

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

GOULD STREET CONGREGATION

OF THE

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

TORONTO,

FOR 1867.

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(WITH DISTRICTS.)

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MR. THOMAS FOTHERINGHAM, MR. WILLIAM KERR, CLERK.		

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- DISTRICT 1.—West of Yonge Street, and South of Albert Street, Mr. Wm. Kerr, Elder.
- “ 2.—West of Yonge Street, and between Albert and Elm Streets, Mr. George Smith, Elder.
- “ 3.—West of Yonge Street, and between Elm and Grosvenor Streets, Mr. Alexander Gemmell, Elder
- 4.—East of Yonge Street, and South of Cruickshank Street, Mr. John Reid, Elder.
- “ 5.—East of Yonge Street, and between Cruickshank and Gerrard Streets, Mr. James Campbell, Elder.
- “ 6.—East of Yonge Street and between Gerrard and Alexander Streets, Mr. Thomas Fotheringham, Elder.
- “ 7.—North of Grosvenor and Alexander Streets, Mr. Archibald McDonald, Elder.

### Committee of Management.

*Chairman*—MR. WILLIAM TEMPEST.

*Secretary*—MR. THOMAS W. TAYLOR.

*Treasurer*—MR. JOHN Y. REID.

MR. ARCHIBALD McDONALD, MR. D. A. GRANT.		MR. THOS. FOTHERINGHAM, MR. M. GIBB.
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### Sabbath School.

*Superintendent*—MR. WILLIAM KERR.

*Treasurer*—MR. ROBERT CASSELLS.

*Deputy Superintendent*—MR. ALEXANDER GEMMELL.

*Librarian*—MR. JOSEPH HENDERSON.

MR. W. KERR, *Secretary & Treasurer of the Missionary Society.*

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## MANAGERS' REPORT.

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The Managers, in presenting their Fourteenth Annual Report, desire to acknowledge the goodness of God in continuing that prosperity which the congregation has for some years enjoyed, a prosperity extending, as the Managers hope, to the spiritual as well as the temporal interests of the congregation.

The Managers have again to report that the income of the congregation exceeds that of the preceding year. The receipts from weekly offerings, collections, and quarterly subscriptions, being \$2,424 05, as against \$2,315 11 from the same sources during 1866.

Comparing the income of the past year with that of the various years since the induction of the Rev. Mr. King, it will be found that the income of 1867 exceeds that of 1866 by \$109; that of 1865, by \$386; of 1864, by \$818; and that of 1863, by \$1,201. While the increase is gratifying, the Managers cannot help calling the attention of the congregation to the fact that the increase in the revenue has not kept pace with that of the membership. In 1865 the rate of giving, taking the average membership for the year, and taking into account the three sources of regular income above indicated, was \$10 75 a head, and in 1867 it was only \$9. This diminution may, however, be accounted for by the fact that during the past year a special effort has been made for the payment of debts. The giving for all purposes, including the subscription for debt and for missionary purposes, has been at the rate of \$21 29 for each member, taking the average of the membership for this year.

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The attendance on public worship has continued to increase during the past year, and though there are still a few single sittings, there are not now any unoccupied pews in the lower part of the church.

The addition to the membership during the past year has been 77, and the removals have been 46, leaving a net gain of 31. At the time of the Rev. Mr. King's induction the membership was only 105; it is now 205, the total gain during the past five years being 180.

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In the Report presented at the last annual meeting, the Managers expressed their confidence that the subscription then proposed for the purpose of paying off the remaining debt would be such as to accomplish that object. They are happy to say that the confidence then expressed was not misplaced. The whole amount of the debt was in a few days subscribed for, and although owing to the removal from the congregation of some of the subscribers, a small part of what was subscribed may not be paid; yet there has already been paid off \$2,680, or nearly one half, thus effecting an annual saving to the congregation of \$187 50 in the item of interest. Not the least pleasing feature in the effort then made was the heartiness and cordiality with which all joined in subscribing.

Reports from the Missionary Society and Sabbath School will be presented by the proper officers, shewing that the general prosperity of the congregation has extended to them also.

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**Report of the Missionary Society.**

At our last Annual Missionary Meeting, the Session had the pleasure of congratulating the Congregation on the progress which had marked this as well as the other efforts in which it has been engaged, and they are glad to have the same pleasing duty to perform on this occasion.

The membership of the congregation having increased considerably during the past year, it was to be expected that there would be something like a corresponding increase in the amount collected for missionary purposes. The sum actually received by the Treasurer through the collectors was \$389 82, as against \$314 25 in the previous year, being an increase of \$75 57. The increase is probably quite proportionate to the increase in our members; at the same time it is to be remembered that not a few in the congregation are, in the Providence of God, becoming possessed of ample means, and it may be most reasonably expected that those will give, from year to year, larger contributions for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this and other lands. Let every contributor remember the Scriptural principle "According as the Lord hath prospered you," in his giving for this and other objects of a Christian kind.

The Treasurer has also to report a donation of \$25 by a member of the congregation for Knox College. There should also be reported at this time subscriptions amounting to \$110 (\$50 of this amount being contributed by a liberal member of the congregation), for scholarships to candidates for the ministry while pursuing their literary studies in University College, \$50 to the Beachville debt fund, \$50 appropriated by the congregation from its surplus revenue to assist the recently formed congregation in Yorkville, and a collection of \$60 to the Aged Ministers' and Widows' Fund, which, with \$69 08, the contribution of the Sabbath School for benevolent and missionary purposes during the past year, make a total of \$753 90, as

the contribution of the congregation for extra congregational purposes, being at the rate of a little over \$3 per member.

The thanks of the congregation are due to the collectors for their self-denying labours. Their work is pleasant, or the reverse as members and adherents of the congregation make it. Let all remember the divine direction in this matter: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

WILLIAM KERR,  
*Secretary & Treasurer.*

The meeting at which the above report was submitted, was well attended, and was ably addressed by the Rev. John Gray, of Orillia, Professor Caven, Rev. Wm. Inglis, and the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Mowat. With the appropriation of the moneys recommended by the session and adopted by the congregation, the whole will stand thus:

For Synod's Home Missions.....	\$210 00
“ Knox College.....	140 00
“ Kankakee Mission in Illinois.....	25 00
“ Foreign Missions.....	25 00
“ Synod Fund.....	14 82
“ Scholarship Fund.....	110 00
“ Beachville Debt.....	50 00
“ Yorkville Congregation.....	50 00
“ Aged Ministers' and Widows' Fund.	60 00
“ S. School Contributions for Mission- ary and Benevolent purposes.....	69 08
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### Sabbath School Report.

In this, as in many of our previous reports, we have to acknowledge the good hand of God, in the way in which we have been led during the year, and the success which has attended our efforts. We are still able to speak of increase in the number of those waiting upon the instructions of the Sabbath School, and though this does not itself imply results of a saving kind, yet it is good as far as it goes, and shews the appreciation of the efforts of the teachers, on the part both of parents and children.

The last annual report shewed the number on the roll to be : boys, 85, and girls, 120 ; in all, 205. This year we have to report an attendance of 221, of which 91 are boys, and 130 girls. The preponderance of girls is due in part, but only in part, to the fact that a number of the older boys connected with the congregation, who might otherwise be in the Sabbath School, are attending the Pastor's Bible Class, held at the same hour. There have been considerable changes in the ranks of the teachers during the year, but the aggregate number continues the same as at the date of last report, 27.

The attendance and behaviour of the scholars has on the whole been creditable. During the summer months it was deemed advisable to change the hour of meeting from the afternoon to the morning. While many of the teachers felt the change to be a very acceptable one, it was agreed to revert to the previous afternoon hour, as the average attendance was found to decline. The school now meets every Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the exception of the Communion Sabbaths, when it is not held.

It gives us pleasure to report, in addition to the gift of a volume for each scholar, presented as in former years, on New Year's morning, a donation of two sets of Barnes' Notes, with other excellent and suitable volumes, the

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nucleus, it is hoped, of a teacher's library. The kind and liberal donor merits, as he is hereby assured of, the thanks of the Sabbath School teachers.

The *Children's Paper and Juvenile Missionary Magazine* have been distributed to the Scholars during the past year, and they appear to have given entire satisfaction.

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The amount collected for Missionary purposes is \$69 08, which was appropriated as follows:—For the Muskoka Settlement, \$18 08; the East End Mission School, \$17 00; the Calabar Mission, \$17; the Boys' Home, \$10; and the Sabbath School Teachers' Union, \$7. The amount shews an increase over that of the previous year. It is hoped the limit is far from being reached.

The expenses of the School have amounted during the year to \$77 52. The sum received by a collection in the Church, \$43, together with a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$21 14, leaves the School in debt to the Treasurer, \$13 38. It is hoped that an early effort will be made not only to liquidate this indebtedness, but to place in the hands of the Sabbath School Teachers such a sum as may be sufficient to enable them to carry on efficiently their good work.

The two social gatherings of the School, usually held, one in winter and the other in summer, were, if possible, more enjoyable to young and old than on any former occasion.

The weekly meeting for the preparation of the lesson and for prayer is now held on the Sabbath morning, at 10 o'clock, and should be more largely attended. In addition the Teachers meet on the evening of the first Sabbath of each month, at the close of the regular service for prayer and conference.

It is pleasant to report as a new feature in the School, one not in existence previously, because there seemed no suitable place for it to meet, the formation of an Infant Class, already attended by 49. It is not doubted that much good will result from it.

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It should be reported that a considerable number of members of the congregation are still engaged as Sabbath School teachers in the Mission School at the east extremity of the city. While labouring in another and in many respects more arduous field, these friends form part of the Sabbath School Teachers' Association of the Church, and are not its least regular attenders. That God may bless their self-denying labours among a class needing them so much, should be the prayer of every member of the Church.

All which is submitted by

WILLIAM KERR,  
*Superintendent.*

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#### Minister's Bible Class.

The classes for young men and young women have met during the past year as usual, the former on Sabbath at 3.15, the latter on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The attendance of both continues to increase. There are on the roll of the young men's class about 56, with an average attendance not greatly less; on that of the young women's class over 150.

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#### Financial Statement for 1867.

Received by Managers.....	\$2,424 05
Collected for reduction of debt.....	2,680 00
Missionary Society .....	634 82
S. S. Missionary Association.....	69 08
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### STATISTICS.

	MEMBERSHIP.				RELIGIOUS CLASSES.			INCOME.
	Added by Certificate.	Added on Profession.	Remov'd Increase.	Total on Roll.	No. in Bible Class.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath School Scholars.	
1863	18	13	7	*129				\$ 10
1864	50	21	17	183				4,023 62
1865	47	25	21	234	90	29	158	4,019 11
1866	42	24	46	254	99	27	205	4,133 59
1867	57	19	46	285	106	27	221	3,085 64½
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\* The Number on the Communion Roll in May, 1863, was 105.

