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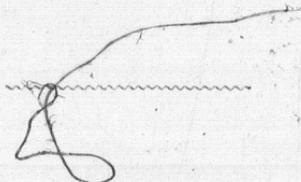
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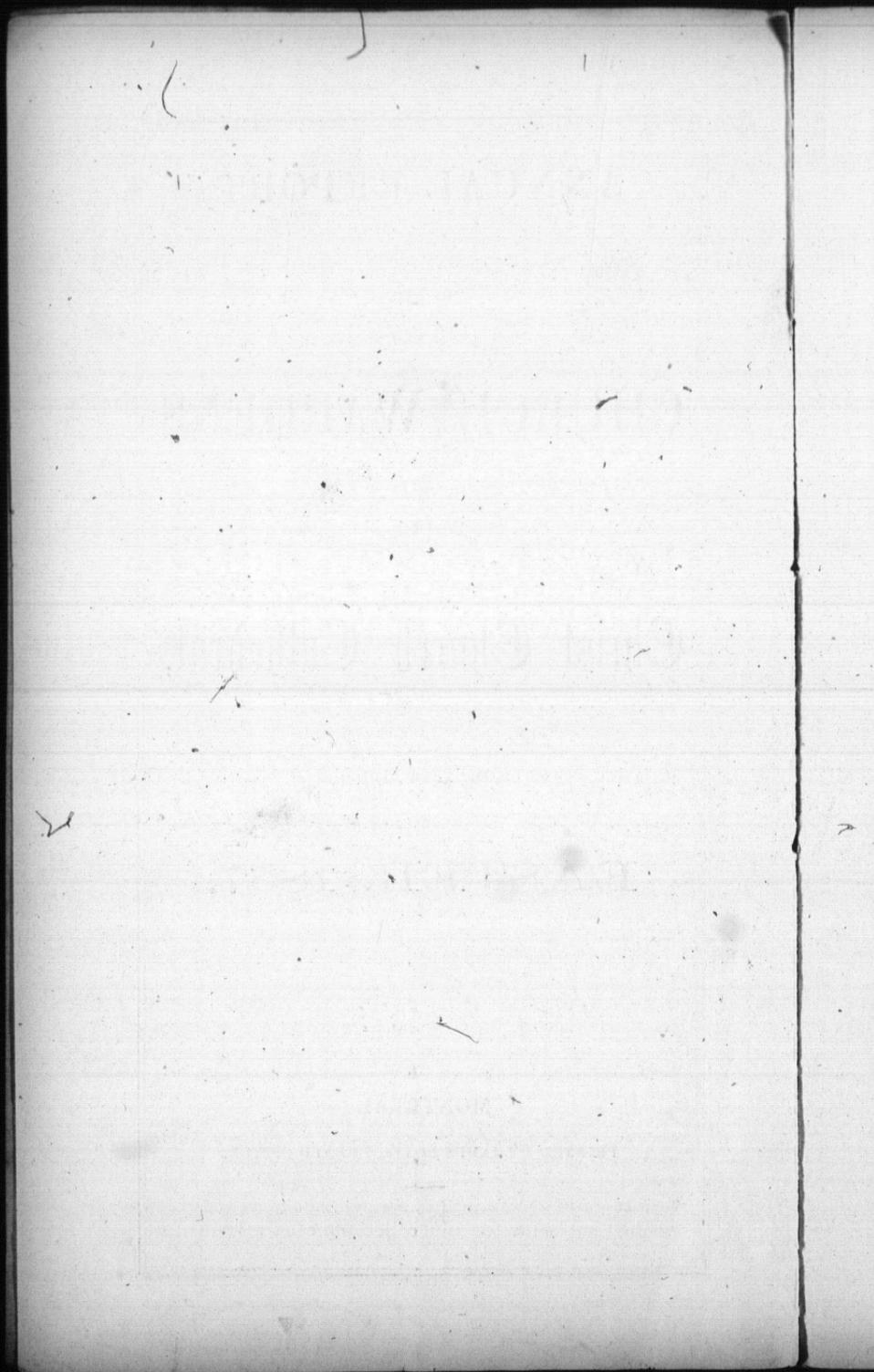
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THE Church Wardens of Christ's Church Cathedral in submitting the Annual Account of the Establishment, in conformity with the By-Law of the Vestry, beg to report, that in accordance with the desire of the Congregation, they have placed in the hands of the Finance and Building Committee the several amounts collected from the Insurance Companies, and all other monies collected and received not properly appertaining to the revenues of the Church, and that accordingly the statement and vouchers now submitted embrace but the ordinary income and expenditure of the past year ending at Easter.

The principle feature in the Accounts, to which the Church Wardens would draw the particular attention of the Vestry, is the large amount of Arrears due, being £407 15s 0d, all of which should have been paid on or before the 29th September last. Extensions of time have in some instances been granted, but only where the prospects of collection were improved thereby; but there are many accounts it is feared will prove totally uncollectable, while others will not be recoverable but by a process of law.

There remain Debts due by the Church to the present date amounting to £380 1s 10d, besides other small accounts of which particulars have not been received; against which there is but the small balance of £14 17s 7d in the treasury. The collection of these Arrears of Rent therefore becomes doubly important; and as they constitute the only tangible means within the reach of the Church Wardens, it will be necessary for the Vestry, not only to suggest such measures as they may think the collection of these accounts under the circumstances demands, but likewise to order such future arrangements as may be deemed advisable for the collection of a revenue to

meet any deficiency occasioned by the non-payment of rents of the past, and to provide for the necessary disbursements of the coming year. The Salaries of the Clergy being fortunately provided for by the settlement of the partial Insurance on the Pew Rents of the late Cathedral, the Sittings of the Congregation, until the new Cathedral is completed, need not be put upon as high a scale as charged in the late Cathedral.

The negotiations for the purchase of Gosford Street Church having been brought to a point so as to enable the Vestry to occupy it, there will be no great difficulty in providing for a revenue in the ordinary manner of levying Pew Rents, which it is proposed to do in the following manner :—

1st—The Pews or Sittings to be offered at an upset price on a lease, and disposed of to the highest bidder for the whole period till the new Church is completed.

2nd—The Rent of each Pew or Sitting shall be payable within eight days from the date of Sale, for the half-year in advance.

3rd—Possession of any Pew or Sitting shall not be given until the Rent in advance for the half-year is paid.

4th—Unless payment of Rent be made as above stated, the Pew or Sitting in default will be disposed of to others; the same rule to apply in case of default of payment of any subsequent half-year in advance.

5th—All Lessees of Pews shall be bound to sub-let all the spare Sittings in their respective Pews beyond what may be required for the accommodation of themselves and families, to such persons as they may select from among the Applicants for Sittings. Provided that this condition shall not be enforced so long as there are unappropriated Pews or Sittings in the Chapel.

6th—Strangers may be put into any Pew which shall be wholly or partially unoccupied, after the first Chant at Morning Prayer, or at the commencement of the Psalms at Evening Prayer.

The Disbursements for the past year have been unavoidably augmented in consequence of the destruction of the Church and the payment of increased salaries, while the increased Pew Rents, intended to meet the latter, were only in operation for the last half of the year.



service in affording a temporary Asylum to destitute people, besides being the permanent abode of several who depend upon the Church for support. This Institution has been mainly supported out of the Charity fund of the Cathedral by supplies of money and fuel. Its other sources of income are from work done in the house, board from such as have had means to pay, and private donations in money and provisions—not forgetting the very liberal donation of 14 cords wood and 5 tons of coal made by General Home on the eve of his departure.

JOSEPH KNAPP, }  
JOHN DYDE, } *Church Wardens.*

MONTREAL, April 16, 1857.

