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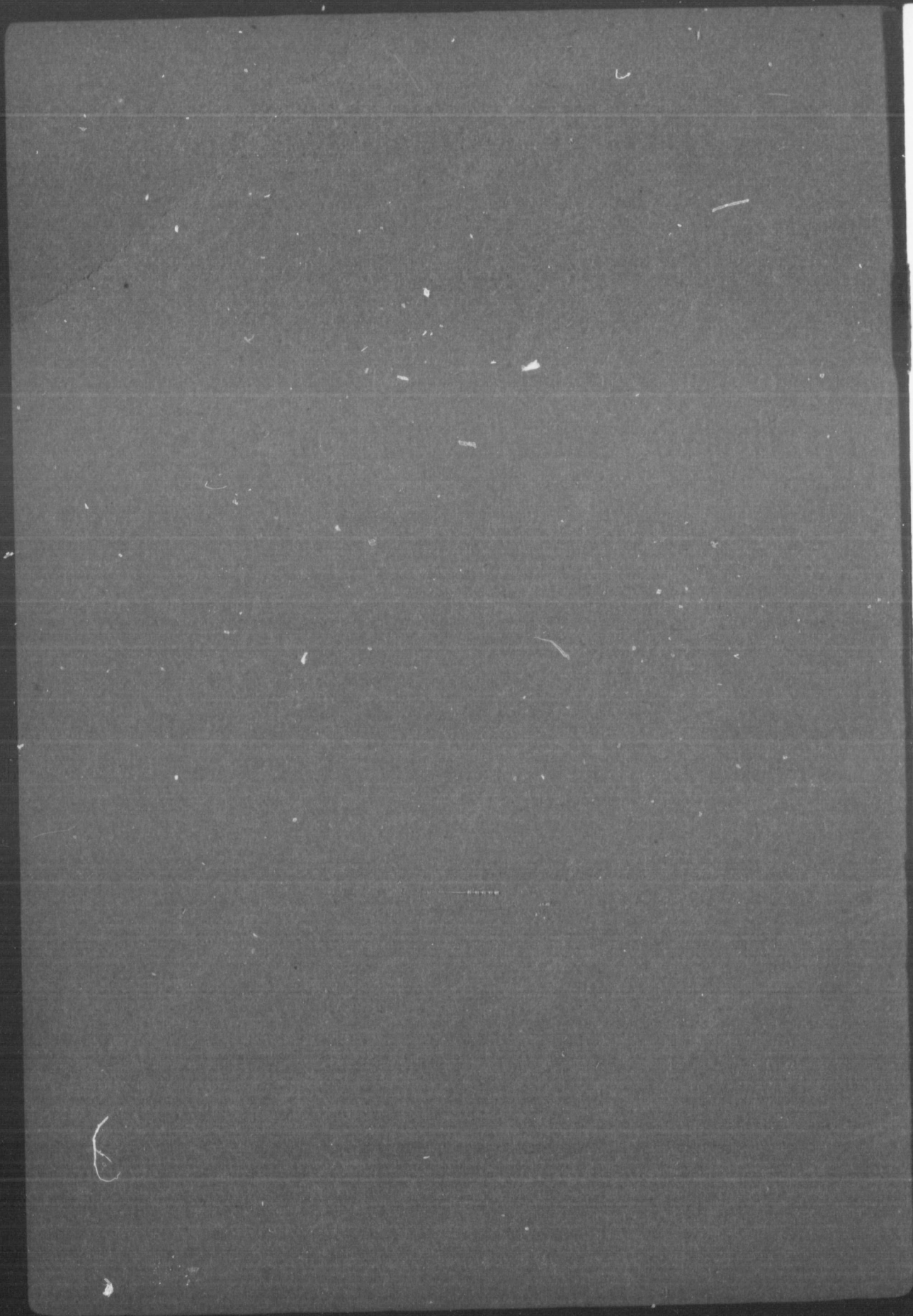
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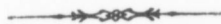
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RESOLUTIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Moved by the Rev. SEPTIMUS JONES.

We desire to record our thankfulness to Almighty God for His guidance and help during the past year, to which the Society gratefully ascribes its steadily increasing usefulness.

Moved by Rev. Mr. GILRAY.

That the reports of the various officers as presented, be adopted, and that the following officers be appointed for the year 1887.—*President*, Hon. S. H. Blake; *Vice-Presidents*, His Worship Mayor Howland, Hon. Edward Blake, Dr. Hodgins, John Hoskin, Q.C., John Macdonald, Esq., W. B. McMurrich, Esq., Sutherland Stayner, Esq., Clark Gamble, Esq., A. Farley, Esq.; *Treasurer*, A. M. Rosebrugh, M.D.; *Secretary*, Samuel E. Roberts, Esq.

Moved by Rev. Mr. STARR.

That this meeting desires to express its sincere approval of the earnest, active Christian character of the work conducted by the Society, having special reference to the various Sunday Schools conducted by the Association; and the meeting desires to express its thankfulness to the large number of teachers for so faithfully conducting this work every Sunday.

Moved by Rev. ELMORE HARRIS.

This meeting would reiterate its representation of last year, that it is not only subversive to proper prison management and discipline to confine lunatics in the common jail, but that it is matter of personal cruelty to these unfortunates, and as this abuse of the common jail has increased instead of having diminished during the past year, we trust that the remedy will be promptly applied by the Government.

OFFICERS.

President.

HON. S. H. BLAKE.

Vice-Presidents.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR HOWLAND,	JOHN MACDONALD, ESQ.
HON. EDWARD BLAKE,	W. B. McMURRICH, ESQ.
DR. HODGINS,	SUTHERLAND STAYNER, ESQ.
JOHN HOSKIN, Q.C.	CLARK GAMBLE, ESQ.

A. FARLEY, ESQ.

Treasurer.

A. M. ROSEBRUGH, M.D.

Secretary.

SAMUEL E. ROBERTS, ESQ.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRISONERS' AID
ASSOCIATION.

I beg to report that, in addition to the work covered by the reports of the different departments, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1886, the Association has assisted 693 discharged prisoners ; found employment for 146 ; given provisions to 46 families, and 73 articles of furniture ; paid rent for 18 ; distributed 210 articles of clothing and 78 tools ; paid railway fare to the homes, or to where employment could be obtained, for 34 ; given lodgings and food in the home on Bay St. to 311 ; and advanced the sum of \$455.98 in loans, of which \$325.40 have been repaid. In addition to the amount advanced as loans, the sum of \$142.50 has been expended by the Association, at the request of the Government, in aiding a prisoner who was disabled in the workshops at the Central Prison. We would call special attention to the practical and beneficial results of our system of loaning money as a method of assistance. A large number of those aided are doing well. We are happy to report that the benefit of our inside work in the prisons has this year become very marked, as shewn by the willingness of men to return to their own homes, and retrieve their characters there, instead of throwing themselves into different cities, as has been the case with so great a portion in former years.

We thank and praise God for the great blessing that has attended our work. Very many have been drawn from a life of sin to a happy trust in their loving Saviour.

Before closing this report, we wish thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of parcels of clothing, from Mr. W. N. Clarke, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. J. E. Coleman, A Friend, Mrs. Procter, Miss Wallace and Miss Watson, and Bibles from The Upper Canada Bible Society. We also desire to thank the committee of the Toronto Mission Union for the use of the Mission Hall for the Annual Meeting, and all the Officers of the Gaol, Central Prison, and Andrew Mercer Reformatory, for their kind assistance and hearty co-operation.

December 31st, 1886.

S. H. BLAKE,
President.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE JAIL S. S.

The work in connection with the Prisoners Aid Association in the Toronto Jail, has been well sustained during the year. The usual Sabbath morning service for each Sunday during the twelve months ending Dec. 31st was held, and the average number of prisoners in attendance was 40. We have much pleasure in testifying to the thoughtful attention the prisoners at all times give to the teachers during the session of the school, and that the work has not been without encouragement.

The average attendance of teachers was 10; and while at times the work has suffered from want of help, we have, on the whole, been well supplied with earnest Christian ladies and gentlemen, who have, with much self-denial, regularly attended and carried the Word to these perishing ones.

We cannot doubt but that the Master will honor faithful, earnest endeavor in His cause, and trust that the teachers will be sustained by the prayers and sympathy of the Christian public.

Respectfully submitted,

C. JOSELIN,

Superintendent of Jail S. S.

CENTRAL PRISON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Our work in the Central Prison Sunday School offers no new features from year to year for variety of report. It is, however, a reason for thankfulness that it continues with fresh vigour and regularity, and that each year it makes its usefulness felt by those in charge of the Institution.

As far as possible the work is carried on among the men after their discharge and we believe, with great measure of success, though, necessarily many of our scholars are lost track of by us after they leave the city.

The regular teaching staff continues at about 25, and during the winter months (when the inmates, too, are most numerous) we have an additional supply from the colleges of about 8.

In September last there was called to his rest Mr. John Manning, who for six years had faithfully laboured among us. The work in the Prison Hospital has been carried on as usual and with a great degree of satisfaction. On Christmas morning a very pleasant service was held at the Prison and after a powerful address from our President the men were gladdened with letters, cards, and scent-bags (with text-cards attached), which thoughtful friends of our work very kindly sent to us.

We again desire to thank the Warden and officers of the Prison for the kindly and encouraging sympathy extended by them to us in our work.

HAMILTON CASSELS,

Toronto, 15th Eebruary, 1887.

Superintendent

ANDREW MERCER REFORMATORY SUNDAY SCHOOL
SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The following is a record of the Sunday School work in this Institution from Oct. 1st, 1885, to Oct. 1st, 1886 :—Owing to the nature of the work, and the circumstances under which it is prosecuted, these records do not vary much from time to time ; but this year we report, with thanksgiving and praise to God, many evidences of His presence and blessing. This, we believe, is in answer to prayer. There has been more “ waiting upon God,” more continuous, earnest, united supplication ; more pressing of individual cases ; more of the faith that makes “ all things possible ; ” and, as a result, several of the teachers are rejoicing on account of conversions in their classes. There is a spirit of inquiry ; a reverence for, and a desire to study the Word of God, not observable to such a degree heretofore, all of which is most satisfactory to those who have watched the work from the beginning. As in past years, the teachers have been greatly assisted in this work, by the sympathy and assistance of the officers and guards of the Institution.

Average attendance during the year as follows :—1st quarter, Oct. 4th, to Dec. 27th, 68 ; 2nd quarter, Jan. 3rd to March 28th, 70 ; 3rd quarter, April 4th to June 27th, 52 ; 4th quarter, July 4th to Sept. 26th, 44.

This average does not include the children of the Refuge. The largest attendance of adults was in Feb., when there were 81 present, the smallest in July, when the number was 35. The largest attendance of children was 33 ; the least, 26.

Clothing has been supplied in many instances, and the teachers have provided situations or shelter for 22 discharged inmates during the year. A few of these have returned for a second term, but many of the number are doing well.

The Saturday afternoon class was held regularly during the entire year. Miss McBrome speaks personally to those who attend the class. A few of the inmates take part intelligently in the service, and are strengthened thereby.

The Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter services were specially blessed of God, and will assuredly bear fruit to the glory and praise of His name.

Through the kindness of the "Canadian Letter Mission," each member of the school, children as well as adults, received a gospel letter, with a pretty motto, or helpful text appended. These were used of God in more than one instance.

The friends of the Prisoner's Aid Association, and Christian workers especially interested in the reclamation and salvation of depraved and fallen women and girls will, we are sure, read with great satisfaction the following letters which, unexpectedly, and in both cases unknown to the writers, came under our notice. The first is from a young woman now in the Institution, and is addressed to another soon to be discharged :—

Dear———,

"I know you will be greatly surprised when you read this, but ——I often think I would like to speak to you, but somehow it seems that I cannot. I know that you are a Christian, and I am so glad. Oh ! is it not grand. Do you know that I would not give up Jesus for all the riches in this world. God has been so merciful, and has given me so much light--I feel His presence ever near me. I am so glad that I ever came to this Institution, it is just as if God snatched me from the brink of Hell. Oh ! dear, it makes me shudder to think of it, but now I feel as though I could stand if the whole world was against me, when I have God on my side, and —— if I can ever help you to trust more faithfully, be sure to come to me. I feel as though I could help every body. Thank God for such grace. Dear ——, do you remember the Sunday I asked you to ask Miss —— to pray for me. Oh ! dear, when I think how unhappy I was then. I do hope and pray that we may never, when we go out, do anything to displease God, who has been so good and so merciful to us. And what is life only a dream, and then the glorious home awaiting us. Shall we know each other there ? I hope we will."

This seems to be the out-pouring of a saved soul. We ask the prayers of the Lord's people that it may be so, and that the writer may be "kept by the power of God." The other note is written to one of her companions by a most interesting young girl, discharged some three months ago, and now many miles distant. She gave evidence while in the Reformatory of a changed heart, by living a changed life, and we are glad that this work of grace has deepened, instead of passing away as the "morning cloud and the early dew" :—

Dear———,

"I received your kind and welcome letter, and was glad to hear that you had at last given your heart to Jesus. I am sure that you are happy now. You must keep your light shining, so that every body can see that you are all for Jesus ; that you are all His own. When I think of all that Jesus has done for me, I feel as if I could not do enough for him. I can thank Jesus to-day for all that he has done for me, and I give all my love to Him. Dear——, I must tell you that I am going to be a member of the —— St. —— Church, and that, I shall probably be baptized next Sunday evening. I must tell you how happy I am all the time now, for Jesus is with me all the day. Give my love to Miss ——."

Another young woman discharged recently, was converted in, and sat down at the Lord's Table a few Sunday's ago in one of our city churches, and we know of many pretty and comfortable homes in Toronto and elsewhere, which are presided over by women, once prisoners in the Andrew Mercer Reformatory.

At one of the series of meetings recently held in Toronto, a speaker made use of the following expression :—"When the devil once puts his foot on a woman, she never gets up again." This may be true, as a general rule ; but, we thank God that many lost women, with the harlot Rahab, and the woman of Samaria, will "have the right to come to the tree of life," and will "enter in by the gates into the city," because "they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

W. H. HOWLAND, *Superintendent.*

L. J. HARVIE, *Assist. Supt.*

E. G. SAMS, *Secretary.*

*A. M. ROSEBRUGH, M. D., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
PRISONERS' AID ASSOCIATION.*

1886.

Receipts.

Jan. 1, To Subscriptions, 1886	\$391 25		
Annual Meeting Collection. 14 62	14 62		\$405 87
Loans returned			325 40
Chestnut Street "Residence"			3 00
Municipal Grants, as per list			185 00
County of York Grant			100 00
City of Toronto			600 00
Broom Industry			10 00
Grant for Cabs			875 00
Government Grant			1000 00
			\$3504 27

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Disbursements.

Jan. 1. By Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 92 77	
Salaries	500 00	
Loans	455 98	
Bay Street Property	275 30	
Printing and Stationery	53 99	
Sundries	23 19	
Water, Fuel, Light, etc	66 37	
Annual Meeting Expenses	14 40	
Bank Commission and Interest	90	
Tracts, Hymns and Music	83 58	
Postage	12 85	
Teachers, Andrew Mercer Reformatory ..	391 50	
Preaching Services, Central Prison	58 50	
“ “ Andrew Mercer Refor-		
matory	172 50	
Aid to Prisoners, Men	375 99	
“ “ Women	83 99	
Night School (Secular)	164 09	
Special aid to disabled prisoner	142 50	
		\$2968 40
Balance in Bank		535 87
		<u>\$3504 27</u>

Audited and found correct, Jan. —st, 1886.

C. JOSELIN.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL PRISON NIGHT SCHOOL.

To The Prisoner's Aid Association :

GENTLEMEN,—

I am pleased to repeat what I have often said before, that the secular school in the Central Prison, under my charge, still appears to be doing good work, and that I have not anything to complain of in regard to the general attendance and conduct of the pupils, although one noticeable feature of the last few months has been, that many have come up for a very short time only, and have then dropped off upon some frivolous excuses, but really, I think, because of my having adopted a stricter system of marking which enables me more effectually to detect the idlers.

Owing to the unfortunate fire which last spring destroyed the roof, and otherwise damaged the Chapel where we had up to that time met, and to the Warden's inability to provide other safe accommodation, I had reluctantly to adjourn the school over the months from April to August inclusive, and consequently my present (the 8th) Report only covers seven months of the year 1886. The number of names upon the school roll was as follows: January 92, February 98, March 78, September 43, October 46, November 49, and December 70. The average for the year was 55, which is 1 more than last year's average. The total number of men who have availed themselves of the privileges of the school from its institution in April 1883, to the present time is 520.

I again express my thanks to the Warden, Guard Hartley, and other officers with whom I have come in contact, for the continued support I have at all times received at their hands.

J. J. PRITCHARD,

Schoolmaster, C. P.

Toronto, December 31st, 1886.

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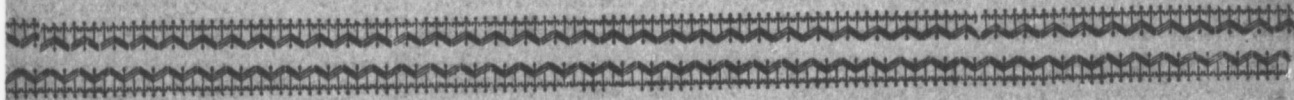
Adams, J.	\$ 2 00	Castle, Rev'd Dr.	\$1 00
Aikins, Dr. W. T.	3 00	Cowan, Rev'd W.	1 00
Aikenhead & Crombie.	2 00	Cayley, Rev'd J. D.	2 00
Allan, A. A. & Co.	2 00	Charlesworth & Co.	1 00
Allan, Hon. G. W.	2 00	Clarke, H. E., M. P. P.	2 00
Baldwin, Mrs. E.	3 00	Clark, Mrs. M.	2 00
Baldwin, Rev'd H. G.	1 00	Coad, Mrs. L. M.	5 00
Ball, Mrs. F. A.	1 00	Coatsworth, E.	2 00
Ball, R. L.	1 00	Coleman, Geo.	1 00
Beardmore, G. S.	2 00	Cook, Mrs. W., Sen'r.	1 00
Beaty, Chadwick & Co.	2 00	Cooper, Miss.	1 00
Beaty, R.	1 00	Copp, Clark & Co.	2 00
Bell, J.	1 00	Cox & Worts.	1 00
Bishop of Toronto	5 00	Crombie, Crombie & Worrell	1 00
Blachford & Co. (goods).	4 00	Dack, R. (of E. Dack & Son)	
Blake, Lash, Cassels & Hol-		Davidson & Hay.	5 00
man	20 00	Davies, Wm.	2 00
Blake, Hon. S. H.	10 00	Dewart, Rev'd Dr.	1 00
Bleasdel, W. H. & Co.	2 00	Duncan, Dr. I. T.	1 00
Blight, Wm.	1 00	Dun, Wiman & Co.	3 00
Boddy, Rev'd Archdeacon.	1 00	Earls, John.	1 00
Bolton, Mrs. W.	1 00	Eccles, Mrs.	1 00
Boyd Bros. & Co.	2 00	Elliott & Co.	5 00
Boys, Prof. A.	4 00	Fisken John, Jnr.	1 00
Brodie J. L.	1 00	Flett, Lowndes & Co.	1 00
Brown Bros.	2 00	Gage, W. J. & Co.	2 00
Brown, John	2 00	Gillespie, Ansley & Martin	5 00
Brown, Wm.	2 00	Globe Printing Co.	5 00
Bryce, McMurrich & Co.	2 00	Good, Jas.	1 00
Burden, Hy.	5 00	Gooderham, Mrs. Albert	2 00
Caldecoct, Burton & Co.		Gooderham, Mrs. Alford.	2 00
Cameron, Hon. M. C.	5 00	Gooderham, Mrs. C. H.	1 00
Campbell, Jas.	1 00	Gooderham, Mrs. G.	5 00
Canada Paper Co.	1 00	Gooderham, Mrs. R.	4 00
Carlyle, Ald. W.	1 00	Gooderham, Mrs. S. K.	2 00
Carpmael, Chas., M. A.	4 00	Gooderham, Mrs. W. G.	2 00
Carty, The Misses.		Gordon & Heiliwell.	5 00
Cash	1 00	Goulding & Son.	5 00

Gowans, J. W.	\$1 00	Mara, H. S.	\$1 00
Grasett, Dr. F. L. M.	1 00	Mason, Mrs. A. J.	1 00
Gregg, Prof.	1 00	Mason, J.	1 00
Gzowski, Col.		Mason, J. H.	2 00
Hagarty, Hon. Chief Justice	10 00	Mason & Risch.	2 00
Hamilton, W. B. (goods) .	2 00	Massey, James.	5 00
Harrison, Glover	2 00	Massie Manufacturing Co..	5 00
Harvie, Ald. John	1 00	Matthews Bros. & Co.	1 00
Hay, R. & Co.	1 00	Matthews, W. D.	2 00
Help	25	Merryfield, Robt.	1 00
Hillock & Kent.	1 00	Minto Bros (goods)	2 00
Higgins, David	1 00	Moore, Rev'd R. J.	1 00
Hodgins, Thos., Q.C.	1 00	Morphy, E. M.	
Howard. A. McL.	2 00	Morris, Hon. A.	5 00
Howitt, Dr. W.	1 00	Moss, Falconbridge & Bar-	
Hooper, C. S.	1 00	wick.	5 00
Howland, H. S. & Son.	2 00	Mowat, Hon. O.	5 00
Howland, Sir W. P.	2 00	Murray, W. A. & Co.	1 00
Howland, W. H.	5 00	Myers, A.	1 00
Howland, O. A.	2 00	Macdonald, John.	10 00
Hoskin. John Q.C.	5 00	Macdonnell, Rev'd D. J. .	3 00
Hunter, R. J.	2 00	MacLaren, Rev'd Dr.	1 00
Hutchinson, Hy	2 00	Macpherson, Sir D.	10 00
Irving, A. S.	1 00	McBean, Mrs. J.	1 00
Jacques, Mrs. John.	5 00	McCall, D. & Co.	5 00
Jaffray, R.	2 00	McCausland, J.	1 00
Jones Bros. & Mackenzie.	5 00	McCord, Mrs.	1 00
Kay, John	5 00	McMaster, Hon. W.	5 00
Keer, Maj-Genl.	3 00	McMurrich, W. B.	5 00
Kent Bros.	1 00	Nasmith, J. D.	2 00
Kent, H.	1 00	Nelson, H. A. & Son.	5 00
Kerr & Bull.	2 00	Nixon, Mrs.	10 00
Kerr, H. W. C.	1 00	Northrop & Lyman.	5 00
Kilgour Bros.	5 00	O'Brien, Hy.	3 00
Kingston, F. W.	1 00	Ogden, W. W.. M.D.	1 00
Lake, J. N.	1 00	Ogilvy Alexander & Ander-	
Langmuir, M.	1 00	son.	2 00
Leadley, E.	5 00	Oldwright, W., M.A.; M.D.	2 00
Lee, W. S.	1 00	Osler, E. B.	2 00
Leggott, Mrs. S.	1 00	Parsons, Rev'd H. M.	1 00
Leys, John, M.P.P.	2 00	Pearson, W. H.	2 00
Livingston, Johnson & Co.	2 00	Petley & Petley.	1 00
Lowden & Co.	1 00	Pellatt, Hy.	
Lyman Bros.	5 00	Pellatt, Mrs. H. M.	1 00
Magill, W.	1 00	Perkins, F.	5 00
Mail Co.	5 00	Perkins, Ince & Co.	5 00

Rice, Lewis & Son.....	\$5 00	Taylor Bros.....	\$2 00
Ritchie, Mrs. J.....	1 00	Taylor, J. & J.	2 00
Robinson, C., Q.C.....	5 00	Taylor, Samuel.....	5 00
Rogers, Elias & Co.....	2 00	Thompson, T. & Son.....	2 00
Rogers, W. B.....	50	Tomlinson, R. H.....	1 00
Roseburgh, A. M., M.D...	5 00	Topp, Mrs.....	2 00
Ross, Miss	1 00	Trust & Loan Co.....	1 00
Rowell, Hy	5 00	Vernoy, Prof. S.....	1 00
Samson, Kennedy & Co...	2 00	Verral, Ald. George	5 00
Samuel, Benjamin & Co....	2 00	Walker, R. & Sons	5 00
Sanson, Rev'd Alex.....	1 00	Warren Bros. & Boomer	
Sills, Mrs. G. F.....	1 00	(goods)	2 00
Smith, A. M.....	2 00	Webb, T.....	1 00
Smith, Rev'd J.....	1 00	White, Joselin & Co.....	5 00
Stanway, Geo.....	1 00	Wickson, Hy	2 00
Stark, John & Co.....	5 00	Wilkes, Mrs. R.....	
Steele Bros. & Co.....	3 00	Woodhouse, J. J.....	1 00
Stephenson, Ed.....	2 00	Woodhouse, Thos.	1 00
Storm, W. G.....	2 00	Wordley, W. M.....	
Suckling, Geo. H.....	1 00	Wright, Dr. Geo.....	1 00
Sutherland, Rev. A.....	2 00	Wyld, Brock & Darling...	5 00

MUNICIPAL GRANTS FOR 1886.

City of Toronto.....	\$600 00	County of Perth.....	20 00
County of York.....	100 00	“ Carlton.....	20 00
“ Ontario.....	25 00	“ Kent.....	10 00
“ Peterboro....	25 00	“ Oxford.....	10 00
“ Huron.....	20 00	“ Victoria.....	10 00
“ Wellington ..	20 00	Village of Parkdale.....	25 00



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