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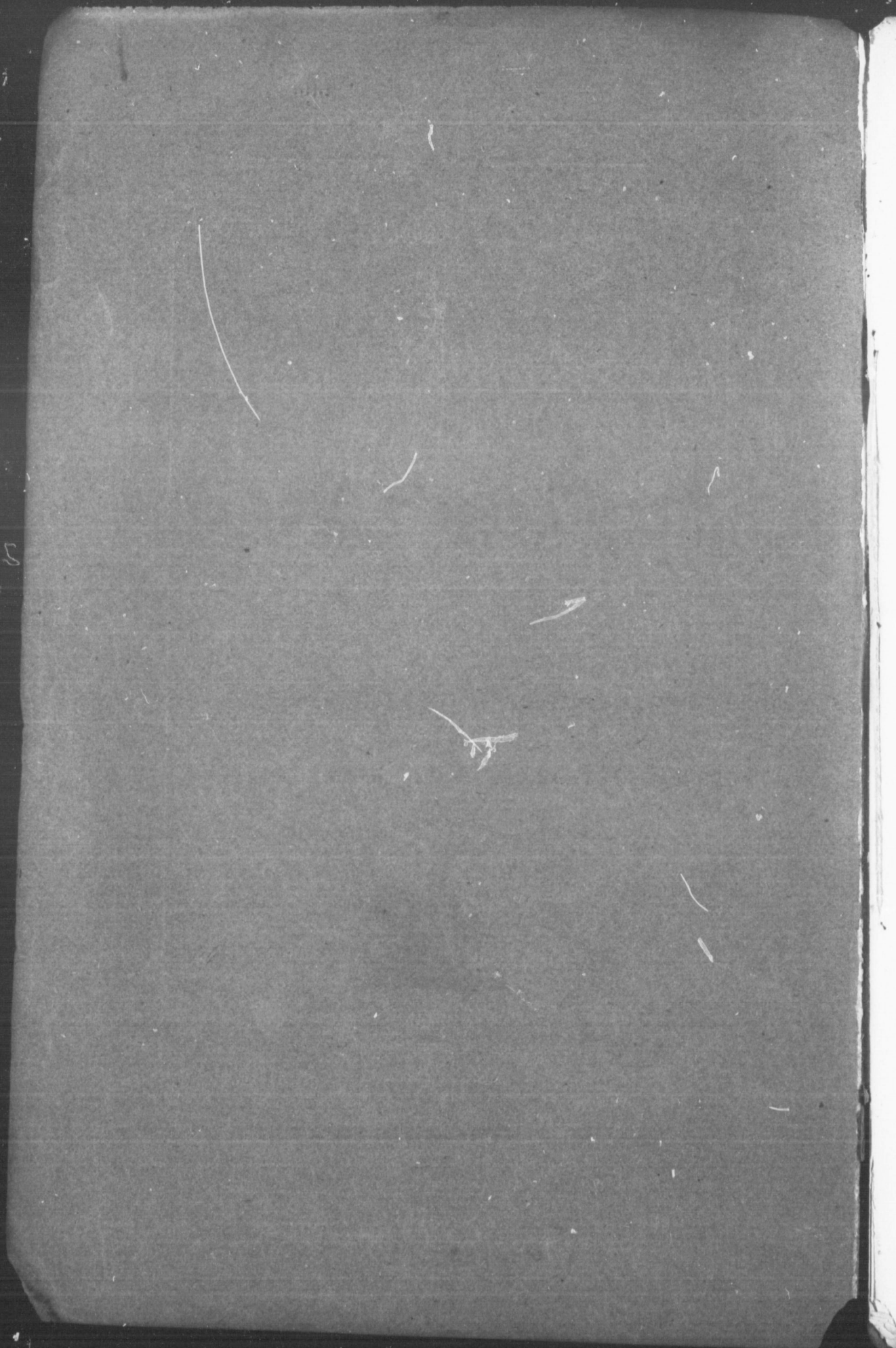
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REPORT

*Of the Committee of Management of St. George's Society of the City of
Ottawa, for the Year Ending April 1st, 1873.*

To JOHN SWEETLAND, Esq., M.D.,

President of the Corporation of the St. George's Society, Ottawa.

SIR,

It is well if after the heat and burden of the day the laborer, in the quiet enjoyment of rest, can look back with satisfaction on the labor in which he has been engaged, and with patience and faith await the time when an abundant harvest shall amply reward the labors and anxieties of seed time. So with the man endowed with feelings of tenderness and Christian regard for his less fortunate fellow-creatures: he enters willingly into the field of poverty and distress, and with soothing words and gentle attentions, prepares the soil to receive the seeds of his benevolence, hopefully abiding the time when the ripe and golden grain (in the form of hearts made glad that erewhile knew but sorrow, the conversion of cheerless and miserable homes into pleasant and happy abodes, and the amelioration of the sufferings of the sick and otherwise afflicted members of the human family shall bless his endeavors and render him far happier than he was, from the consciousness that, under God's providence, he has been instrumental in effecting much good, and averting a proportionate amount of evil.

The record which your Committee submits this evening for the consideration of their fellow members will, it is to be hoped, prove that the seed entrusted to their sowing has not been carelessly distributed on unproductive soil, but that it has been sown with discretion, and has yielded a grateful return.

Your Committee refer with great pleasure to the occasion of the last celebration of the Anniversary of St. George. The weather was unusually fine, and encouraged the members of the Society to assemble in full force, to give effect to a demonstration calculated to revive the glorious traditions of that land—

“The first on the glorious scroll of fame,”

from which they sprung, and in defence of whose honor they would be found prepared to suffer should their services at any time be required.

As usual, a procession, numbering about 250 members and their friends was formed, and preceded by the Union Band, marched from

Salmon's Hotel, by way of York, Cumberland, and Rideau Streets, to the Bishop's Chapel, where a very eloquent sermon was delivered by the Chaplain to the Society, the Rev. H. Pollard, from the text—

“And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.”—*St. JOHN, XII, 36.*

The offertory amounted to \$31.36.

In the evening a grand Banquet was given at the Russell House, which was honored with the presence of many distinguished guests. The chair was taken at 9 o'clock, by the President of the Society, Jno. Sweetland, Esq. M. D., having on his right hand His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario, Hon. Dr. Tupper, President of the Council, Hon. Col. Gray, M. P., and E. McGillivray, Esq., President of the St. Andrew's Society; and on the left, Hon. Sir George E. Cartier, Minister of Militia and Defence, Hon. Peter Mitchell, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, J. M. Currier, Esq., M. P., Rev. Mr. Pollard and Mr. Sheriff Powell, President of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society. The vice chairs were occupied by D. S. Eastwood, Esq., and T. Starmer, Esq., Vice-Presidents of the Society. The society of St. Jean Baptiste was represented by its excellent President, E. P. Dorion, Esq.

A letter of apology from the Premier, Sir John Macdonald, was read expressing the regret he felt at not being able to be present on so auspicious an occasion.

Letters of apology were also read from Hon. Mr. Tilley, Hon. Alexr. Morris, Hon. Sir Francis Hincks, and a number of other gentlemen.

Greetings from Sister Societies of St. George, at the same time doing honor to the day in New York, Detroit, Toronto and Montreal, generously sent over the wires of the Montreal Telegraph Company free of charge, were received.

In accordance with the instructions embodied in a resolution adopted at the last Annual Meeting, invitations had been respectfully forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General, (Lord Lisgar) and his staff; to the Honorable Her Majesty's Ministers of the Dominion; to the respected Presidents of the Sister Societies, and to the representatives of the Press in this city.

Your Committee very much regret the unavoidable absence of many of those invited, thereby confining the exercise of the Society's hospitality to a rather limited sphere.

In acknowledging the receipt of the invitation forwarded to him, His Excellency was pleased to enclose a cheque for \$50, in aid of the General Fund of the Society; an act of generosity highly appreciated by every member thereof.

A further contribution of \$25, was received at the same time from Thomas Reynolds, Esq.

The gross receipts for, and on account of this successful celebration, amounted to \$438.36, and the disbursements to \$469.15, the deficiency, \$30.79, being supplied from the General Fund, as authorized by the resolution referred to.

On the 16th February, of last year, your committee's predecessors, participating in the general feeling of thankfulness to Almighty God for mercifully restoring to health the eldest son of our good and gracious Queen, considered it alike their privilege and duty to forward to His Royal Highness an earnest congratulatory address, (a copy of which will be found on page 7 of the last Annual Report, printed by order of the Society.) On the 2nd May last the following reply thereto was received :

[343 on 690.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
Ottawa, May 2nd, 1872.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit to you herewith a copy of a despatch No. 80, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the address to the Prince of Wales from the St. George's Society of Ottawa.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) E. PARENT, UNDER SECRETARY.

WM. MILLS, ESQ.,
Secretary St. George's Society, Ottawa.

"THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES TO THE GOV.-GENERAL,
Downing Street, April 10th, 1872.

[Canada, No. 80.]

"MY LORD,

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 34, of the 20th February, enclosing an address to the Prince of Wales, from the St. George's Society of Ottawa, congratulating His Royal Highness on his recovery.

"His Royal Highness requests that you will thank the President and members of the Society for their good wishes, and assure them that the kind expressions of warm regard for himself, and loyalty and attachment to the Throne, have given him much pleasure.

"I have, &c.,

"(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

"GOV.-GENERAL THE RIGHT HON. LORD LISGAR, G.C.B., G.C.M.G."

On the 27th of June last the Society had the pleasure of joining in the demonstration of hearty welcome accorded by all classes, creeds, and nationalities to the present Governor-General of the Dominion, on the occasion of his first visit to this the Capital of Canada. At the same time a delegation, composed of Dr. Sweetland, President of the Society; D. S. Eastwood 1st Vice-President, W. Mills, Secretary, and James Slocombe, Treasurer, waited upon his Excellency and presented him with an Address beautifully engrossed on parchment, of which the following is a copy:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT-HON. THE EARL OF DUFFERIN, K.P., K.C.B.,
Governor-General of Canada, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—The members of the Corporation of the St. George's Society of Ottawa, beg leave respectfully to congratulate you on your

safe arrival in Canada, and welcome you very heartily to the capital of the Dominion. Your Lordship's reputation has preceded you—the approbation of your Sovereign stamps it as sterling, and we view in the selection she has made, an increased assurance of the progress and prosperity of this part of the great empire which owns her wise and beneficent sway. As Englishmen, strongly attached to this land of their adoption, yet never forgetting the land of their birth, the members of the St. George's Society rejoice in this opportunity of renewing their declaration of loyalty to the throne—of affection to their Most Gracious Sovereign, and of their devotion to that Imperial connection under which Canada has grown and prospered, and they believe that the appointment of your Lordship to the office of Governor General of this Dominion will strengthen ties which, with them, unite the hopes of the future with the sacred memories of the past. They earnestly trust that your sojourn in the Dominion may, in an equal degree, be productive of happiness to your Excellency, and to Lady Dufferin, to whom they also offer with profound respect a warm and affectionate welcome.

J. SWEETLAND, M. D., *President.*
W. MILLS, *Secretary.*

City of Ottawa, June 27, 1872.

The Address was read, previous to its presentation, by the President of the Society, and was graciously received by His Lordship.

On the 2nd July the Society was honoured with a reply, a copy of which is as follows:—

To the members of the Corporation of the St. George's Society, Ottawa.

GENTLEMEN,—The thorough English welcome which you have accorded to me almost leads me to forget that I am separated by so many miles from the country which I have hitherto looked upon as home. Your attachment to the Throne, your devotion to the Imperial Government, and the completely English character of your social and political organizations have impressed themselves strongly on my mind, and I believe that these sentiments will exercise an important influence in consolidating the institutions of this rapidly growing country.

It will be my agreeable duty to assist in the fulfilment of the wish, so well expressed in your address, of strengthening the ties which unite the hopes of Canada with the sacred memories of England's past history.

I thank you for the warm and affectionate welcome which you have given to Lady Dufferin, and I can assure you that she looks forward to a residence in Canada with no ordinary feeling of pleasure.

At an adjourned Quarterly General Meeting held 11th July last, the following Resolution was adopted:—

“That in consideration of the many benefits Englishmen have received from the Protestant Hospital for years past the sum of One Hundred Dollars be granted from the funds of this Society for the purpose of constituting one of its members, as representative of the Society, a Life Director of the County of Carleton Protestant Hospital.”

Mr. Mills, the present Secretary of the Society, was elected by ballot to fill that honorable position.

Your Committee have next to invite the attention of their fellow members to an event which will be long remembered with pleasing satisfaction

by a large number of persons—they allude to the Excursion which took place on the 3rd September last to the beautiful gardens at McDonald's Point at the entrance to the far famed "Thousand Islands" on the River St. Lawrence. Contrary to the expectations of many, the affair proved very successful. Notwithstanding the gloomy state of the weather preparatory to starting, by the appointed time for so doing the railway cars chartered expressly for the occasion were well filled with an apparently happy company resolved to enjoy themselves consistently.

At Prescott considerable delay and disappointment was experienced consequent on the receipt of a telegram from G. M. Kinghorn, Esq., of Kingston, informing your Committee that the steamer "Watertown" which had been engaged by them, had met with an accident which would prevent his fulfilling the engagement entered into with your Committee. It was however very fortunate that, after about an hour's delay, they were enabled to procure another steamer which answered the purpose tolerably well, and from the time the Excursionists left Prescott until their return to Ottawa, not the slightest incident occurred calculated to mar the pleasures of the day. It need scarcely be said that all that could be done was done by Your Committee to ensure the comfort and happiness of all who were pleased to lend encouragement to their endeavors.

It is exceedingly gratifying to Your Committee to be in a position to state that notwithstanding the heavy expenses incurred, the nett proceeds accruing from this affair amounted to \$63; a sum which, in their opinion, would have been trebled had the Excursion taken place a month earlier than it did.

At the last Quarterly General Meeting held 7th January, the Secretary of this Society signified his wish to retire at the forthcoming annual Meeting from the office which he has held for twelve years. With every disposition to serve the Society and feeling as deep an interest in its welfare as ever he has thought proper to make this announcement.

Your Committee can well understand, how, that after so long a period of no ordinary labor connected with the Society, rendered cheerfully and gratuitously by that gentleman, he should have at length been led to express a wish to be relieved of his onerous duties.

It will be remembered that at the last Annual Meeting a Resolution was adopted authorizing Your Committee to procure a suitable banner. Through the kindness of Walter Chesterton, Esq., of this city, designs had been procured from England, none of which had however been approved of by Your Committee, the majority of whom being, while desirous of carrying out the wishes of the Society, opposed to the introduction of a banner such as the one suggested, believing that the Englishmen of Ottawa required no more glorious ensign to flutter in their public processions or to grace their festive halls, than

"The Flag that's braved a thousand years
The battle and the breeze,"

and the simple Red Cross banner of St. George.

It has been customary for a number of years past for this Society, to distribute at Christmas-tide a liberal supply of fuel and provisions of various kinds to indigent English families of good repute. To meet the expenses of such a distribution, (not contemplated or in any way provided for in the By-laws of the Society), it has been usual to appeal to the sympathies of the members and their friends in order to obtain the needful funds, and further to solicit contributions in kind or goods, year after year.

Your Committee did not consider themselves justified in making such an appeal last Christmas, for reasons which will be best explained by quoting a Resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Board of Management held on the 3rd of December last :—

“That this Committee entertaining as it does, a hope that the abundance of work of all kinds offered to industrious Englishmen and others in this city, during the past season, has been the means of enabling many of them to provide, to a considerable extent, against the rigors of winter, thus obviating the necessity of their applying this year to the Society for the usual Christmas bounty, hereby decides on dispensing with the annual entertainment in aid of the Christmas Special Fund, and will rely solely on the voluntary contributions of the members of the Society and their friends, to meet such deserving cases as may be presented to their (the Committee's) notice.”

It is with no ordinary feeling of gratitude, Your Committee acknowledge the receipt of the following among other donations in aid of the Christmas Special Fund, to wit:—From H. V. Noel, Esq., \$20; Thos. Reynolds, Esq., \$25. These gentlemen are Life Members of the Society and have repeatedly contributed, to a most generous extent, on similar occasions to the one now referred to.

Nor must the liberality of two other members of the Society, namely, that of Messrs Satchell Brothers, be forgotten; like the gentlemen whose names have just been mentioned, they do not require to be solicited, but whenever the glad season which proclaims

“Peace on earth, good will to all men”

approaches, their names are found among the first and most important contributors to the St. George's Special Fund.

It is right to mention that early in the month of December Messrs. Satchell Bros. voluntarily placed at the disposal of Your Committee in the event of a distribution taking place 300 lbs of meat. Happily they did not find it necessary to avail themselves of this generous offer beyond the extent of one-half, not the less however do they appreciate the charitable spirit which prompted the esteemed donors. Such men as those whose names have been mentioned reflect honor on the Society.

To a number of widows and others 13 loads of wood were supplied in addition to the quantity of meat referred to, the cost of the wood amounted to \$43.82 and the contributions to \$49; a sum more than ample to defray this particular expense, by \$5.18.

Since the last Annual Meeting, Death has been busy in the ranks of the Society, no less than five of its members having been removed from the sublunary sphere to enter upon, it is to be hoped, a more exalted and far happier state of existence. The names of the departed are Jonathan Beardwood; William Letherland; John H. Bray; James Starmer and James Nash.

Such a solemn commentary on the uncertainty of life is indeed sufficient to arrest the attention and to engage the most serious thoughts of those who have been mercifully spared to sojourn yet a little while longer upon the face of the earth.

Your Committee are grieved to know, as will be the whole body of members to learn, that, at the present moment, another and one of the most indefatigable of their number, is lying dangerously ill and beyond all hope of recovery,—they refer to Mr. Henry Gough, a gentleman who has for years held office with the greatest credit to himself and advantage to the Society.

Your Committee would most respectfully suggest the revision of the By-laws. They think the present a proper time for making this suggestion, inasmuch as the Society will very soon require to have an additional number of copies printed. They would at the same time recommend that the names of all members in good standing at the date of revision be appended.

The number of applications entertained during the past year amount to 70, relieved to the extent of \$240.57—(this sum includes \$21, paid on account of two funerals.)

The Total Income of the Official year amounts to \$979.16—and the Expenditure for the same period to \$1,075.78, being \$96.62 in excess of the receipts and by so much reducing the balance, \$1.240, standing at the credit of the Society on the 3rd April last, but it must not be forgotten that this reduction in the funds has been created by the very laudable appropriation of \$100 to the Protestant Hospital for the purpose of constituting a Member of this Corporation a Life Director of that most excellent Institution, and the outlay of \$20 in the purchase of a bookcase for the use of the Secretary. This piece of furniture is of course the property of the Society. It will be readily seen that were these extraordinary appropriations deducted from the total expenditure, the Society would be found to be in a better position, financially, at the present time than it was at the date of Your Committee entering upon the discharge of their duties by \$23.38.

* The amount remaining at the Credit of the Society this day is \$1143.38. accounted for as follows —

Invested in Dominion Stock.....	\$900.00
Deposited in Savings Bank.....	154.91
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	88.47

Total.....\$1143.38

The number of Committee and other Meetings held during the year amount to twenty-two, and the transactions of the said Meetings as recorded in the Minute Book cover forty pages.

Fourteen new Members (one for life) have been elected since the last Annual Meeting—the number of Members remaining on the books approach a total of 250.

Your Committee trust they will not be ruled out of order in alluding to the unwearied and zealous attention which has been bestowed upon the Society by its present highly esteemed President. To advocate the interests and to support the dignity of this Corporation has been one of his principal aims, and for this Your Committee tender him their heartiest thanks.

Your Committee desire to express their sense of the obligations they are under, to his Lordship, the Bishop of Ontario, for the use of the Bishop's Chapel" on the occasion of the last Anniversary, as well as to the Members of the Choir belonging thereto—to Mr. James Salmon for ample accommodation afforded by him for the purposes of their meetings—to Mr. F. Champness for similar accommodation granted for the purposes of the Quarterly General Meetings—to Walter Chesterton, Esq., for his kindness in procuring designs for a banner—to the Montreal Telegraph Company (represented by Mr. Taylor) for the transmission of certain telegrams gratuitously, and last though not least, to the Press of this City for kindly publishing the transactions of the Society from time to time.

It now only remains for Your Committee to congratulate their brother members on the present prosperous state of the Society and to express a hope that its influence for good may under the Providence of God become more extended.

FOR THE COMMITTEE,

WILLIAM MILLS, *Secretary.*

Ottawa, April 1st, 1873.