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GOULD STREET CONGREGATION

OF THE

Canada Presbyterian Church,

TORONTO,

FOR 1868.



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MEMBERS OF SESSION.

(WITH DISTRICTS.)

REV. JOHN M. KING, A.M., *Moderator.*

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MR. JAMES CAMPBELL,

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MR. DAVID FOTHERINGHAM,
MR. ARCHIBALD McDONALD,
MR. THOMAS FOTHERINGHAM,

MR. WILLIAM KERR, *Clerk.*

- 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. M. GIBBS.

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Treasurer—MR. JOHN Y. REID.

MR. D. A. GRANT,
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MR. THOMAS ROBIN,
MR. ROBT. RENNIE.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

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MISS STEWART,	MISS EWING,
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“ FARQUHAR,	MR. GEMMELL,
“ DALTON,	“ REID,
“ TEMPEST,	“ FOTHERINGHAM,
“ F. TEMPEST,	“ STEWART,
“ BUIK,	“ SMITH,
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“ A. E. HENDERSON,	“ KILGOUR,
“ WIGHTMAN,	“ FLAWS,
“ CHRISTIE,	“ WATT,
“ BUTT,	“ GIRDWOOD,
“ TAIT,	“ MUIR,
“ PLAYTER,	“ ROSS.
“ E. HENDERSON,	

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Secretary and Treasurer—MR. KERR.

COLLECTORS :

MISS REID,	MISS A. E. HENDERSON,
“ E. STEWART,	“ GEMMELL,
“ EWING,	“ EWART,
“ WIGHTMAN,	“ DRUMMOND,
“ M. WIGHTMAN,	“ BUIK,
“ SMITH,	“ DALTON.

The following Teachers, in the East End Mission School, are connect with Gould Street Church :

MISS REID,	MR. YOUNG,
“ FORD,	“ MILLS,
“ CRIDGE,	“ BRUCE,

MR. ROBIN, *Superintendent*.

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MANAGERS' REPORT.

The Managers, in presenting their Fifteenth Annual Report, have again to congratulate the Congregation upon the prosperous state of their affairs.

No event of importance in the history of the Congregation has occurred during the year 1868, but the year has been one in which our course has been prosperous, and the peace and harmony, which, from the first, characterized the Congregation, have continued.

The addition made to the Membership during the year just closed has been 76, the net gain 32, the removals having been 44; the total number on the Communion Roll, on the 31st December, 1868, being three times the number on the Roll at the date of Mr. King's induction.

The attendance on public worship has, taking the average of the whole year, been equal to, if not above, that of any previous year.

The Bible Classes, conducted by Mr. King, for young men on the Sabbath afternoon, and for young women on the Wednesday evening, still continue to be held, with an average attendance not differing materially from that of former years.

A separate report of the operations of the Sabbath School will be given by the Superintendent, but the Managers believe that there has been an increase in the number of the Teachers, and a slight increase in the number of scholars, also.

In financial matters, the Managers have again the pleasure of reporting increased liberality on the part of the Congregation.

Some years ago, the Managers introduced the mode of raising the ordinary revenue of the Congregation, by means of weekly offerings, instead of by pew rents, and, in their report for the year 1864, they pressed upon the Congregation the more general adoption of this system. It affords them great satisfaction to find that their suggestions have been adopted, and that this mode of giving is now so general among the members. The satisfaction which the Managers feel in this, is caused, not so much by their belief that this mode of giving is the more convenient one for the majority of the Congregation, though they are convinced that such is the case, but by their belief that this mode of raising a revenue for the support of ordinances, rather than by that of letting pews, is more in accordance with sound voluntary principles, and therefore, with Scripture.

The amount of income derived during the year 1868 from the three regular sources of income, Weekly Offerings, Quarterly Subscriptions, and Weekly Collections, was \$2,769 35. In 1867, the amount raised from these sources was \$2,424 05. It will thus be seen that the increase has been \$345 30; the total

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amount raised being more than double the amount raised in 1863 ; the amount in that year having been only \$1,224 17.

In their report for last year, the Managers drew attention to the fact that the increase in the income which they had then to announce, although gratifying, had not kept pace with the increase in the Membership, the rate of giving in 1867 not being equal to that in 1866. This year, although the rate of 1866 has not been repeated, an improvement has taken place ; the rate of giving per member, taking into account the three sources of income above mentioned, being a fraction over \$9 20, as against \$9 00 in 1867.

During the past year the sum of \$1,140 has been paid on account of the debt of the Congregation, which is now reduced to \$2,036. Next year the Managers confidently hope to have the satisfaction of announcing its total extinction.

The Managers cannot close their report without expressing the obligations under which the Congregation lies to the Ministers who so ably supplied the pulpit during the few months of Mr. King's absence. Especially are thanks due to the Rev. Prof. Caven and the Rev. Mr. Inglis, for their readiness, not merely to supply the pulpit, but for their valuable services in conducting the Prayer Meetings, and on other occasions.

T. W. TAYLOR.

At the annual meeting of the Congregation, at which the foregoing report was presented, it was moved by Mr. T. W. Taylor, seconded by Rev. W.

Inglis, and unanimously agreed to, "That, from the 1st day of January, 1869, the salary of our Pastor, the Rev. John M. King, be \$1,600 per annum."

A vote of thanks was, also, most cordially given to Mr. Douglas, for his services in leading the Psalmody.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

In presenting the Annual Report of the Association for Missionary and Benevolent purposes, it is the pleasing duty of the Session to congratulate the Congregation on its continued prosperity generally. A prosperity, it is to be hoped, not only to be marked by numbers or gifts, but by a growing piety and continuous peace.

A report like this is supposed to give a faithful account of what has been done during the year for the special purposes indicated—and, granted it is so, can it be truly said that all has been done by us, as a Christian Society, that ought to have been done. We fear not. The numbers and ability of the Congregation should produce a better result in Missionary efforts; and while some give liberally—a few, it may be, more than they ought—many forget that the Lord not only "loveth a cheerful giver," but, "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The Treasurer has received during the year \$431 78, (including a special donation of \$25 for Knox's College,) as against \$414 82 in 1867, showing an increase of \$16 96. In addition, the Congregation

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has raised for Extra—Congregational purposes during the year, \$553; and the Sabbath School children have contributed \$83 92; thus making a total of \$1,068 70, or an increase over 1867, for like purposes, of \$314 80.

It is hoped, that, during the year on which we have just entered, we will be enabled to do still more, and that a greater increase will be reported at our next meeting. But, in whatever we do, may we always say, "not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be all the praise."

WILLIAM KERR,

Secretary and Treasurer.

The following is a summary of the amount raised,
and of the mode in which it was appropriated :

Synod's Home Missions	\$220 00	
Knox College	147 00	
Foreign Missions	25 00	
Kankakee Mission	25 00	
Synod Fund.....	14 78	
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Professor Young's Salary.....	\$120 00	
Scholarship Fund.....	60 00	
Aged Ministers' and Widows' Fund	60 00	
East End Building Fund	305 00	
Sabbath School (special donation)...	8 00	
		<hr/> \$553 0
Sabbath School Contributions :		
Boys' Home	\$14 00	
East End Mission	15 00	
India.....	24 92	
Calabar	10 00	
Red River	10 00	
French Canadian Mission.....	10 00	
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SABBATH SCHOOL.

From the report read at the annual meeting of the Teachers, it appears that the number of Teachers connected with the School is now 28, and the number of Scholars in attendance 229.

The Library, containing over 500 volumes, is in good working condition, though 1,000 volumes would not be too large for the wants of the School.

On the morning of New Year's Day, each of the Children was, as in former years, presented with a book, the gift of Mr. James Campbell. The Teachers' Library also received, during the past year, an addition of \$25 worth of books, presented by a friend connected with the School.

The amount received for the ordinary expenses of the School was \$98; the expenditure \$96. Of this sum, \$57 92 was spent in adding to the Library; the remainder in procuring the *Childrens' Paper* and the *Juvenile Missionary Magazine*, both of which are supplied to the Children regularly once a month.

During the year, the Children contributed for Missionary and Benevolent purposes, \$83 92, being an increase of \$14 over 1867. The money was appropriated as follows: India, \$24 92; Calabar, \$10; Red River, \$10; French Canadian Mission, \$10; East End Mission, \$15; and Boys' Home, \$14.

The weekly meeting of Teachers, on the Sabbath morning, for prayer, and consideration of the lessons for the day, was continued during the year, and was

better attended than formerly. Instead of the monthly meeting on the evening of the first Sabbath of the month, a meeting is now held on the evening of the first Wednesday of each month.

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 7:30 o'clock. The attendance of both continues to increase. There are on the roll of the young men's class, 64, with an average attendance not greatly less ; on that of the young women's class, 38.

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	Added by Certificate.	Added on Profession.	Removed	Increase.	Total on Roll.	No. in Bible Class.	Sabbath School Teachers	Sabbath School Scholars.	Ordinary Income.	Total.
1863	18	13	7	24	*129	.....	.....	.....	\$1,224 17	\$4,023 62
1864	50	21	17	54	183	.....	.....	.....	1,660 56	4,019 11
1865	47	25	21	51	234	90	29	158	2,039 32	4,133 59
1866	42	24	46	20	254	99	27	205	2,315 11	5,085 64
1867	58	19	46	31	285	106	27	221	2,424 05	5,747 95
1868	59	17	44	32	317	102	28	229	2,769 35	4,918 05

* The number on the Communion Roll in May, 1863, was 105.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1868.

COLLECTED.	EXPENDED.
Balance on hand, January 1st, 1868	Minister's Stipend.....
Quarterly Contributions, &c.....	Church Officer
Weekly Offerings.....	Interest.....
Weekly Collections	Insurance
Subscriptions for Debt	Gas Account.....
	Coal and Wood.....
	Widows' Fund.....
	Discount on Silver
	Sabbath School.....
	Poor of the Congregation.....
	Pulpit Supply
	Repairs and Improvements
	Paid on Debt.....
	Balance on hand
Balance on hand.....	
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* In the Treasurer's Report, read at the annual meeting, this was erroneously stated as \$1,404, a payment made 3rd Jan., 1868, having been included, which had already been taken credit for in the \$2,680 paid during 1867.