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OF THE
GOULD STREET CONGREGATION

OF THE
Canada Presbyterian Church,
TORONTO,

FOR 1869.



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(WITH DISTRICTS.)

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MR. ALEXANDER GEMMELL,
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- “ 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 Y. 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.

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Deputy Superintendent—MR. FOTHERINGHAM.

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" FARQUHAR,	MR. GEMMELL,
" DALTON,	" REID,
" TEMPEST,	" FOTHERINGHAM,
" F. TEMPEST,	" STEWART,
" BUIK,	" SMITH,
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" A. E. HENDERSON,	" GIRDWOOD,
" WIGHTMAN,	" MUIR,
" TAIT,	" ROSS,
" PLAYTER,	" T. F. FOTHERINGHAM,
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" I. EWING,	" CHRISTIE,
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MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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Secretary and Treasurer—MR. KERR.

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" EWING,	" S. MILLER,
" WIGHTMAN,	" BUIK,
" M. WIGHTMAN,	" DALTON.
" SMITH,	

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

MISS REID,	MR. YOUNG,
" FORD,	" MILLS,
" CRIDGE,	" BRUCE.
" MILLER,	" GIBSON.
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MR. ROBIN, *Superintendent.*

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ADDRESS FROM THE SESSION.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GOULD STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN,—We, the Session, have not been accustomed to present any annual statement to you; the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church requiring that such a statement should be made rather to the Superior Court, the Presbytery; we deem it not unseasonable, however, to address to you a few words at this period of the Congregation's history.

It will be believed that we share your joy in the steady and gratifying increase of the congregation, in the extinction of the once oppressively burdensome debt, and in the liberality with which the ordinances of the gospel, and the various missionary and benevolent schemes, have been sustained during the year. We are not only glad but thankful to God who has enabled you to offer so willingly after this sort; for all things come of Him and of His own you have served Him.

We are solicitous that you should not slacken Christian efforts; however proper it may be to modify the forms in which these are put forth. The same demands will not probably be made for some time on your liberality in giving of your means; though we are anxious that the year which has witnessed the removal of our congregational burdens, should be distinguished by a marked advance in our contributions for the spread of the gospel in our Province and throughout the world; and we are gratified to learn that many of you have already begun the advancement.

We would gladly see a larger number of you engaged in *personal* effort for the good of your fellow-men.

Nothing but blessing could result to yourselves and others from enlargement in this direction. With a view to this, as well as to overtaking the necessities of a growing district not yet sufficiently provided with the means of religious instruction, we intend opening a Branch-Congregational and Mission School to the East of the Church. Your opinion will be taken in regard to its location, and your co-operation invited to make the effort efficient and successful.

We would gladly see formed within the congregation a Young Men's Association for mutual improvement and for Christian work, and some association of the women of the congregation for visitation, tract distribution, and perhaps also preparing clothing and other comforts for the poor and necessitous in the districts visited.

The largely increased membership of the congregation will make some increase in the number of the Session necessary; and you will in all likelihood be invited, at no distant day, to make a considerable addition to the Eldership. It is not too soon to ask you to be looking around among yourselves for those whom, in the exercise of the right of choice which belongs to you, you would wish to see raised to this responsible but honoured position.

In conclusion, dear brethren, we would remind you, as ourselves, of the supreme importance of personal religion, of that interior life which is sustained only in faith on and fellowship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that you and we may abide in Him and He in us, and that God may be glorified in the much fruit which, through this blessed union, we are enabled to bear.

JOHN M. KING, *Moderator.*
WILLIAM KERR, *Clerk.*

TORONTO, Feb. 21st, 1870.

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MANAGERS' REPORT.

The Managers, in presenting their Sixteenth Annual Report, can still say that the financial affairs of the congregation continue prosperous; but, while they say so, they cannot this year express their congratulations on the increased liberality of the congregation.

The amount raised during the year 1869, from the three sources of ordinary income, has been \$2,629 23. In 1868 the amount derived from the same sources was \$2,769 35. This shows a falling off of \$140 12. Comparing each of the different sources of income in the past two years, it will be found that the amount received from weekly offerings has increased—the amount in 1869 being \$1,390 40, as against \$1,313 33 in 1868. The quarterly subscriptions have fallen off from \$569 43 in 1868, to \$390 57 in 1869; and the weekly collections were \$848 26 last year, while in 1868 they were \$886 59. Taking into account the increase in the membership of the Church, the decrease is considerable—the rate of giving per member, having been last year \$7 99 as compared with \$9 20 in 1868, and \$9 in 1867. Had the rate of giving for 1868 been maintained during last year, the ordinary income should have been, taking into account the increased membership, over \$3,000.

The Managers know that many are cheerfully giving to the funds of the congregation all that can, and in some cases more than could, be expected from them; but they are also quite aware that many others are not contributing in proportion to their means, while some are actually contributing nothing.

Acting consistently with the views they have always held and expressed, the Managers have never placed any price upon the pews; they do not wish to do so now, nor do they name any sum as that which should or must be paid for the privilege of hearing the Gospel preached; they simply desire each of the congregation to bear in mind the Apostolic injunction, and to give "as God has prospered him." They press upon all the serious consideration of this question.

The Managers believe that a considerable addition has been made to the membership during the year; but, as the Session intend this year, for the first time, presenting a report, the details need not be given here.

The attendance on public worship has increased during the year; and the Managers hope that the improvement made a few weeks ago, by putting up double windows, will add to the comfort of the worshippers, and enable some, at least, to attend during the winter months, the state of whose health was formerly made an excuse for their absence.

Last year the Managers expressed the hope that they would in their report have the satisfaction of announcing the total extinction of the congregational debt; but this hope has not been fulfilled. During the year, a payment of \$1,000 was made on account of the debt, reducing the amount to \$1,036. The special Committee appointed in 1867 to accomplish this matter, inform the Managers that there is every prospect of this sum being paid off in a few weeks.*

As usual, a separate report of Sunday School operations will be given by the Superintendent.

T. W. TAYLOR,
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MISSIONARY REPORT.

In presenting the Annual Statement of the congregation's contributions for Missionary and benevolent objects, it is very gratifying to have again to report an increase over the givings of previous years for ordinary purposes. During a year when the congregation has been making unusual effort to liquidate the debt on its property, it would not have been surprising, however much to be regretted, had its missionary income been stationary or retrogressive. In reality, it has advanced by \$52 79 over that of the former year.

The amount taken up by the monthly Collectors, during the year, including a donation of \$6 for the French Canadian Mission, was \$455 59. To this must be added special donations by members of the congregation, for Home Missions, \$28 98; for Prof. Young's salary, \$120; and for University Students' Scholarship Fund, \$60. It is pleasing to state that two contributions, one of \$10 and another of \$24, have been received during the year from friends in Britain, who formerly worshipped for longer or shorter periods with the congregation.

The amount contributed by the Sabbath School, for Missionary and benevolent purposes, is \$156 63, giving an aggregate of \$912 20—as the contributions of the adult and juvenile members of the congregation—to the schemes of the Church.

The attention of the congregation is solicited to some changes which the Session propose to adopt in connexion with this part of the Church's working: *First*, The monthly contributions are to be understood to cover all the *Missionary* and *Evangelistic* schemes for which the Synod appeals to our liberality, viz., Home Missions,

including Supplements to weak congregations; Knox College, ordinary and special expenditure, with Scholarship Fund; Foreign Missions; Kankakee and French Canadian Missions. The Ministers' and Widows' Fund is not included, as not being properly a Missionary scheme. For this a collection will be taken up in October, as usual. *Second*, It is proposed, in accordance with the practice which obtains in some of the most efficiently wrought congregations both in Scotland and Canada, to embrace in the Annual Report of the Missionary Society, at the close of the current year, not only the aggregate amount raised, but the names of the subscribers, with the amounts contributed by each. It is not the design of the Session, in proposing this change, to bring largely into operation any other and lower motive than a desire to honour the Saviour in connexion with the spread of the truth, in developing the liberality of the congregation, and they will regret should such be the result. It is thought, however, that the members of the congregation may receive important guidance in determining their duty in giving for the schemes of the Church, from observing what others around them are doing. It may help, too, to prevent errors that may arise, and in this and other respects be satisfactory to the subscribers. *Third*, It is contemplated to have a Missionary Anniversary about the middle of December in each year—sermons suitable to the occasion to be preached on the Sabbath, and the Annual Meeting of the Society to be held on the following Monday. *Fourth*, It will be understood that any subscriber may give his contribution to any *one* or *more* of the schemes. In that case, he is requested to communicate his wish in an explicit way to the Collector of his district.

The thanks of the congregation are due to the Collectors, who have exhibited great faithfulness and diligence in

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the past years, as some of them have done now for many previous ones. A kind welcome is bespoken for them to every home. They come, as truly as the Minister with his Sabbath message, "*not* in their own name." It is confidently expected that the end of the present year will be a larger advance made over the former year's contributions, than on any previous occasion. There is much work to be done for Christ in this and other lands; work which cannot be overtaken without money. Let us remember who has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"; and His word holds good of much besides money. Therefore,

"Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give self;
Give love, give tears, and give thyself;
Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not, is not living;
The more we give, the more we live."

WILLIAM KERR,

Secretary and Treasurer.

TORONTO, Jan. 31, 1870.

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

Synod's Home Missions	\$250 00	
Knox College	150 00	
Foreign Missions	45 00	
Kankakee Mission	20 00	
French Canadian Mission, donation by a member	6 00	
Synod Fund	13 57	
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Professor Young's salary	120 00	
University Students' Scholarship Fund.	60 00	
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Carried forward	\$180 00	\$484 57

Brought forward	\$180 00	\$484 57
Aged Ministers' and Widows' Fund.....	62 00	
Donation by a friend in Scotland for evangelistic purposes	24 00	
Donation by a former member of the congregation, now in England, for Mission in the East of the city (in addition to \$5 for Home Missions),...	5 00	
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SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS :

Indian Famine Fund	33 81	
Toronto East, Building Fund.....	57 81	
" Mission work	15 00	
India Beawr, for support of an orphan.	24 92	
Calabar Mission	10 00	
French Canadian Mission.....	10 00	
Saskatchewan Mission	5 09	
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REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

There is little new to report in connexion with this part of our congregational work, though any change from last year is in the way of advancement.

The number of scholars on the Roll is 238, viz., 104 boys and 134 girls—being an increase of 9 over the previous year. The great majority of these young people are the children of the Church. While claiming their attendance, and thankful to see it so general and so well sustained, more might probably be done to draw into the school, children who have even greater need of the instruction and the oversight which it is not doubted all who join the school, receive. Among other reasons for

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thankfulness, in connexion with the school, may be mentioned the absence of any cases of fatal illness on the part either of Teachers or Scholars during the year, and the continued attendance on the senior classes of pupils at an age when they are frequently found to leave the school.

The number of Teachers is the same as at the date of last Report—12 male and 16 female—which, with the Librarians and the Superintendent, make the staff 31. Considerable changes, however, as usually happens, have taken place in the ranks of the Teachers. The school has lost the services of Miss Smith, Mrs. John Y. Reid, Miss Ewart, Miss Henderson, and Miss Jane Ewing, Mr. Flaws, Mr. Watt, Mr. Ross; though they are not all lost to the work, several of them being still engaged in instructing the young, in other spheres, in this city and elsewhere. The list of Teachers appended will show that their places have been efficiently filled.

The *Children's Paper*, and the *Juvenile Missionary Magazine*, continue to be supplied to the children once a month; and the absence of Mr. James Campbell from the city, the considerate and kind friend of the school, did not interfere with his usual gift of a book to each child on the morning of New Year's Day. The books in the Library are still read with great interest, and additions would require to be made to it every year.

The weekly meeting of Teachers for prayer and for preparation of the lesson, is now held at the close of the Prayer Meeting on Monday evening. It only needs to be more largely attended to be made a great instrument of good.

The children have contributed \$156 63 for benevolent and Missionary purposes during the year, being a large advance on any previous year. The disposition of the moneys will be found in another page of this report.

The amount received for the ordinary expenses of the school was \$65 10, leaving a small balance on hand.

An increasing number of the members of the Church are engaged in the same work with ourselves in the Mission School to the East, and some in other schools in the city. We are glad to have them as members of our Sabbath School Association.

As Sabbath School Teachers, God has furnished us with an interesting sphere of useful work—none more so. Have we done in it during the past year all that we could? If we would find it hard to say so, let us be more diligent and more faithful in the year on which we now enter, redeeming the time.

WILLIAM KERR,
Superintendent.

MINISTERS' BIBLE CLASSES.

These classes have met during the year, as usual; that for young men, on Sabbath, at 3.15; and that for young women, on Wednesday evening, at 7.30. The attendance on the former has been larger than during any previous year, there being over eighty names on the Roll. The attendance on the latter has not been so well sustained. The absence of some, who might be expected to attend it, is observed with regret, as fitted to interfere with their early employment as Sabbath School Teachers, and to diminish their usefulness when so employed. The evening hour at which the class is held, is no doubt a difficulty in the way of some. It is not believed, however, that any change could be made in this respect, which would not prevent the attendance of not a few who seem to attach great value to the opportunity it gives of increasing their acquaintance with the Scriptures.

JOHN M. KING.

STATISTICS.

	MEMBERSHIP.					RELIGIOUS CLASSES.			INCOME.	
	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	3,085 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
1869	59	21	57	23	340	115	31	238	2,629 23	4,479 43

* The number on the Communion Roll in May, 1863, was 05.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1869.

COLLECTED.		EXPENDED.	
Balance on hand, January 1st, 1869	\$486 89	Minister's Stipend	\$1600 00
Quarterly Contributions, &c.	390 57	Church Officer	144 00
Weekly Offerings	1390 40	Interest	147 65
Weekly Collections	848 26	Insurance	56 00
Subscriptions for Debt	1000 00	Gas Account	87 75
		Coal and Wood	78 45
		Widows' Fund	62 00
		Discount on Silver	26 40
		Sabbath School	57 80
		Poor of the Congregation	50 00
		Repairs and Improvements	336 37
		Paid on Debt	1000 00
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