Ministers' Widows' & Orphans' Fund. 52.25</p> <hr/> <p>308.73</p>
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1875.
Jan. 1. By balance in hands of Treasurer \$85.43.

Found correct, { THOS WATSON, Auditor.
D. TAIT, Auditor.

E. & O. E. Montreal, January 11th, 1875.

Dr. W. O. McROBIE in account with the MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION of ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, *Cr.*
for the year ending 30th September, 1874.

(Abstract.)

To collected by Misses Bennet and Thom.....	\$60.35	By paid Sustentation Fund.....	\$142.39
" " " McNaughton and Taylor.....	29.34	" " " Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	25.00
" " " Miss Bowie and Mrs. McNiece.....	71.60	" " " Manitobah Mission Fund.....	11.08
" " " Misses Hood and Macqueen.....	34.05	" " " Bursary Fund.....	7.88
" " " " Casler and Cunningham.....	31.40	" " " Balance.....	199.97
" " " Mrs. D. Hood and Mrs. Brown.....	41.95		
" Donations, per A. B. S.....	30.00		
" Balance from last year.....	87.33		
	<u>\$386.02</u>		<u>\$386.02</u>

Dr. ST. GABRIEL SABBATH SCHOOL in account with R. STEWART. *Cr.*

To balance from 1873.....	\$52.97	By paid Orphan "Maggie Campbell,".....	\$22.00
" Mission collections.....	44.17	" " " Bible for do.....	2.00
" Proceeds Picnic.....	47.25	" " " Expenses of Picnic.....	36.42
		" " " Mitchell & Wilson's account.....	16.00
		" " " Maps and Cards.....	9.00
		" " " Balance on hand.....	58.97
	<u>\$144.39</u>		<u>\$144.39</u>

Extract from Report of S. School Secretary: "Number of books in the Library is 425; average delivery 62 volumes. Number of Scholars on the roll during the year, 147; average attendance, 83. The smallness of the average may be accounted for from the school being kept open during the warm weather."

Dr. DORCAS SOCIETY, ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, in acct. *Cr.*
with M. A. HALDIMAND, Treasurer.

1873.		1873-74.	
Oct. 7. To cash on hand ..	\$32.03	By aid to the poor.....	\$60.36
" 16. " collections.....	69.95	1875. Jan. 4. Cash on hand	41.62
	<u>\$101.98</u>		<u>\$101.98</u>

PEW RENTS.

The scale of Rents will be as follows, payable quarterly in advance;

IN BODY OF CHURCH:

<i>Pew Nos.</i>	<i>Pews.</i>	<i>Rental.</i>	<i>Revenue.</i>
87-94 ; 101-108 ; 71-98 ; 57-64...	32	\$20	\$640
83-86 ; 109-112 ; 79-82 ; 53-56...	16	10	160
98, 100, 70, 65, 67	5	10	50
36, 127	2	20	40
128, 129 ; 33-35	5	10	50

SIDE SITTINGS:

37-51 ; 114-126.....	28	10	280
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GALLERY:

4, 7, 8, 23, 24, 27.....	6	20	120
11, 20, 3, 28.....	4	15	60
12, 19.....	2	25	50
<i>Remainder of Gallery, available, say.....</i>	13	10	130
	<u>113</u>		<u>\$1580</u>

Single sittings to be arranged for with the Treasurer.

