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# OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH.

## PASTOR.

REV. J. F. STEVENSON, LL.B., (Residence, 458 Guy Street).

## CHURCH SECRETARY.

REV. GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D., (Residence, 149 Metcalfe Street).

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REV. GEORGE CORNISH,  
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MR. THEODORE LYMAN,  
" ALFRED SAVAGE,  
" HENRY VENNOR,

MR. C. R. BLACK.

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" JOSEPH B. LEARMONT.

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DR. J. B. EDWARDS,

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MR. C. M. ALEXANDER.

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MR. A. C. LYMAN.

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" L. CUSHING,  
" J. N. McNAUGHTON,  
" WM. BROWN,  
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" MACKINTOSH,

Mrs. McLACHLAN,  
" J. S. McLACHLAN,  
" SANDERS,  
" EDWARDS,  
" MACPHIE,  
" JOS. SAVAGE,  
" McLAREN,  
" BUDGE.

With power to add to their number.

SEXTON.—MR. EDWARD JAY, 44 St. Charles Borromée Street.

OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEES  
OF THE CHURCH

PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER  
MEETINGS.

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SUNDAY SERVICES. { Morning, at 11 o'clock. Evening, at 7 o'clock.  
Sunday School, 8 p.m. Adult Bible Class, conducted by  
Rev. Prof. Fenwick, 8 p.m.

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- WEEK-EVENING SERVICE;—Wednesday, at 8 p.m., in the Lecture-Room of the Church.
- MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CHURCH;—for the reception of Candidates, etc., at 8 p.m. of the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday of the month.
- ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER;—on the first Sunday of the month.
- MONTHLY MEETING OF PASTOR AND DEACONS;—at 8 p.m. of the Monday succeeding the Communion Sunday.
- MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CHURCH BOARD;—at 8 p.m. of the Monday preceding the Monthly Church Meeting.
- EMMANUEL CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY;—every alternate Tuesday.
- YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION;—eve. / alternate Thursday.
- WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING;—Tuesday, 4 p.m.
- LADIES' AID SOCIETY;—When convened.
- CHOIR PRACTICE;—Saturday, at 8 p.m.

## HISTORICAL MEMORANDA.

On the 10th March, 1875, 111 members of Zion Church withdrew from that fellowship, for the purpose of forming a new Congregational Church under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., one of the joint-pastors of Zion Church. On Sunday, March 14th, 1875, after an appropriate service conducted by Mr. Stevenson, the Church was duly organised, and Mr. Stevenson was unanimously chosen Pastor. At the same time the Church, by formal Resolution of the united brotherhood, received the name of "Emmanuel Church." As the Church possessed no local habitation of its own, the public services on the Lord's Day were held in the Montreal Gymnasium Building; and on Week-evenings, in the Lecture-Room of Erskine Church. In the month of June, 1875, ground was broken for the erection of a new church-edifice, on a site occupying the corner of Stanley street and facing St. Catherine street.

On April 15th, 1876, the corner stone was laid by the Pastor, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes. To the Pastor a silver trowel was presented bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to the  
REV. JOHN FREDERICK STEVENSON,  
On the occasion of his laying the  
Corner-stone of EMMANUEL (Congrega-  
tional) Church, Montreal,  
April 15th, 1876.

"Except the Lord build the house, they  
labour in vain who build it."

The jar deposited in the corner-stone contained the following:—

1. An Historical Sketch of the origin of Emmanuel Church.
2. A copy of the Church Manual for 1875.
3. A list of the names of the Building and Finance Committee.
4. The names of the Architect and Contractors.
5. Newspapers.
6. Starke's Almanac for 1876.
7. Canada Congregational Year Book for 1876.
8. Various current Coins of the Realm.

On January 14th and 21st, 1877, the building was opened for Divine Service with special Dedicatory Services.

The number of those in fellowship at the close of 1875 was 139.  
Increase from date of organization, 28.

The number of those in fellowship at the close of 1876 was 167.  
Increase for 1876, 28.





PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
EMMANUEL CHURCH, 1877.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Emmanuel Church was held on the evenings of January 18th and February 7th, 1877, in the Lecture Room of the Church.

The Pastor, the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., occupied the Chair.

1. Devotional service and Pastor's address.
2. The Report of the Board of Trustees, together with the Treasurer's statement, was read; and, on motion, received and adopted.
3. The Church elected by ballot the following brethren to constitute the Board of Trustees for the current year:—Messrs. James Linton, John S. McLachlan, R. C. Jamieson, Wm. Reid, Lemuel Cushing, Robt. Dunn, and John T. Wilson.
4. The Annual Report of the Church Board was read; and, on motion, was received and adopted.
5. The Rev. Dr. Cornish was re-elected Church Secretary by a standing vote, the Church at the same time expressing its cordial thanks to him for his services during the past year.
6. On motion, the following brethren were re-elected to serve on the Church Board for the current year:—Messrs. Burton, Cowan, Learmont, McDunnough, McLaren, Sanders and Spaulding.

7. It was moved by Mr. ALEXANDER; seconded by Mr. HY. LYMAN; and *Resolved*:—

That inasmuch as the Pastor, Deacons, Trustees and other members of Emmanuel Church have petitioned the Legislature of the Province of Quebec for an Act of Incorporation, and the said Legislature has granted the prayer of said petition and passed an act intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate Emmanuel Church, Montreal*;"

Therefore, this Emmanuel Church hereby ratifies and confirms the action of the said Pastor, Deacons, Trustees and other Members of said Church in respect of said petition, and accepts the said Act of Incorporation so passed by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, and hereby assumes all obligations and duties therein prescribed, especially those having reference to a certain loan obtained from Dame Jane Redpath and heirs of the late John Redpath, and also a loan from Edward Evans, Esquire, for the several purposes for which said loans were made.

8. Moved by Mr. CUSHING, seconded by Mr. BLACK, and *Resolved* :—

That the Trustees now appointed according to law, be duly authorized and instructed to receive a transfer of the Church property of this Corporation from the present holders thereof, viz., Henry Lyman, John S. McLachlan, and Robert Dunn, Esqrs., according to the provisions of the Act incorporating Emmanuel Church; and that it be provided in any deed of conveyance that the said Trustees shall assume and take over all contracts for the building of Emmanuel Church edifice, and all other obligations privately assumed by the aforesaid holders of said property on behalf of said Corporation in respect of promissory notes, viz. :—

1. One note of Messrs. McLachlan Bros. & Co., payable to the order of John S. McLachlan, Esq., and endorsed by Henry Lyman, for \$2000, due 20th March. And one note of same payable to John S. McLachlan, Esq., and endorsed by Henry Lyman, for the sum of \$2000, due 4th April.

2. And also of the several loans obtained for the purposes of the said Corporation, to wit: one of twenty thousand dollars from Dame Jane Redpath and heirs of the late John Redpath; and one for the sum of four thousand and five hundred dollars from Edward Evans, Esq., accountant, of the City of Montreal, as severally specified in said Act of Incorporation. The said Trustees to hold the said private holders of the said Church property, and the makers and endorsers of said promissory notes, harmless and to be fully exonerated of all personal responsibility by reason of the obligations aforesaid.

9. On motion, the thanks of the Church were tendered to Messrs. Henry Lyman, Dunn and McLachlan, for their kindness in assuming the various financial and other responsibilities on behalf of the Church to which the above resolution refers.

10. Mr. HENRY LYMAN, as Chairman of the Building and Finance Committee, presented the final Report of the Committee. Whereupon it was, on motion of the Church Secretary, *Resolved* :—

11. That the Report of the Building and Finance Committee now presented be received and adopted. And, further, that the cordial thanks of the Church be given to Mr. Henry Lyman, the Chairman of the Committee, and to Mr. William Reid, who acted as Superintendent of the works, for the valuable time and thought they so cheerfully gave to the oversight of the erection of the building from its first stage unto the last.

12. It was moved by Mr. THEO. LYMAN, seconded by Mr. REID, and *Resolved* :—

That the special thanks of the Church be given to the Honourable James Ferrier, Senator, and to the Honourable J. G. Robertson, M.P.P., for their considerate kindness in introducing into the Provincial Legislature, and in watching over its various stages through the Houses, the Bill which is now the Act of Incorporation of this Church.

13. On motion it was *Resolved* :—

That the Church desires to express and record its grateful sense and appreciation of the

valuable services rendered in the conduct of its financial affairs with such zeal and generosity by the Treasurer, Mr. J. S. McLachlan, and begs him to accept the thanks hereby tendered.

14. The Report of the Sunday School Committee was read and adopted.

15. The Report of the Committee on Psalmody was read and received ; and, as amended by the insertion in the paragraph referring to the appointment of the Assistant Organist of the words "subject to the sanction of the Church," the same was adopted.

16. The following were appointed as the Committee on Psalmody for the current year :—Messrs. Learmont, Henry Lyman, Gurd, Dr. J. B. Edwards, Evans, C. M. Alexander (*Organist*), and A. C. Lyman (*Assistant Organist*).

17. The Visitation Committee for the past year were re-appointed for 1877, with power to add to their number.

18. Reports of (1) The Ladies' Aid Society ; (2) of the Temperance Society ; and (3) of the Young Men's Association, were severally read and adopted.

After singing and prayer, the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE CORNISH,

*Church Secretary.*

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#### PASTOR'S ADDRESS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—We have to acknowledge the great goodness of our Heavenly Father in the history of the year now brought to a close. While there has still been much commercial depression in the city and in the country generally, the cloud of which is even yet scarcely beginning to roll away, our enterprises as a Church have been brought to a successful issue. None of us can look at our beautiful Church building, and its already good congregation, without feeling that a mighty and gentle hand has been upon us,—that the guiding pillar, whether of cloud or of fire, has gone before us for good. We are dealt with tenderly and in mercy, and it is equally our privilege and our duty to thank God for the past and to take courage for the time to come.

A reference to the Report will recall to your minds the happy services

at the opening of our Church, and the large amount of sympathy with which we have been favoured by other churches in the city. We shall always remember the visit of our friend the Rev. Dr. Duryea with gratitude and pleasure, and shall think with warm appreciation of the assistance rendered by other kind friends who filled our pulpit and gathered on our platform in connection with the Dedication Services. Let us go on to our work animated by this beginning and strengthened by the promises of God.

I trust we shall all be conscious of the increased responsibility which comes upon us now that we have more definitely taken our place among the churches of the city. With growing numbers and influence we ought to be effecting greater good. Let us remember that we are here that others may be the better for our presence, as well as that we may grow better ourselves. It is our duty to guard carefully both the quality and the quantity of the spiritual energy which flows out from us. Freely have we received, let us freely give.

I am thankful that the number of those on the Church-roll have not been diminished by death during the year, although some have been taken who were in every way closely associated with us, and the dark shadow has fallen upon some households by the removal of much-beloved children. We have need to remember that the clouds are only dark on the earthward side; on the heavenward, the sun shines with perennial rays.

I notice with pleasure the increased attendance at our week-day evening meeting. Those who have not hitherto met with us on that occasion are earnestly invited to do so. A single inspiration of the air on the mountain-top, of prayer and communion with God, will strengthen the weakest and confirm the strongest for the pressure of the cares and temptations of life.

I am very anxious to see the growth and increased efficiency of our Sabbath School. Let us bear it on our hearts before God. These are our own children, and are to fill our vacant places when our heads are laid low. It is all we can do for the world to leave with our children the inheritance of our convictions and principles, that they may use them as weapons in the warfare for good, and as starting-points in the discovery of further truth. What can be more important than that they should be thoroughly trained in the principles of the Gospel, so that



its divine thoughts and histories may be interwoven with their mental life? While we may do very much in that direction by keeping the temper of our home-life healthy and Christ-like, we shall be unwise if we neglect the important aid which the Sabbath School, by its studied and systematic methods of teaching, is so well adapted to supply.

May He who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think bless both Pastor and People, and manifest His presence among us in the conversion of sinners and the spiritual growth of those who believe.

I am, dear friends,

Your affectionate Pastor,

J. F. STEVENSON.

Emmanuel Church, Montreal, January, 1877.

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#### REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOARD.

The duty which now devolves upon the Board of presenting to the Church a Report of its work and life during another year is one specially agreeable. For the year has been bright and rich in mercies to this Church; and if the key-note of the last Annual Report was one of praise and gratitude, still more should it be that of the present one. Pastor and people have been blessed with a goodly measure of health and strength; death has not stricken down any from our ranks; amid commercial depression and disaster that have made stout hearts to quail, and have brought desolation into many a household, we have been favoured with manifold temporal blessings and with much exemption from calamity; our numbers have grown from more to more, and as brethren in Christ we have dwelt together in peace and unity, with no root of bitterness springing up to trouble us; our beautiful house, around which so many fond anxieties and eager anticipations have clustered, as stone was laid upon stone, has been opened to receive the tread of our feet, and to hear the voice of our thanksgiving and worship; and thus have we now a permanent habitation and name, and the period of our transition has passed, let us hope, into a bright summer-time of growth and happiness and usefulness. For all these favours we may, as a Church, well thank God and take courage.

The first item to be noted in this Report is the progress and completion of the new Church building. At the beginning of Spring, work was promptly resumed; and on April 15th, the corner stone was laid by the Pastor with appropriate services, in which the Rev. Dr. Wilkes and other ministers of the city took part. On the first Sunday in December, the Church began to hold all its services in the Lecture-hall, or basement, which has proved admirably adapted for all the purposes for which it was designed. Meantime, definite arrangements had been made for the formal opening and dedication of the building to the worship of Almighty God, on Sunday, Jany. 14th, 1877. By dint of almost superhuman exertions, when the auspicious morn dawned it saw all in sufficient readiness to receive the large audiences that attended the dedicatory services on the two Sundays set apart for holding the same. The Rev. Dr. Duryea, of Brooklyn, cheerfully responded to the invitation of the Church to take part in these services, and by the high character of his Pulpit ministrations and lecture rendered valuable aid for which a deep debt of gratitude is due to him. Not less cheerfully did the Revs. Dr. Wilkes, G. H. Wells, and A. J. Bray, all of this city, give their countenance and aid to the Church on this occasion; and not less emphatically does the Church desire to hold in grateful remembrance the kindly spirit which prompted this assistance. Not the least pleasing and successful of these Dedicatory Services was the Social Meeting held on the 18th; well-nigh every Church in the city was represented by ministers and office-bearers, who came to congratulate Pastor and Church on the realisation of their hopes and wishes, and to wish them God-speed in their future work. Your Board attach much value to the fraternal spirit thus manifested, since it shows that the kindly feeling of interest and confidence with which our beloved Pastor has from the first been regarded by the various Ministers and Churches of this city has gained in strength, and that the spirit which this Church desires to cultivate towards its fellows is reciprocated by them.

The attendance at the public services of the Church has been marked by an increase of numbers, and by thoughtful attention on the part of the hearers; and evidence is not lacking to show, that the high spiritual and intellectual character of the pulpit ministrations with which we are favoured is being more and more widely appreciated and valued. It is, moreover, matter for gratitude, that the truth as proclaimed from our

pulpit has not been without recognition and blessing from the Great Head of the Church. Let us indulge the hope that, whilst the preaching has been effective under God in adding to the numbers of the Church-roll, the spiritual life of the membership has been stimulated and developed into a higher and better condition than it was a year ago. The latter is of more vital importance to the well-being and usefulness and power of a church than mere numerical strength ever can be. Rapid growth is not always sure growth nor strong growth.

The statistics of the Church for the period between the last Church meeting for 1875 and the meeting of January 3rd, 1877, are as follows:—

Admitted on profession.....	7
“ by letter, or as by letter.....	25
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Total.....	32
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Removed by death.....	0
“ “ letters of transference .....	3
“ “ excommunication .....	1
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The present membership on the Church roll is 167;—showing a gain of 28 members during the year, and of 56 since the organization of the Church in March, 1875. Considering the untoward circumstances in which the Church has been placed for the due and proper prosecution of its work, in all its various departments, this is a result which must be regarded with grateful satisfaction. At the monthly meeting, held on June 29th, 1876, the Church adopted the following standing Rule:—

“That applicants for fellowship with this Church who are members of churches other than recognised Congregational Churches do stand proposed for one month before their admission.”

Your Board are happy in being able to report that the Sunday School is in a prosperous state; for the details of its work, etc., they refer to the Report of the School which will be presented by the Sunday School Committee. The thanks of the Church are specially due to the Rev. Prof. Fenwick, of the Congregational College of B. N. A., for the timely and valuable assistance he has rendered to the School in undertaking the Adult Bible Class, in response to the invitation of the Church. Your

Board would strongly urge upon the attention of all the value of this class for the study of the Scriptures.

Again should the thanks of the Church be tendered, and in no merely routine manner, to our Organist and every member of the Choir for the valuable service they have rendered in the conduct of the Psalmody of the congregation. The time they devote to practice, and the punctuality and zeal with which they attend to the duties they have assumed, deserve all praise; nor should the improvement which has attended their efforts be passed by without notice. There can be no doubt that, with the help of the really beautiful Organ, which we have happily succeeded in placing in the Church, this improvement will be yet more marked. A hint, however, to the congregation on their part and duty in the psalmody is always timely and in place:—let not our singing lose its congregational character.

The Young Men's Association, the Temperance Society, and the Ladies' Prayer Meeting, have all been maintained with much efficiency and usefulness during the year.

A marked feature in the proceedings of the past year, and one to which your Board advert with much pleasure, was the very successful Bazaar, which the ladies prepared for and held for the purpose of furnishing the Church with the necessary upholstery, etc. It received the sanction of the Church, and was conducted in a proper and decorous manner, as becometh sober Christian men and women, and with none of the objectionable concomitants too often found with such undertakings. The sum netted amounted to \$1105.52, which has been found of essential service to the Church. For their self-denying efforts, the ladies received the formal thanks of the Church.

A Report will be presented from the Building and Finance Committee which will show the exact condition in which the Church stands as to expenditure and indebtedness on account of the new building. Your Board recommend that, so soon as practicable, a well-organised plan be devised for using every available means for collecting funds for the extinction of the debt. Our brethren, Messrs. Henry Lyman and Reid, have devoted very much of their time and thought to the careful oversight of the erection of the building, from its first to its last stage, and for this they deserve well of the Church.

On May 19th, the Church adopted a Code of Rules and Regulations,



which had previously received the careful consideration of the Board of Trustees and of your Board. At the same meeting it instructed these Boards to prepare and procure the passage of an Act of Incorporation, based on these Rules and Regulations. The Act was passed at the last Session of the Provincial Legislature and received the Royal assent. The Church is greatly indebted to the Hon. James Ferrier, Senator, and to the Hon. J. G. Robertson, M.P.P., for their kindness in introducing the bill and watching over it through its various stages. A special Resolution of thanks to these gentlemen will be submitted to you at this meeting.

At the Monthly Meeting, held Nov. 29th, 1876, the Church adopted the following resolutions respecting the allotment and occupancy of sittings, and contributions to the Current Expense Fund, which your Board deem it proper should have a place in this Report.

I. That in the support of the Church primary prominence be given to the *Voluntary Principle*.

II. That all the sittings in the Church be valued by the Trustees for an annual assessment, which, it is expected, shall be paid by the occupants thereof, as a minimum; except in special cases, which will be dealt with confidentially by the Trustees.

III. That, in addition to the said assessment, all the members of the Congregation will be expected to contribute *weekly* to the Current Expense Fund, as God has prospered them. (1 Cor. xvi. 2.)

IV. That the primary allotment of pews and sittings in the new Church be entrusted to the Deacons and Trustees; and, for this purpose, members of the Congregation, and others who desire to become such, are invited to send in their names, with a statement of the number of sittings required, and of the amount of their weekly contribution to the Current Expense Fund, according to a form which will be provided.

V. That all subsequent allotments of pews and sittings shall be made by the Trustees.

The Pastor and Deacons have reported that the choice of a new Hymn Book for use in the public services of the Church on the Lord's Day is a growing necessity. The book now in use is found to be too limited in its selection of hymns and in its range of subjects, being prepared rather for the week-evening service than for public worship on the Sunday. A recommendation will be laid before you on this matter ere long.

Your Board recommend that, in view of the exceptionally important character of the events of the past year in the history of this Church, a Year Book, on the plan of that for 1876, be published under the care of the Church Secretary.

In conclusion, let us be devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for all His rich mercies unto us as Pastor and People; and let the enjoyment of these inspire us with new zeal and energy for the work that lies before us. Christ has, as we humbly but firmly believe, given us a name and place in this city; let us in loyalty to Him, to the Pastor whom He has given us, and to ourselves, see well to it that we be not recreant to our high name and place, but that it be our unflagging ambition to be found a source and centre of all holy and good influences unto the community in which we dwell.

All which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Board:—

GEORGE CORNISH,

*Church Secretary.*

MONTREAL, February 6th, 1877.

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#### TRUSTEES' AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Trustees have printed and circulated a detailed statement of their receipts and disbursements for the past year; a long report is, therefore, unnecessary.

The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$315.35; we have received for current expenses \$6,147.44; total, \$6,461.79, being \$246.50 less than the previous year; but, when we think of the depressed condition of trade and the want of a proper Church Home, we have great cause for thankfulness that the income has not fallen much lower.

Our disbursements for the year have amounted to \$6,521.61, exceeding our income and balance left over from last year by \$58.82. This is accounted for by our having paid the insurance on the building for three years, effecting a saving of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  p.c. Had we not done this the balance would have shewn \$150 in our favour.

The Trustees would suggest that the weekly-offering plan be adopted by all, as the collecting of annual subscriptions involves much valuable time.

The Trustees estimate their requirements for Sustentation Fund for the ensuing year at \$7,000. Of this sum \$2400 is for interest on mortgage. The present indications are that we shall have no difficulty in realising it.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. McLACHLAN, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The last Report of this Committee contained a *resumé* of the initial steps which had been taken toward the erection of the new Church edifice.

Building operations were resumed early in April last, and on the 15th of the same month the corner-stone was laid, with appropriate ceremonies, by the Pastor, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes and other city ministers, of our own and other Communions; among whom it is fitting to mention specially the late senior pastor of Erskine Church, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, whose kindly words of encouragement will be long remembered by those who were privileged to hear them.

Your Committee have now the gratification of formally reporting that the substantial work committed to their hands has been fully accomplished, and that the result is generally admitted to be of an extremely satisfactory character.

Without the aid of meretricious ornament, the structure pleases by chasteness of design and general adaptation of parts conducing to a harmonious result, in excellent keeping with the various and important purposes for which such a building is required.

On the 15th of November the Lecture Hall in the basement was first used for the Weekly Lecture and Prayer Meeting, and on the 14th of January the church proper was opened for Divine Worship, by special dedicatory services, kindly conducted by the Rev. Dr. Duryea, of Closson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of this city.

On the 21st of January the Rev. Mr. Bray, of Zion Church, the Rev. G. H. Wells, of the American Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, pastor, concluded this series of dedicatory services, which were numerous attended, and of an interesting character.

The thanks of this Church are especially due to the Rev. Dr. Duryea, who so generously responded to our request at no little inconvenience to himself, and also to the city ministers who kindly gave us their assistance.

Thus, in just seven months from the date of laying the corner-stone, the first service was held in the basement of the church, and in nine

months the church proper had been so far completed that it was found possible to hold the very interesting opening services already alluded to.

This happy result having been achieved, it is proper to enquire :—

1st. To what extent the object primarily presented to the Church has been accomplished? and

2nd. What remains yet to be done?

1st. By reference to the former Report of this Committee it will be seen that the cost of the building, to seat 750 persons, was estimated by tenders received by the architect, W. T. Thomas, Esq., at the sum of \$40,163; and, although this amount was slightly in excess of the stipulated limit of cost, viz., \$40,000, the Church resolved to accept Mr. Thomas's plans, and directed the Committee to proceed with the erection of the Church in accordance therewith.

After the contracts had been closed and building operations carried on to a considerable extent, it became apparent that the plans and specifications did not contain all that the Architect and your Committee deemed essential to the proper erection and security of the edifice, and they had no alternative but to order additional works, or to modify in some respects those which were provided for. In addition to the above, the Committee felt themselves warranted, in the interest of the Church, in adding some features, not indeed essential, but calculated to add to the elegance of the structure, and so to promote the comfort and enjoyment of the congregation in their church-home.

To enter into further detail respecting these matters is not now desirable or necessary; suffice it to say that the cost will be in excess of the estimate submitted to the Church-meeting on the 24th June, 1875, by about \$6,000; or, say, in the proportion of 15 per cent. of the estimated cost.

It is common for those who are accustomed to build to make an allowance of ten to twelve and one-half per cent. for contingencies, but it must be assumed that the Church intended that the estimate of \$40,000 should cover the whole expenditure, inasmuch as it was provided that it should include the architect's commission.

The record of the building operations of your Committee would not be complete without referring to the important and valuable services rendered by one of their members, Mr. William Reid, who kindly undertook, at the unanimous request of the Committee, to oversee the works



in progress, and it is not too much to say that the success secured in this department is largely due to his careful and constant attention.

2. With respect to the second topic to be considered, viz., *the work which yet remains to be done*, your Committee may sum it up in one phrase; viz., this, **PAY THE DEBT**. And this leads to the important consideration of

#### FINANCES.

It will be remembered that a loan was negotiated for \$20,000 upon a mortgage on the property, \$5000 of which was paid to Mr. Freer, the former proprietor of the land, leaving only \$15,000 available for building purposes.

The subscription to the Building Fund amounted to..	\$ 29,085.00
Upon which there has been paid.....	18,199.30
Leaving to be collected the sum of.....	10,886.70
Of which it is estimated the sum of \$4,886, cannot now be realized.	

Therefore the value of this subscription, as it now stands, may be taken to be.....	6,000.00
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Now, if we estimate the cost of church and land thus, say purchase of the land.....	11,960.00
Cost of building.....	46,000.00

The total amount is fifty-seven thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars.....	57,960.00
Amount collected and collectable.....	24,200.00

We find a balance of. ....	\$33,760.00
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It is the opinion of your Committee, and they believe it will meet the approval of all prudent persons, that the debt remaining on the Church should not exceed the sum of, say, \$30,000. It will be seen, therefore, that strenuous efforts should be made to reduce it within safe and prudent limits, by raising the present Building Fund to at least \$10,000, available; in other words, to make good the amount of the original subscription.

In order to meet the pressing requirements of the contractors, the Chairman and Treasurer procured the discount of their own private notes at one of the city banks, to the amount of \$4000, which will

soon become due, and provision should be made to retire them at maturity.

In grappling with this church debt the smaller contributions should not be neglected; a well organized effort should be *at once* set on foot to collect the small sums which may be given at stated periods, by those whose means will not warrant the payment of considerable amounts at any one time, and all, young and old, should aid in this good work.

Truly the times have not been propitious; on the contrary the present period is one of almost unexampled financial disaster and business depression; yet it is matter for great thankfulness to God, that, sustained by faith in His blessing and providence, we have been enabled to do as much as has been done.

Let the work already accomplished be an earnest of that which the ever-blessed Redeemer in His providence will permit us to do, and your Committee feel that, if the object be kept steadily in view with singleness of purpose and unity of design, it will surely be attained, and the joy of success will be ours.

In conclusion it only remains to say that, so soon as the new Board of Trustees shall be appointed, it will be the duty of Messrs. Henry Lyman, John S. McLachlan and Robert Dunn, the present holders of the property, to transfer the same in due form, according to law, and that this Committee be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY LYMAN, *Chairman.*  
ROBERT DUNN, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee have placed in your hands a full account of their stewardship for the past year.

The contributions to the Building Fund for 1876 amount to \$9,458.40; \$20,000 has been raised on mortgage, and \$4,000 from the Merchants' Bank, on the joint notes of the Chairman and Treasurer, making a grand total of \$33,458.40.

We have paid the first instalment due on the lot \$4,935.50; the contractors have received \$26,890 on account of their contracts, and

\$1,337 for extra work: the total amount of disbursements being \$33,362.50, leaving a balance on hand of \$95.90.

The amount due contractors on the completion of the building is \$7,000; say for extras, \$2,500, or a total of \$9,500, which has to be paid in a few weeks. To meet this, we have promised us by contributors about \$11,000, but, owing to financial depression, it is doubtful if more than \$6,000 can be depended upon for this year.

The contributors to the Building Fund have been notified that the third and last instalment is now due and has been called in; the Treasurer would be grateful if all would respond promptly.

*Resume.—1875.*

Contributions to Sustentation Fund.....	\$ 6,393.55
"    Building    "    .....	6,990.90
	<u>\$13,384.45</u>

*Resume.—1876.*

Contributions to Sustentation Fund.....	\$ 6,147.44
"    Building    "    .....	9,458.40
	<u>\$15,605.84</u>

J. S. McLACHLAN.

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### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee, in presenting its Annual Report for the year 1876, and expressing its gratification at the measure of progress made, would do so with thankfulness to Almighty God for H's goodness to us as a Sabbath School.

Your Committee report with pleasure that the school, in regard to numbers, is still on the increase. Our numbers, as given in our last Annual Report, were 11 teachers and officers and 83 scholars. The number at present on our roll is 16 teachers and officers and 150 scholars, shewing an increase over last year of 5 teachers and 67 scholars. The average attendance of the school has been 112, against 77 last year. In addition to the senior classes connected with the main school, there are three senior or Bible classes, which assemble in their respective classrooms, Rev. Professor Fenwick's, Mr. Osborne's, and Mrs. Spaulding's.

They have been well attended, and have been growing in interest and numbers.

The Library is, as it ought to be, both appreciated and prized by the scholars, judging from the number of books read, and the interest shown in obtaining them; but it is felt that a large addition, particularly of works suited to the older scholars, is wanted, in order to increase its attractiveness and usefulness. It is earnestly hoped that the funds of the school may be placed in such a state that this much-felt want may be supplied. In addition, the scholars have been supplied monthly with copies of one of the following papers, viz., *British Workman*, *Band of Hope Review*, and *Cottager and Artisan*.

The singing, this important part of our school service, has received special attention, and there is a marked and steady improvement therein.

A Teachers' Prayer Meeting has been held monthly, at the close of the school. To this meeting the scholars are invited to remain.

In March last, the first of our annual festivals was held in the basement of Erskine Church. It was well attended, notwithstanding the stormy state of the weather, and a very pleasant evening was spent by both teachers and scholars. On this occasion the balance of missionary collections for 1875, viz., \$30, was voted by the scholars to the Congregational Missionary Society.

The school was closed during the months of July and August, and again re-opened in September. Our Missionary collections for the year have amounted to \$58.44, which will be devoted to such objects as the scholars may indicate. The annual collection in aid of the funds of the school was made on Sunday, November 12th. Your Committee, on this occasion, made a humble request for \$250, but we regret to say that the amount received did not reach anything like that sum, being only \$98.68. To the kind friends who have assisted us, we beg to tender our grateful thanks. The amount received, we regret to say, is not sufficient to meet the working expenses of the school, until our usual time for collecting returns, next September, it having already been expended in paying off indebtedness incurred during the year just closed, and we find ourselves, in the beginning of a new year, with our work before us and our treasury, we regret to say, *empty*. Knowing the many objects to be collected for in connection with our Church (our Sabbath School nevertheless as important as any), we have deemed it advisable to defer

asking a further collection until later on, when we trust our friends will consider our claims, and we respectfully ask a response in a liberal and generous spirit.

In connection with the Bazaar lately held in aid of the Furnishing Fund of our Church, "The Sabbath School Department" was successful in raising the sum of \$66.35.

So far as your Committee are aware, only one death has taken place during the year, viz., that of Grace Sutcliffe, one of the infant class, aged three years and seven months, which took place on the last Sunday of 1876. She was much attached to her teacher and enjoyed the Sunday School. Although her accustomed place is vacant here, she has joined that happy company who shall forever praise Him, and concerning whom the Saviour said when on earth, "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

We close this report thankful for the past and with good hope for the future. Our prayer is that God will guide and bless us, so that at last teachers and scholars may rejoice together.

Respectfully submitted.

ED. S. SHARPE, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

During the past year the Service of Song in Emmanuel Church has been carried on with regularity, and to the general acceptance of the Congregation.

The Choir, however, have laboured under the inconvenience of holding their Choir-practice meetings at private houses, necessitating the removal of books from place to place.

These meetings, however, were not without compensating advantage, as they helped to cultivate the social element among the members, and many pleasant hours were thus spent at "Thornhill," "The Elms," and elsewhere.

Your Committee taking into anxious consideration the obvious advantage which would result from the acquisition of an Organ of suitable power and capacity to lead the musical service, decided that, provided a special loan could be obtained of the amount required, and the interest be provided for by special subscription, it would be desirable to procure an organ to be available for the opening of the new edifice.



This movement met the informal approval of the Pastor and Officers of the Church.

Mr. Edward Evans, one of the members of your Committee, having the necessary amount at his command, viz., \$4,500.00, offered it on loan secured by mortgage for this purpose, and a subscription for the payment of the interest having been secured, your Committee entered into a contract with Messrs. S. R. Warren & Co. for the supply of an organ according to a specification by C. F. Davies, Esq., Mus. Doc., who also superintended its construction. The Messrs. Warren completed their contract most promptly and satisfactorily, reflecting great credit upon the several parties concerned.

Charles M. Alexander, Esq., has continued to fulfil the onerous duty of Organist during the past year, as he has done for many years past, with great assiduity and patience, winning the respect of Church and people by the modesty of his deportment and careful attention to his duties.

Having carried on the work confided to him as Organist single-handed since the formation of the Church, as well as elsewhere prior to that event, Mr. Alexander desired the Committee to appoint an assistant to share his labours with him. The Committee cheerfully responded to this overture by the appointment, subject to the sanction of the Church, of Mr. A. C. Lyman, a former pupil of Dr. Davies.

Your Committee have had under their consideration the formation of a class for the cultivation of Sacred Music with special reference to the improvement of the Service of Song in the worship of the Church.

Having ascertained that the services of Dr. Davies may be had upon reasonable terms, it is probable that, should a sufficient number offer to join such a class, for say three months, this very desirable object may be carried into effect.

The Choir seats in the Church are not well adapted to promote the best effects of the Church Music in leading the congregation, and it will be desirable that some slight alteration may be made under the direction of this Committee.

As soon as it is possible your Committee would recommend that a suitable engine be procured to work the bellows of the organ as a matter of convenience and economy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. LEARMONT,

*Chairman Music Committee.*

### REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Emmanuel Church Temperance Society was formed on the 7th Dec., 1875, its object being to aid and encourage its members and others to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and to further the cause of temperance.

The first regular meeting was held on the above date; from that date up to the 23rd May, 1876, when the Society adjourned for the summer, eleven very successful meetings were held, 94 persons having signed the pledge.

The meetings for this season commenced on the 18th December, 1876; but, owing to the numerous interruptions which have taken place, only two have been held; 14 persons have this season signed the pledge, making up to the present a total of 108 pledged members. The meetings partake somewhat of the nature of a musical and literary entertainment; readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental music entering largely into our programmes, also addresses bearing on the subject of temperance.

Judging from the numbers which have attended them, our meetings appear to have been appreciated, and we trust that during the rest of this season, while we on our part endeavour to do our best to make our meetings instructive and amusing, as well as a great help to the cause of temperance, the congregation on theirs will liberally help us by their presence, and, when necessary, by their contributions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. HAULTAIN, *Secretary.*

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### REPORT OF THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Young Men's Association is able to present a favourable report for the past year.

There are 53 names on the roll of membership, being an increase of 23, or nearly 100 per cent.

Only thirteen ordinary meetings were held as, in addition to the adjournment for the warm season, there was considerable delay in resuming work in the autumn, as we felt that it would be well to wait till the Church was in possession of its new building.

Besides ordinary meetings, the Association, through the kindness and hospitality of some of the members of the Church, enjoyed some very pleasant social meetings at private houses.

The literary work of the Association has consisted mainly of readings, recitations, essays; debates and discussions of a less formal character.

At the annual meeting in Nov., 1876, our Pastor was unanimously re-elected President; and the Association wishes to express its gratitude for his invaluable services and untiring labours in its behalf.

The whole respectfully submitted,

R. C. LYMAN, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Ladies of Emmanuel Church, held in the Lecture-hall of the Church, on Tuesday, 19th December, 1876, it was decided to form a Society to be called "The Ladies' Aid Society," its object being to undertake and carry on Church work; Mrs. Stevenson was elected President; Mrs. Spalding, Vice-President; Mrs. Sanders, Secretary-Treasurer.

Although the ladies of the Church had not before been properly organized into a society, they had not been idle. Wishing to undertake the furnishing of the new Church they decided to hold Socials, at which a collection of 25 cents from each person was made. We are greatly indebted to the kind friends who threw open their houses and entertained the Church and friends so hospitably; we have also to thank those who so kindly assisted us with music, readings, recitations, &c. Eight socials were held during the winter months of 1875-76; a concert was also given by some of our kind friends in Saybrook Hall, the use of which was cheerfully granted by Mrs. Lay. Mrs. Stevenson feeling the necessity for something more being done to raise funds, sent a postal card to each lady of the Church and Congregation, asking them to make one or more articles during the summer vacation to be given to the Church for the purpose of holding a Bazaar in the fall, which request must have been most liberally responded to, judging from the result. Meetings were held weekly during the months of September, October and November, at the house of Mrs. Stevenson, to work for the Bazaar,

which was held in the Mechanics Hall on the 30th November and 1st December. Its success is well known to all.

The ladies intend to carpet the whole of the Church and Vestry, to supply the Communion table and chairs, to furnish the kitchen, &c.

We ask the co-operation of all the ladies of the congregation in our work.

While acknowledging our deep thankfulness to God for blessing our efforts in the past year, we pray for His continued guidance and blessing in the future.

A weekly meeting for prayer, conducted by Mrs. Stevenson, has been held at the house of Mrs. Edwards. Those whose privilege it has been to attend have felt it was good to be there. In order to secure a larger attendance they will be held for the future in the Ladies' Parlor on Tuesday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

MRS. H. SANDERS,

*Secretary-Treasurer.*

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LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

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| Adams, Miss Jane, 911 St. Catherine st              | Blackader, Mr. Heber, 21 St. Helen st     |
| Agnew, Mr. Robert, 221 St. James st                 | Brown, Mr. William, absent                |
| Aitcheson, Miss, 36 Crescent st                     | Brown, Mrs., absent                       |
| Alexander, Mr. Chas., 209 University st             | Brown, Mr. William, Marchmont             |
| Alexander, Mrs., 209 University st                  | Brown, Mrs., Marchmont                    |
| Alexander, Mrs. Hy. M., 235 University st           | Brown, Miss Isabella, Marchmont           |
| Alexander, Mrs. Chas. M., 229 University st         | Budge, Mr. D. A., Stanley st              |
| Bain, Mr. Ebenezer, 109 Fulford st                  | Budge, Mrs., Stanley st.                  |
| Bain, Mrs., 109 Fulford st                          | Burgess, Mr. John, 37 Coursol st          |
| Baker, Mrs. Percy, Tupper st                        | Burton, Mr. P. H., 56 St. Matthew st      |
| Baxter, Mr. M. S., 750 Palace st                    | Burton, Mrs., 56 St. Matthew st           |
| Baxter, Mrs., 750 Palace st                         | Campbell, Mr. Donald, 46 Dorchester st    |
| Bennett, Mr. Robert, 314 St. Charles Borromée st    | Campbell, Mrs., 486 Dorchester st         |
| Bennett, Mrs., 314 St. Charles Borromée st          | Campbell Miss Jessie, 486 Dorchester st   |
| Bennett, Miss Annie L., 314 St. Charles Borromée st | Cochrane, Mrs. Hugh, absent               |
| Black, Mr. Chas. R., 1165 St. Catherine st          | Cornish, Rev. George, 149 Metcalfe st     |
| Black, Mrs., 1165 St. Catherine st                  | Cowan, Mr. R. W., 1146 Sherbrooke st      |
| Black, Miss Susan, 1165 St. Catherine st            | Cowan, Mrs., 1146 Sherbrooke st           |
| Black, Chas. H., Cong. Coll. B. N. A.               | Cowper, Mr. P. H., 49 Papineau square     |
|   | Cowper, Mrs., 49 Papineau square          |
|   | Cribb, Miss Nellie, 44 City Councilors st |
|   | Cushing, Mr. Lemuel, 141 Metcalfe st      |
|   | Cushing, Mrs. Lemuel, 141 Metcalfe st     |
|   | Dangerfield, Mrs., 276 Dorchester st      |



- Davis, Miss Eliza, 458 Guy st  
 Dease, Mr. Chas., St. Charles Borromée st  
 Dease, Mrs., St. Charles Borromée st  
 Dougall, Mr. J. D., 294 Drummond st  
 Dougall, Mrs. J. D., 294 Drummond st  
 Douglas, Mr. Alex., 39 St. Famille st  
 Douglas, Mrs., 39 St. Famille st  
 Duff, Mr. J. M. M., Notre Dame de Grâce  
 Duff, Mrs., Notre Dame de Grâce  
 Dunn, Mr. Robt., 319 St. George st  
 Dunn, Mrs., 319 St. George st  
 Evans, Mr. Edward, 47 Mackey st  
 Evans, Mrs., 47 Mackey st  
 Edwards, Dr. Jno. B., 5 Phillips square  
 Edwards, Mrs., 5 Phillips square  
 Edwards, Miss F. B. L., 5 Phillips square  
 Edwards, Miss Mary G., 5 Phillips square  
 Fisher, Mrs., 956 Sherbrooke st  
 Ferguson, Miss A., 852 Dorchester st  
 Gibb, Mrs., 50 St. Matthew st  
 Gibb, Miss Mary Bella, 50 St. Matthew st  
 Gibb, Miss Elizabeth, 50 St. Matthew st  
 Gurd, Mr. Chas., Papineau Road  
 Gurd, Mrs., Papineau Road  
 Gurd, Miss M., 81 Cathcart st  
 Gurd, Mr. D. F., 81 Cathcart st  
 Haight, Mrs., 852 Dorchester st  
 Haight, Miss Jennie E., 852 Dorchester st  
 Hanneman, Mr. Hy. O., 115 Mountain st  
 Harrower, Mr. James, Stanley st  
 Haultain, Mr. Frank, 40 Durocher st  
 Hervey, Miss Eliza M., 5 Phillips square  
 Hutchins, Mrs., 93 Union avenue  
 Jamieson, Mr. R. C., 185 University st  
 Jamieson, Mrs., 185 University st  
 Johnston, Mr. T. S., 36 Crescent st  
 Johnston, Mrs., 36 Crescent st  
 Kingan, Mr. Gordon, 74 Fortier st  
 Kingan, Mrs., 74 Fortier st  
 Kirkpatrick, Miss Helen, Dorchester st  
 Ketley, Mrs., 93 St. Antoine st  
 Lavers, Miss Jane, 21 Hypolite st  
 Lay, Mrs., 852 Dorchester st  
 Lay, Miss Elizabeth, 852 Dorchester st  
 Learmont, Mrs., 793 Sherbrooke st  
 Learmont, Miss, 793 Sherbrooke st  
 Learmont, Miss Jane F., 793 Sherbrooke st  
 Learmont, Mr. Jos. B., 1043 Sherbrooke st  
 Leslie, Miss Margaret Eva  
 Linton, Mr. James, 36 Simpson st  
 Linton, Mrs., 36 Simpson st  
 Lockhart, Mr. K. F.  
 Lyman, Mr. Henry, *Thornhill*, 74 McTavish st  
 Lyman, Mrs. Henry, *Thornhill*, 74 McTavish st  
 Lyman, Mr. R. C., *Thornhill*, 74 McTavish st  
 Lyman, Mr. H. H., *Thornhill*, 74 McTavish st  
 Lyman, Mr. A. C., *Thornhill*, 74 McTavish st  
 Lyman, Mr. Theodore, 208 Peel st  
 Lyman, Mrs. Theodore, 208 Peel st  
 Lyman, Miss Elizabeth Mary, 208 Peel st  
 MacDonald, Mrs. (Rev. A.), 57 City Councillors st  
 Macintosh, Mr. John, 289 Peel st  
 Macintosh, Mrs., 289 Peel st  
 Macphie, Mr. D., 1048 Dorchester st  
 Macphie, Mrs., 1048 Dorchester st  
 Macphie, Miss Ida Kate, 1048 Dorchester st  
 Macphie, Miss Edith Frances, 1048 Dorchester st  
 McCallum, Miss E., 21 University st  
 McDunnough, Mr. Wm., 161 St. George st  
 McDunnough, Mrs., 161 St. George st  
 McGowan, Mrs., 185 University st  
 McLachlan, Mrs., 643 Sherbrooke st  
 McLachlan, Mr. J. S., 47 Belmont st  
 McLachlan, Mrs. J. S., 47 Belmont st  
 McLaren, Mr. Wm., 22 Mance st  
 McLaren, Mrs., 22 Mance st  
 McLaren, Mr. David C., 22 Mance st  
 McNaughton, Mr. J. A., 34 Mansfield st  
 Mair, Miss Laura S., 876 Ontario st  
 Moir, Mr. Archd., 259 St. Antoine st  
 Moir, Mrs., 259 St. Antoine st  
 Moodie, Mr. Wm., 949 Dorchester st  
 Patterson, Mr. W. J. B., 14 Tupper st  
 Patterson, Mrs. W. J. B., 14 Tupper st  
 Popham, Mr. John, Lachine  
 Popham, Mrs., Lachine  
 Ramsay, Mr. A. W., 263 St. Martin st  
 Reid, Mr. Wm., 478 Guy st  
 Reid, Mrs., 478 Guy st  
 Robertson, Mr. Norman, Lincoln av  
 Robertson, Mrs., Lincoln av  
 Robertson, Miss, 50 St. Matthew st  
 Robinson, Mrs., 51 Berthelet st  
 Sanders, Mr. Henry, Tupper st



- Sanders, Mrs., Tupper st  
 Savage, Mr. Alfred, *The Elms*, 352 Peel st  
 Savage, Mrs. Alfred, 352 Peel st  
 Savage, Mrs. Jos., sen., 52 St Matthew st  
 Savage, Mrs. Joseph, 52 St Matthew st  
 Scholes, Mr. Francis, 157 University st  
 Scholes, Mrs., 157 University st  
 Sharpe, Mr. Edmund,  
 Sharpe, Mr. Ed. S., Tupper st  
 Sharpe, Mrs., Tupper st  
 Spaulding, Mr. Ab., 21 University st  
 Spaulding, Mrs., 21 University st  
 Spencer, Mrs., 14 Overdale avenue  
 Stevenson, Rev. J. F., 458 Guy st  
 Stevenson, Mrs. J. F., 458 Guy st  
 Stevenson, Mr. J. W. (A. Ramsay & Son)  
 Sutherland, Mrs., 97 Osborne st  
 Sutherland, Miss, 97 Osborne st  
 Swanson, Miss Annie, 876 Ontario st
- Thompson, Miss  
 Trotter, Mrs., 488 St Lawrence Main st  
 Vennor, Mr. Hy., 371 St. Antoine st  
 Vennor, Mrs., 371 St. Antoine st  
 Watson, Mr. Anson R., 334 Peel st  
 Weir, Mrs. W. H., 75 Aylmer st  
 Westcott, Mr. James  
 Westcott, Mrs.  
 Wilson, Mr. J. W., 725 Sherbrooke st  
 Wilson, Mrs., 725 Sherbrooke st  
 White, Mrs., 106 Stanley st  
 White, Miss, 106 Stanley st  
 White, Miss Annie, 106 Stanley st  
 White, Mr. Stephen  
 White, Mrs.  
 Willett, Mr. George, Cong. Coll. B. N. A.  
 Wright W. Jas., 43 Berthelot st  
 GEORGE CORNISH,  
 Church Secretary.  
 March, 1877.

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## PEW-HOLDERS, MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

- Alloway, Mr. C. J., Metcalfe st  
 Alexander, Mr. C. M., 229 University st  
 Alexander, Mr. H. M., 235 University st  
 Alexander, Mr. J. F., 209 University st  
 Arthur, Mr. Allan, 106 Stanley st  
 Baker, Mr. S. J., 70 St. Denis st  
 Davidson, Mr. Alex., 63 McGill College avenue  
 Drummond, Mr. Frank  
 Dowsley, Mr. W. H.  
 Freer, Mr. E. S., 99 Drummond st  
 Ferguson, Mr. J. S., 12 Mayor st  
 Ferguson, Mr. D., 271 German st  
 Galt, Sir A. T., 290 Mountain st  
 Gibb, Mr. J. R., 50 St. Matthew st  
 Gilman, Mr. E. F., Lincoln avenue, corner St. Matthew st  
 Gillian, Mr. W., 32 Burnside place  
 Hood, Mr. Jno., 264 Bleury st  
 Horshaw, Mr. A. T., 60 Aylmer st  
 Johnson, Mr. B. F., 273 Bleury st  
 Innes, Mr. James, 42 Scotland st  
 Lockerby, Mr. A. L., 696 Dorchester st
- Macara, Mr. J.  
 Moss, Mr. G. W., 26 University st  
 Malthie, Mr. W.  
 Moulton, Mr. H. A., 221 St. James st  
 Munroe, Miss  
 McDougall, Mr. Wm., 182 St. James st  
 McLachlan, Mr. W., 643 Sherbrooke st  
 McDougall, Mr. T., 192 Peel st  
 McKenzie, Mr. Alex., 3 Durocher st  
 McLellan, Miss  
 MacPherson, Mrs. G. R., 820 Ontario st  
 Osborne, Mr. F. W. A., 164 Cadieux st  
 Robinson, Mr. Geo., 51 Berthelet st  
 Seath, Mr. Wm., 120 Shuter st  
 Stephen, Mr. G. C.  
 Sims, Mr. Alison, 28 Lorne avenue  
 Taylor, Mr. J. G., 179 Mansfield st  
 Taylor, Mr. John, 225 University st  
 Weir, Mr. W. H., Western avenue, Côte St. Antoine  
 Walker, Mr. Alex., 40 McGill College avenue

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR. JOHN S. McLACHLAN IN ACCOUNT WITH EMMANUEL CHURCH. CR.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.  
 DR. JOHN S. McLACHLAN IN ACCOUNT WITH BUILDING FUND. CR.

To Alexander, C.....	\$ 100 00	By W. Ireland's note...	200 00
" Burton, P. H.....	200 00	" C. O. Lamontagne,	12,100 00
" Black, C. R.....	83 34	mason work.....	
" Birks, F.....	10 00	" A. P. McDonald,	8,190 00
" Cornish, Dr.....	30 00	carpenter.....	
" Cowan, R. W.....	200 00	" Prowse Bros...heat-	750 00
" Dunn, R.....	300 00	ing .....	
" Douglas, A.....	100 00	" Thomas Bros.paint-	300 00
" Evans, E.....	250 00	ing.....	450 00
" Fisher, Mrs.....	225 00	" J.C. Spence,glazing	1,200 00
" Gurd, C.....	25 00	" Phillips & Wand,	
" Jamieson, R. C.....	900 00	plastering.....	
" Lyman, Mrs. H.....	800 00	" R. Mitchell & Co.,	100 00
" Lyman, H.....	800 00	gasfitting .....	700 00
" Linton, James.....	1,000 00	" H.R. Ives, ironwork	2,500 00
" Learmont, Mrs.....	450 00	" G. W. Reid & Co.,	
" Learmont, Jos. B.....	250 00	roofing .....	
" Moodie, W.....	300 00	" W. T. Thomas, ar-	600 00
" Moss, G. W.....	200 00	chitect .....	
" McLachlan, J. S. & W.....	1,700 00	" E. S. Freer, paid on	27,090 00
" McLachlan, Mrs.....	150 00	'nt .....	
" McDougall, W.....	222 24	" Extras, carpenter	4,935 50
" McLaren, W.....	166 67	work.....	817 75
" McIntosh, J.....	100 00	" " coloring	19 00
" Popham, J.....	150 00	" " wall .....	
" Savage, A.....	200 00	" " foundation	391 00
" Savage, Mrs. J.....	10 00	" " and drain	5 70
" Stevenson, Rev. J. F.....	100 00	" " Hall, Kay	
" Sanders, H.....	100 00	" " & Co .....	19 25
" Reid, W.....	100 00	" " E. Atwater	60 00
" Wilson, J. T.....	200 00	" " & Co.....	
" Collection .....	36 15	" " J. Bulmer..	24 30
" Mortgage.....	20,000 00	" Expense of laying	
" Notes discounted.....	4,000 00	corner-stone .....	
		" Cash on hand.....	1,337 00
			95 90
	\$33,458 40		\$33,458 40

Audited and found correct,

C. R. BLACK,  
 J. B. LEARMONT.

FELLOWSHIP FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH G. CORNISH.

CR.		DR.	
By correct balance from 1875.....	\$55 47	To amount paid for Canada Congre-	
By collections at Communion from		gational Year Book.....	\$7 50
January, 1876, to March, 1877, in-	220 99	" Grants in aid of Members.....	20 00
clusive.....		" Grant to Pastors' Retiring Fund..	50 00
	\$276 46	" Annual Grant to H. of I. and R..	25 00
Balance to credit.....	\$96 56	" Special Grant to United Outdoor	
		Relief Fund.....	47 15
		" Expenses of Table.....	10 40
		" Box for Communion Plate.....	5 00
		" Freight on YearBook, and Regis-	
		ter.....	1 20
		" Secretary's petty expenses for	
		Writing, Postage, etc.....	13 65
			\$179 90

March 26th, 1877.

EMMANUEL CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL IN ACCOUNT WITH ED. S. SHARPE, TREASURER.—GENERAL FUND.

1876.	Jan.—To paid for <i>S. S. Times</i> , for 1876.....	\$ 21 00	1876.	Jan. 1.—By Balance on hand.....	\$ 1 95
	“ “ Hymns, Books, Printing, &c.....	34 35		“ “ Special Collection.....	98 68
	“ “ Stationery, Printing Paper, &c.....	49 10		“ “ Amount received on account <i>S. S. Times</i> .....	7 00
	“ Balance.....	3 18			
		<u>\$107 63</u>	1877.	Jan. 1.—By Balance on hand.....	\$ 107 63
	E. & O. E.				\$ 3 18

MISSIONARY FUND.

1876.	May 26.—To paid “ Congregational Missionary Society,”	\$ 30 00	1876.	Jan. 1.—By Balance on hand.....	\$ 30 53
	“ “ per vote of Scholars.....	58 97		Dec. 31.—“ Collections to date.....	58 44
	“ Balance.....	58 97			
	E. & O. E.	<u>\$ 88 97</u>	1877.	Jan. 1.—By Balance on hand.....	\$ 88 97
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Dr. MRS. H. SANDERS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH “THE LADIES’ AID SOCIETY,” 1876.

To Collections at Socials.....	\$ 111 80	By Robert Dunn & Co. for Carpets.....	\$ 527 27
“ Proceeds from Bazaar.....	1,105 62	“ S. S. Scholars, per J. B. Learmont, Parlour Carpet..	66 35
“ Concert at Mrs. Lay’s.....	80 25	“ John Watson & Co., Dishes.....	16 38
“ Photos., Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson.....	59 00	“ H. Lyman, 6 Pulpit Chairs.....	181 35
“ “ of the Church.....	8 75	“ 12 yards Table Damask.....	8 40
“ Interest.....	14 78	“ 1 Kitchen Table.....	4 50
		“ 1 Blank Book.....	0 45
		“ Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	575 50
	<u>\$ 1,380 20</u>		<u>\$ 1,380 20</u>

To Balance in hands of Treasurer..... \$ 575 50  
 Montreal, February 7, 1877.



DECLARATION  
OF THE  
FAITH, CHURCH ORDER AND DISCIPLINE  
OF THE  
Congregational Church

IN THE  
BRITISH EMPIRE.

FIRST ISSUED BY THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND  
AND WALES, MAY, 1833.

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PRELIMINARY NOTE.

Congregational Churches do not impose any form of Creed as a condition of membership or even of office. The following statement is, therefore, only a summary of what it commonly held and taught among them. They are, however, closely agreed in their belief and practice, and it is probable that there is no Church or Minister of their number who would deny the substance of any one of the following doctrines:—

PRINCIPLES OF RELIGION.

- I. Congregational churches believe the Scriptures of the Old Testament, as received by the Jews, and the books of the New Testament, as received by the Primitive Christians from the Evangelists and Apostles, to be divinely inspired, and of supreme authority. These writings, in the languages in which they were originally composed, are to be consulted, with the aids of sound criticism, as a final appeal in all controversies; but the common version they consider to be adequate to the ordinary purposes of Christian instruction and edification.
- II. They believe in One God, essentially wise, holy, just, and good; eternal, infinite, and immutable in all natural and moral perfections; the Creator, Supporter, and Governor of all beings, and of all things.
- III. They believe that God is revealed in the Scriptures as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that to each are attributable the same Divine properties and perfections. The doctrine of the Divine existence, as above stated, they cordially believe, without attempting fully to explain.
- IV. They believe that man was created after the Divine image, sinless, and, in his kind, perfect.
- V. They believe that the first man disobeyed the Divine command, fell from his state of innocence and purity, and involved all his posterity in the consequences of that fall.



VI. They believe that, in consequence of this Fall, all mankind are born with a natural bias to moral evil, utterly incurable by human means.

VII. They believe that God having, before the foundation of the world, designed to redeem fallen man, made disclosures of His mercy, which were the grounds of faith and hope from the earliest ages.

VIII. They believe that God revealed more fully to Abraham the covenant of His grace, and, having promised that from his descendants should arise the Deliverer and Redeemer of mankind, set that patriarch and his posterity apart, as a race specially favoured and separated to His service; a peculiar church, formed and carefully preserved, under the Divine sanction and government, until the birth of the promised Messiah.

IX. They believe that, in the fulness of the time, the Son of God was manifested in the flesh, being born of the Virgin Mary, but conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit; and that our Lord Jesus Christ was both the Son of man and the Son of God; partaking fully and truly of human nature, though without sin,—equal with the Father and “the express image of His person.”

X. They believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, revealed, either personally in His own ministry, or by the Holy Spirit in the ministry of His apostles, the whole mind of God, for our salvation; and that, by His obedience to the Divine law while He lived, and by His sufferings unto death, He meritoriously “obtained eternal redemption for us:” having thereby vindicated and illustrated Divine justice, “magnified the law,” and “brought in everlasting righteousness.”

XI. They believe that, after His death and resurrection, He ascended up into heaven where, as the Mediator, He “ever liveth” to rule over all, and to “make intercession for them that come unto God by Him.”

XII. They believe that the Holy Spirit is given, in consequence of Christ’s mediation, to quicken and renew the hearts of men; and that His influence is indispensably necessary to bring a sinner to true repentance, to produce saving faith, to regenerate the heart, and to perfect our sanctification.

XIII. They believe that we are justified through faith in Christ, as “The Lord our righteousness;” and not “by the works of the law.”

XIV. They believe that all who will be saved were the objects of God’s eternal and electing love, and were given by an act of Divine sovereignty to the Son of God; which in no way interferes with the system of means, nor with the grounds of human responsibility, being wholly unrevealed as to its objects, and not a rule of human duty.

XV. They believe that the Scriptures teach the final perseverance of all true believers to a state of eternal blessedness, which they are appointed to obtain through constant faith in Christ, and uniform obedience to His commands.

XVI. They believe that a holy life will be the necessary effect of a true faith, and that good works are the certain fruits of a vital union to Christ.

XVII. They believe that the sanctification of true Christians, or their growth

in the graces of the Spirit, and meetness for heaven, is gradually carried on through the whole period during which it pleases God to continue them in the present life, and that, at death, their souls, perfectly freed from all remains of evil, are immediately received into the presence of Christ.

XVIII. They believe in the observance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; the former to be administered to all converts to Christianity and their children, by the application of water to the subject, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost;" and the latter to be observed by Christian churches as a token of faith in the Saviour, and of brotherly love.

XIX. They believe that Christ will finally come to judge the whole human race according to their works; that the dead will be raised again; and that, as the Supreme Judge, He will divide the righteous from the wicked, will receive the righteous into "life everlasting," but send away the wicked into "everlasting punishment."

XX. They believe that Jesus Christ directed His followers to live together in Christian fellowship, and to maintain the communion of saints; and that, for this purpose, they are jointly to observe all Divine ordinances, and maintain that church-order and discipline, which is either expressly enjoined by inspired institution, or sanctioned by the undoubted example of the apostles and of apostolic churches.

#### PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ORDER AND DISCIPLINE.

XXI. The Congregational churches hold it to be the will of Christ that true believers should voluntarily assemble together to observe religious ordinances, to promote mutual edification and holiness, to perpetuate and propagate the Gospel in the world, and to advance the glory and worship of God, through Jesus Christ; and that each society of believers, having these objects in view in its formation, is properly a Christian church.

XXII. They believe that the New Testament contains, either in the form of express statute, or in the example and practice of apostles and apostolic churches, all the articles of faith necessary to be believed, and all the principles of order and discipline requisite for constituting and governing Christian societies; and that human traditions, fathers and councils, canons and creeds, possess no authority over the faith and practice of Christians.

XXIII. They acknowledge Christ as the only Head of the Church, and the officers of each church under Him, as ordained to administer His laws impartially to all; and their only appeal, in all questions touching their religious faith and practice, is to the Sacred Scriptures.

XXIV. They believe that the New Testament authorizes every Christian church to elect its own officers, to manage all its own affairs, and to stand independent of, and irresponsible to, all authority, saving that only of the Supreme and Divine Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

XXV. They believe that the only officers placed by the apostles over indivi-

dual churches are the bishops or pastors, and the deacons; the number of these being dependent upon the numbers of the church; and that to these, as the officers of the church, is committed respectively the administration of its spiritual and temporal concerns, subject, however, to the approbation of the Church.

XXVI. They believe that no persons should be received as members of Christian churches, but such as make a credible profession of Christianity, are living according to its precepts, and attest a willingness to be subject to its discipline; and that none should be excluded from the fellowship of the church, but such as deny the faith of Christ, violate His laws, or refuse to submit themselves to the discipline which the Word of God enforces.

XXVII. The power of admission into any Christian church, and rejection from it, they believe to be vested in the church itself, and to be exercised only through the medium of its own officers.

XXVIII.—They believe that Christian churches should statedly meet for the celebration of public worship, for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and the sanctification of the first day of the week.

XXIX. They believe that the power of a Christian church is purely spiritual, and should in no way be corrupted by union with temporal or civil power.

XXX. They believe that it is the duty of Christian churches to hold communion with each other, to entertain an enlarged affection for each other, as members of the same body, and to co-operate for the promotion of the Christian cause; but that no church, nor union of churches, has any right or power to interfere with the faith or discipline of any other church, further than to separate from such as, in faith or practice, depart from the Gospel of Christ.

XXXI. They believe that it is the privilege and duty of every church to call forth such of its members as may appear to be qualified by the Holy Spirit to sustain the office of the ministry; and that Christian churches unitedly ought to consider the maintenance of the Christian ministry in an adequate degree of learning, as one of their especial cares; that the cause of the Gospel may be both honourably sustained and constantly promoted.

XXXII. They believe that church officers, whether pastors or deacons, should be chosen by the free voice of the church; but that their dedication to the duties of their office should take place with special prayer, and by solemn designation, to which most of the churches add the imposition of hands by those already in office.

XXXIII. They believe that the fellowship of every Christian church should be so liberal as to admit to communion in the Lord's Supper all whose faith and godliness are, on the whole, undoubted, though they may conscientiously differ on points of minor importance; and that this outward sign of fraternity in Christ should be co-extensive with the fraternity itself, though with it involving any compliances which conscience would deem to be sinful.

