

Eleventh Annual Report

(For 1896)

Melville Church,

Westmount.



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MELVILLE CHURCH.

WESTMOUNT.

Pastor - -

SESSION.

REV. JOHN CAMPBELL, LL.D., *Moderator.*

WILLIAM GREIG.

M. HUTCHINSON, D.C.L.

J. K. MACDONALD.

ROBERT GREIG.

A. C. HUTCHISON, *Session Clerk.*

TRUSTEES.

A. C. HUTCHISON.

WILLIAM GREIG.

J. K. MACDONALD.

M. HUTCHINSON, D.C.L.

ROBERT HARVIE.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR 1897.

D. McCORMICK, Q.C., - - - - *President.*

Capt. J. A. MACMASTER, - - - - *Vice-President.*

WM. MINTO, - - - - - *Treasurer.*

J. A. NICHOLSON, M.A., - - - - *Secretary.*

G. W. WOOD.

R. FINDLAY.

R. GREIG.

R. HARROWER.

G. H. CORNELL.

R. THOMSON.

C. E. RAY.

T. M. TODD.

AUDITORS.

W. C. JARVIS.

J. H. WALLACE.

COMMITTEE ON PEWS AND SITTINGS.

C. E. RAY.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

G. W. WOOD.

R. HARROWER.

MUSIC COMMITTEE.

G. H. CORNELL.

D. McCORMICK, Q.C.

The last Message of our late beloved Pastor.

(The following letter was dictated by our late Pastor on the morning of Friday, the 15th January, in reply to one from the Secretary of the Church, conveying to him the sympathy of the Congregation as expressed at the annual meeting of the previous Wednesday, and informing him of their unanimous decision to increase his stipend. It was read at the annual social held on the evening of the same date, which was brought to such a sudden close by the sad announcement that the writer's death was momentarily expected):—

259 Metcalfe Ave.
Westmount, Jan 15th, 1897.

Mr. J. A. NICHOLSON, M.A.,

Secretary of the Board of Management of Melville Church.

My Dear Sir :—

I feel I must venture, though still confined to my bed, to dictate a few words of cordial thanks for the two resolutions just received by me, and passed so heartily and unanimously by the congregation at its last meeting. These are things coming so spontaneously that are enough to make any sick man well. There are times in every minister's life when he appreciates such kindly sympathy and thoughtfulness, and that tell him that his work is not yet finished in his parish.

I am very sorry not to be among you all to-night and enjoy your good cheer, but when I have been fasting for a good week, under the care of my kindly doctor, it might not be safe for me to be in such a place of feasting and merriment.

May the Spirit of unity and the bond of peace bind you all closer by this evening's happy gathering.

Believe me to be,

Your affectionate Pastor,

J. MACGILLIVRAY.

Report of the Session.

The Kirk-Session of Melville Church, at the close of another year, humbly and thankfully acknowledge God's goodness to us as a Congregation during the year.

The Session are pleased to report growth in the Congregation and increased attendance on Sabbath services, also to the continued prosperity and usefulness of the several organizations for Christian work in connection with the Congregation.

At the beginning of the year there were 233 communicants on the Church roll; of these, one was removed by death, four by certificate, and one by suspension.

There were added during the year, seventeen on profession of faith, twenty-seven by certificate, making the membership at the close of the year 270, a net increase of thirty-eight.

The Session removed by death was Mr. JAS. PHYMISTER, who took such an active part in the work of the Sunday-school and Missionary Society.

During the year two members of the Session, Messrs. N. McLeod and J. K. Macdonald, tendered their resignation, and as they pressed for the acceptance of the same on personal grounds, the Session reluctantly accepted them.

As their retirement left only three members in the Session, it was decided to ask the Congregation to elect three Elders. A vote was therefore taken in the month of November, which resulted in the election of the Rev. Professor Campbell and Mr. R. Harvie; the latter declined to accept the office, while Professor Campbell accepted of the election, and was inducted on Sabbath the 22nd November.

The Session feeling that with the increase in the Congregation that the Session should be still further increased, again asked the Congregation to elect three Elders. A vote was taken on the last Sabbath of November and first of December, that resulted in the election of Messrs. J. K. Macdonald and Robt. Greig. As both of these gentlemen accepted the office, Mr. Robt. Greig was ordained as an Elder, and, along with Mr. Macdonald, who had previously held the office, was inducted on the first Sabbath of 1897.

In the month of November, the Choir resigned in a body. In the emergency thus forced upon the Session they consulted with the Board of Managers as to what had best be done under the circumstances, when it was agreed that the organist should secure the services of a leading soprano, for which the Managers were willing to pay, and that the organist be requested to select and train a choir of boys to assist in the service of praise. The services of a soprano singer have been secured to the present time, but no definite arrangement has as yet been made for the future.

The following civil acts were performed during the year by the Pastor:—

Baptisms	8
Marriages	3
Deaths	3

ALEX. C. HUTCHISON,
Session Clerk.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF KIRK-SESSION POOR FUND.

1896.		
Jan. 1.	To Balance from 1895.	\$101.97
	" Collection at Communion services during the year	64.00
	" Interest on deposit	3.00
		<u>\$168.97</u>
Dec. 31.	By Disbursements for year.	\$ 10.00
	" Balance	158.97
		<u>\$168.97</u>

A. C. HUTCHISON,
Treasurer.

In Memoriam.

JAMES PHYMISTER

OCTOBER 15th, 1896.

REV. JOHN MACGILLIVRAY, B A., B. D.

JANUARY 15th, 1897.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Ye saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

MELVILLE CHURCH SESSION.

(Extract Minute regarding our late Pastor.)

Resolved—That the Session desires to place upon record its sincere and heartfelt regret at the early death of its Moderator and Pastor, and to express its deep sense of the loss occasioned and sorrow felt by his removal; and further, to bear testimony to his pure life and blameless character, to the self-sacrificing spirit he at all times exhibited, to the intense zeal and earnestness which characterized him in all things pertaining to the Master's service, and to the cheerful and conscientious manner in which he discharged the duties imposed upon him although suffering from a dread disease and failing health.

And further, that a copy of the above resolution be sent to Mrs. MacGillivray, with the assurance on the part of the Session of its sincere sympathy with her in her present bereavement and affliction. Its prayer is that the God of the widow and fatherless may be ever with her to strengthen and comfort her.

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Treasurer.

Annual Congregational Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church, on Wednesday evening, the 13th of January, 1897.

Mr. R. Harvie, president, occupied the chair, and the opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. W. Greig.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, and of the Congregational meetings held in the interval, were read and approved.

The report of the New Church Building Committee was read by the Secretary of the Committee and unanimously adopted, as were also the reports of the Treasurer, and of the Board of Management, after a short discussion.

The following officers were then elected :—

President, D. McCormick, Q.C. ; Vice-President, Capt. J. A. Macmaster ; Treasurer, William Minto ; Secretary, J. A. Nicholson, M.A. ; Members of the Board—N. K. Macdonald, R. Findlay, R. Harrower, R. Thomson ; Auditors—W. C. Jarvis and J. H. Wallace.

The New Church Building Committee was authorized to purchase the lot of land immediately in rear of the church.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Congregation six weeks hence, to consider the question of a paid leading soprano.

The reports of the different Societies in connection with the Congregation were adopted and ordered to be printed in the Annual Report of the Church.

The following were appointed a New Church Building Committee :

Robert Harvie, J. A. Macmaster, M. Hutchinson, D.C.L., J. K. Macdonald, D. McCormick, Q.C., N. McLeod, G. A. Robertson, R. Greig, T. M. Todd, and A. C. Hutchison.

It was moved and carried that the expenses of the annual social be hereafter paid out of the ordinary revenue of the Church.

Votes of thanks were tendered the Choir and the Board of Managers, and a resolution of sympathy with the Pastor in his illness, unanimously passed.

Report of the Board of Managers.

The Managers beg to present the following report of their work for the year 1896, being the eleventh annual report of the Board :—

The condition of the various funds of the Church will be given in detail in the report of the Treasurer, but it may be remarked that whilst the finances of the Church are in a fairly satisfactory condition, they do not show such an increase over last year's as might be looked for from the increased attendance at the regular services. Whilst the plate collections show a steady increase year by year, the contributions for maintenance from pew-holders by envelopes for the past year are only \$83.00 more than in 1895, and considerably less than they were in 1893 and 1894.

We regret to say that the response to the effort to free the Church from the mortgage debt, has not been as hearty as could be desired. The amount subscribed was only \$951.00, so that there is still a balance to be provided for. In the meantime the mortgage has been paid by borrowing \$360.00 from the New Church fund.

Owing to the fact that two unusual items of expenditure, viz : the repairs and additions to the Organ and the alterations to the Church have been charged to the Property account, part at least of which might, properly, have been charged as ordinary expenditure, it has been thought right to transfer the sum of \$250.00 from the Ordinary Revenue account to the credit of this fund.

The report of the Committee appointed at a special meeting of the Congregation held on the 27th of May, to consider the question of a new Church, will no doubt deal fully with the whole matter, but in connection with the consideration of ways and means, we would recommend that the plan of weekly contributions which has been in operation for some years past for the liquidation of the debt on the present property be continued and extended, and the amount received added to the fund already opened for the erection of a new Church.

It has been found necessary to carry out the scheme for increasing the accommodation, which has been in contemplation for some time, by removing the permanent partition between the Church parlour and the Church proper. The cost of completing the work was some-

what greater than was at first estimated, but it had become a matter of necessity owing to the urgent requests for extra sittings.

During the year it was found that the Organ, which has been in use for over ten years, required extensive repairs. At the same time it was considered advisable (on the recommendation of the organist and others qualified to know) to put in some additional pipes, whereby the power of the instrument has been largely increased. As the greater part of this work is of permanent value, the cost has been charged to the Property account.

In February last the organist, Miss Murray, tendered her resignation which also carried with it the resignation of the choir leader. At a joint meeting of the Session and Board of Managers, it was decided to have the duties of organist and choir leader performed by one person, and on the 30th of March, the present organist was appointed.

Towards the close of the year a request was made by the Session for an allowance from the funds to pay for the services of a leading soprano. The Board agreed to grant \$10 per month, as a temporary arrangement, leaving further consideration of the matter to the annual meeting.

On account of the volume of work in connection with the treasurer's office, we recommend that \$100.00 per annum be set aside as a slight remuneration for his services.

And we take pleasure in recommending that the Pastor's stipend be increased to \$2,000.00.

Besides the officers, the following gentlemen retire from the Board this year :—Messrs. Russell, McMaster, Thomson and Robertson. All these gentlemen are eligible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HARVIE, *President.*

J. A. NICHOLSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee have to report that a number of meetings have been held during the past year.

Following the circular issued to the Congregation asking for contributions a personal canvass of the members was undertaken by the Committee, the result of which, however, was not satisfactory. The total amount subscribed to date being only about \$4,000.

Recognizing the desirability of securing additional ground for the proposed building, the Committee secured a promise of sale from Mr. George Huggins, for his lot in rear of the building for \$2500.00. The Committee now asks the authority of the Congregation to confirm the purchase so that the title deeds may be prepared.

The Committee have thought that as the prospect of raising a sufficient sum of money to undertake the erection of the Church building is not encouraging, at the present time, that it might be well, in view of the urgent need of accommodation, to erect the permanent Sabbath School building on the recently acquired lot, so that this building could be utilized for the meetings of the Congregation with a sitting capacity of six or seven hundred. The estimated cost of this building is \$10,000.

The indebtedness on the present building being now practically paid off, the Committee would urge that the contributions made by the members by weekly offerings during the past be continued and augmented as far as possible; the contributions being applied to the New Building fund. By this means a considerable amount would be received annually with very little effort on the part of any.

In making this report your Committee begs to be discharged.

A. C. HUTCHISON, *Chairman.*

ROBERT GREIG, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1896.

I have much pleasure in presenting the annual financial report of Melville Church for the year 1896, as it shows that during 1896 the Congregation contributed, for all purposes, the sum of \$5387.98, as against \$4504.62 in 1895, being an increase in all of \$883.36.

In the Ordinary Revenue and Expenditure account the receipts show an increase of \$110.46, and the expenditure a decrease of \$64.73 which with the balance of \$42.85 carried from last year left a surplus of \$251.90 in this account.

In the Building and Property account the contributions by envelopes were \$784.40 an increase of \$9.15. We also received the sum of \$725.50 as special contributions to wipe off the mortgage, in all \$1509.90. During the year we expended \$367.12 in extraordinary alterations and repairs to the Organ and Church; we also paid off the balance due on mortgage \$2000.00 leaving the Church property entirely clear of debt. (I may here remark that when I took office as treasurer in 1893 there was a mortgage of \$5000. on the Church, which has been all paid off.) To enable us to do this we transferred \$250. of the surplus from Ordinary Revenue account and borrowed temporarily \$360. from the New Church fund.

Regarding the New Church fund, the total contributions and interest to this fund to date have been \$1531.64, out of this we have paid \$100. on the purchase price of the lot lately acquired adjoining the Church property, leaving a balance on hand to the credit of the New Church fund of \$1431.64.

The Cash balance on hand is \$1073.77, which, with the books, and accounts, have been duly verified by the auditors.

I am happy to report that the revenue during the past two months shows a healthy increase. This, I have no doubt, is due to the increased seating accommodation recently provided, and in my opinion fully justifies the expenditure entailed.

Regarding the ordinary revenue and expenditure for 1897—I estimate the revenue, based on promised contributions, and plate collections, at a little over \$3542; and the expenditure, including all proposed increases recommended by the Board of Managers in their report, at \$3520. This shows a surplus on the right side of \$22.00.

WM. MINTO, *Treasurer.*

MELVILLE CHURCH, WESTMOUNT.
Treasurer's Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1896.

EXPENDITURE.

1896.

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. *Ordinary Expenses:*

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RECEIPTS.

1896.

ORDINARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

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BUILDING AND PROPERTY ACCOUNT:

NEW CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

MORTGAGE DEBT.

The amount subscribed towards paying off the mortgage of \$2,000.00 is \$951.00, of which \$725.50 has been paid up to 31st December, 1896, as follows:—

A. C. Hutchison	\$150 00	<i>Brought forward.</i>	\$612 50
J. A. McMaster	100.00	T. M. Todd	10.00
D. McCormick	60.00	Mrs. J. Phillips	10.00
R. Harvie	50.00	Friend	10.00
Mrs. Gibb & Miss Robertson	40.00	Anonymous	10.00
Hugh Brodie	25.00	Miss May Murray	10.00
Jas. Smith	25.00	J. B. Mackay	10.00
J. S. Murray	25.00	W. Brisbane	10.00
Wm. Paxton	25.00	Mrs R. Brodie	10.00
Prof. Campbell	20.00	J. M. Finlayson	10.00
C. E. Ray	20.00	Friends	6.00
Rev. J. McGillivray	20 00	W. H. Barber	5.00
James Elliott	20.00	Miss G. Brown	5.00
Dr. J. M. Elder	12.50	Wm. Elliott	5.00
W. A. McLennan	10.00	Miss Sippell	2.00
J. A. Nicholson	10 00		
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	\$612.50		\$725.50

Report of Missionary Society.

OFFICERS FOR 1897.

<i>President</i>	W. C. JARVIS.
<i>Vice-President</i>	ROBT. GREIG.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	GEO. N. HUTCHISON.

COMMITTEE.

A. C. HUTCHISON.	J. A. McMASTER.
WM. GREIG.	A. H. PAXTON.
JOS. LOCKE.	R. McDONALD.

The Missionary Committee beg leave to report that the total amount collected during the year was \$530.32.

From the financial statement it will be seen that the monthly subscriptions have increased \$78.80, and the weekly contributions (envelopes) have decreased \$79.85. The regular subscribers number 66.

The contributions received have been allocated by subscribers as follows :—

Home Missions	\$94.44
Foreign "	25.04
French Evangelization	13.15
Honan	13.95
North-West Mission	11.75

\$158.33

The sum of \$43.45 has been received from the Y. P. Christian Endeavor Society for distribution as follows :—

North-West Mission	\$25.00
Honan	9.80
City Missions	8.65

\$43.45

The Committee beg leave to recommend that the funds now in hand, amounting to \$533.00 be allocated as follows :—

Home Missions	\$125.00
North-West Mission	75.00
Foreign "	80.00
Honan	25.00
French Evangelization	65.00
City Mission	25.00
Augmentation	50.00
Presbyterian College	20.00
Aged and Infirm Ministers'	15.00
Widows' and Orphans'	15.00
Jewish Mission	10.00
Students' Missionary Society	10.00
Lumberman's Mission	10.00
Assembly Fund	8.00

\$533.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. JARVIS, *President.*

GEO. N. HUTCHISON, *Sec.-Treas.*

MELVILLE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOC'Y—TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

1896	To Balance, 1895.....	\$518.76
May 17.	" Special Subscription.....	\$ 2.00
Nov. 4.	" Collection	16.52
Dec. 31.	" Weekly contributions (envelope)..	\$ 66.40
	" Monthly " (subscription)	445.40
		511.80
	" Y. P. S. C. E.....	43.45
	" Interest	7.40
		<u>\$581.17</u>
		<u>\$1099.93</u>

EXPENDITURE

1886	Jan. 1.	By Amount allocated at last annual meeting :—	
		Home Missions	\$130.00
		North-West	70.00
		Foreign.....	85.00
		French Evangelization.....	50.00
		Augmentation	50.00
		Honan.....	25.00
		City Missions.....	25.00
		Presbyterian College.....	20.00
		Aged and Infirm Ministers'.....	15.00
		Widows' and Orphans'	15.00
		Jewish Mission.....	10.00
		Lumberman's Mission.....	10.00
		Students' Missionary Society	10.00
			<u>\$515.00</u>
	Mch. 11.	By F. C. Grafton (envelopes)	11.50
	23.	" Assembly Fund	8.00
	18.	" Rev. J. MacGillivray (special subscription).....	2.00
	June 8.	" Records.....	27.50
	Nov. 14.	" Expenses (Mr. Drummond).....	2.00
	Dec. 31.	" Balance	533.93
			<u>\$1099.93</u>

Audited and found correct,

W. MINTO.

G. N. HUTCHISON,

Treasurer

The Ladies' Aid Society

Have much pleasure in presenting this their eleventh annual report of work done during the year 1896.

At the first meeting of the session, which was held in the Church parlor on Tuesday afternoon, 13th October, it was decided to hold our meetings every alternate Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and also, to carry on the work of providing clothing for three scholars of the Mackay Institute,—one boy and two girls, who are deaf and dumb.

In addition to this, we have made a number of woollen garments, which have been gratefully received by a Lady Missionary, for distribution among the very poor in the adjoining City. It is earnestly desired by the Officers of the Society, that the ladies of the Congregation would come out in larger numbers, so that in the year which we have just entered we may be able to do still more of this truly charitable work.

MRS. M. L. BRODIE, *President.*

MRS. H. C. RUSSELL, *Secretary.*

LADIES' AID SOCIETY—TREASURER'S STATEMENT TO DEC. 31, 1896.

RECEIVED.

Dec. 31st, 1895.	Balance on hand	\$11.36
" 1896.	Kirk-Session	\$10.00
	Subscriptions	31.00
	Material sold .....	.25
		<u>41.25</u>
		\$52.61

PAID.

Dec. 31st, 1896.	Mackay Institute	\$12.00
	Material purchased	28.32
	Balance cash on hand	12.29
Dec. 31st, 1896.	Cash on hand, \$12.29	<u>\$52.61</u>

Westmount, Jan. 13, 1897.

H. HARVIE, *Treasurer.*

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Treasurer

Annual Report of the Sabbath-School.

OFFICERS:

<i>Honorary President</i>	ALEX. C. HUTCHISON.
<i>Superintendent</i> ..	..	ROBT. HENDERSON.
<i>Assistant-Superintendent</i> ..	..	MISS ROBINA R. KERR.
<i>Secretary</i> ..	..	" JESSIE HARVIE.
<i>Treasurer</i> ..	..	WM. B. HUTCHISON.
<i>Librarian</i> ..	..	NORMAN K. MACDONALD.
<i>Assistant-Librarian</i> ..	..	MISS MARY RUTHERFORD.
<i>Organist</i> ..	..

TEACHERS:

J. A. NICHOLSON, M.A. } Bible Classes.		
D. S. MOFFAT, B. A. }		
THOMAS J. RUTHERFORD.	JAS. KERR.	MISS A. RUTHERFORD.
C. E. T. WOODLEY.	N. MCLEOD.	" J. HARVIE.
JOS. LOCKE.	R. HENDERSON.	" J. NELSON.
ALEX. WILLS.	MRS. BRODIE.	" M. ELLIOT.
R. McDONALD.	MISS GRACE BROWN.	" M. RUTHERFORD.
ARTHUR PAXTON.	" R. R. KERR.	" M. McDONALD.
W. H. BARBER.	" A. SMITH.	" J. MAXWELL.
JOHN BRADY.	" M. DUFFIN.	" M. HOPE.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:

<i>Superintendent</i> ..	..	MISS FERGUSON.
<i>Assistant-Superintendent</i> ..	..	" GRAHAM.
<i>Secretary</i> ..	..	" E. JARVIS.
<i>Pianist</i> ..	..	" ELLIS SHEWAN.

TEACHERS:

MISS ELLIS SHEWAN.	MISS ETHEL ARCHIBALD.
" GRAHAM.	" EVA BRODIE.
" MARION MACKAY.	" EDITH JARVIS.
MISS J. MCARTHUR.	

The Officers and Teachers present the following report of their work in the Sabbath School during the past year.

ATTENDANCE.—At the beginning of the year the number on the roll was as follows:—

Teachers and Officers	..	..	30
Scholars, Bible Classes	..	..	16
Do. Sabbath-School, boys	..	..	143
Do. do. girls	..	..	120
Total			309

The roll at the end of the year stands as follows:—

Teachers and Officers	..	..	38
Scholars, Bible Classes	..	..	24
Do. Sunday-School, boys	..	..	133
Do. do. girls	..	..	114
Total			309

The average attendance of Teachers and Scholars during the year was

Teachers and Officers	32
Scholars, including Bible Classes, boys	107
Do. do. girls	91
Total	230

COLLECTIONS.—During the year the sum of \$173.77, was collected in the School. The amount necessary to meet the expenses of the School was taken from this sum and the balance was allocated to Mission work as follows :—

Pointe-aux-Trembles	\$50.00
Foreign Missions	14.00
Home Missions	14.00
French Evangelization	5.00
Sunday-School Union	10.00
Total	\$93.00

LIBRARY.—During the year ninety-six new volumes were added to the library, a number of books were re-bound, and a new catalogue was prepared and printed at a cost of \$57.91. To meet this expense the sum of \$20.00 remaining on hand from the annual picnic was allocated, a collection was also taken up in the School on two Sabbaths in November, which realized the sum of \$21.86; and the balance was made up by subscriptions from friends together with the sum of \$2.00 taken from the ordinary collections.

During the summer holidays all the books out of repair and which could not be re-bound were removed, and 386 volumes including the new books, were covered with strong manilla paper. At present there are 1222 volumes on the shelves, all of which are in good repair. That the library is appreciated by the scholars is shown by the large circulation. During the past three months the number of books issued each Sabbath has been between 80 and 90.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—For some years the want of a proper room and appliances for the Infant Class had been felt. At the beginning of 1896, it was decided that if the efficiency of the Primary Department of the school was to be maintained, increased accommodation would have to be provided. It was therefore resolved to take the Church parlour and vestry for the children, and transfer the Ladies' Bible-class to the room formerly occupied by the Infant class, and the Young Men's class to the Church.

Mrs. George Archibald kindly offered her assistance in organizing the Primary Department and Kindergarten, and for about seven

months devoted her time to that work. Great difficulty was experienced in getting a teacher to succeed Mrs. Archibald, but eventually Miss M. Ferguson assumed the duties, and under her care and supervision this branch of the school is in a prosperous condition. As will be seen by the list of teachers, there are seven besides the superintendent engaged in this work.

The officers and teachers of the school feel that they are under a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Archibald for the services which she so kindly rendered in this connection.

BIBLE-CLASSES.—The Young Men's and the Young Women's Bible-classes meet every Sunday afternoon in the Church. It is to be regretted that the attendance at these classes is not as large as it might be, and we would be glad to see more of our young men and young women at these meetings.

MISSION BAND.—The Mission Band in connection with the Sunday-school is being successfully carried on. A report of their work is to be found elsewhere.

SOIRÉE AND PICNIC.—The annual mid-winter and mid-summer festivals passed off successfully, both being attended by a large number of scholars, parents and friends.

The Soirée was held on the last Friday in January, and after a short programme of music and recitations, our Superintendent exhibited a series of stereopticon pictures, which were viewed with much interest by all present. The picnic on the 20th of June, at Hudson, was also much enjoyed, the weather being most favorable.

It is with sad hearts that we record the death towards the close of the year of our dear friend Mr. PHYMISTER, one of the oldest, best known and best beloved workers in our Sabbath-school. In December of 1895, owing to ill health, he was obliged to give up active work in the school, and we hoped as time went on to see him return to us in renewed health, but such hopes were not to be realized and in October of this year he entered his long-wished-for Home.

For 23 years he was an indefatigable laborer amongst the older girls in our Sunday-school, and no one had the general welfare of the School more at heart. For the older teachers he had always a word of friendly cheer and to the younger ones he was ever ready to give to any requiring help the benefit of his knowledge in Sunday-school matters, gathered during an experience of 38 years.* As to the opinion held in regard to him by his scholars, the least that can be said is that, never was a teacher more beloved.

In closing, we pray that God may give us more grace and make us more faithful in His work amongst His little ones.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBINA R. KERR, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT—MELVILLE CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL.

1896.

SCHOOL AND MISSION FUND.

To Balance.....	\$ 1.44	
" Balance, Picnic	23.10	
" Subscriptions—Soirée.....	24.55	
" " Picnic	69.63	
" " S. S. Times.....	7.50	
" Catechisms.....	.84	
" Collections.....	173.77	
" Interest	1.65	
	<hr/>	\$302.48
By Soirée	\$ 24.55	
" Picnic	66.20	
" Library Fund	22.00	
" D. Bentley & Co.	3.00	
" Wm. Drysdale & Co	59.96	
" Morton, Phillips & Co.....	8.00	
" Geo. H. Archibald.....	2.70	
" S. S. Times	15.00	
" E. G. Hart.....	1.25	
" Point-aux-Trembles School	50.00	
" Home Missions.....	14.00	
" Foreign "	14.00	
" French Evangelization	5.00	
" S. S. Union	10.00	
" Balance, Picnic.....	6.53	
Balance.....	.29	
	<hr/>	\$302.48

LIBRARY FUND.

To Balance	\$.81	
" School and Mission Fund	22.00	
" W. B. Hutchison	5.00	
" A. C. Hutchison.....	5.00	
" Sale of Catalogues.....	3.80	
" Collections	21.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 58.47
By Morton, Phillips & Co.	\$ 3.60	
" Mitchell & Wilson	21.25	
" Wm. Drysdale & Co	33.06	
" Balance .....	.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 58.47

JESSIE S. HARVIE, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS, 1897.

<i>President</i>	Mr. R. H. MACDONALD.
<i>Vice-President</i>	" JNO. BRADY.
<i>Recording Secretary</i> ..	Miss LIZZIE GREIG.
<i>Corresponding do.</i> ..	" MAUD ELLIOTT.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr. D. H. FULTON.
<i>Representative to the Local Union,</i>	" D. S. MOFFAT.

CONVENERS:

<i>Look-Out Committee</i>	Mr. A. N. PAXTON.
<i>Prayer-Meeting</i> "	Miss JESSIE HARVIE.
<i>Missionary</i> "	" AGNES RUTHERFORD.
<i>Social</i> "	" V. M. ELLIOTT.
<i>Music</i> "	Mr. JNO. BRADY.

We have much pleasure in presenting our seventh annual report, and although our membership is smaller than in previous years, we trust the meetings have been profitable to those who have attended.

Our membership roll at the end of the year is 20 active and 10 associate.

Two union meetings have been held with the Westmount Methodist Society, and one in January last with the Endeavor societies of the West end.

Last spring, our Society gave an evening's entertainment to the old people of the "Old Folks' Home" at Longue Pointe, which we trust was enjoyable to all.

The Social Committee has continued the work of placing flowers in the Church each Sunday, and afterwards taking them to the sick of the Congregation.

The Missionary and Charitable Committee has started the work of filling a box for a mission in the North-West, and has also sent a box of literature to a mission in Newfoundland.

Early in the year, our Society promised Dr. Robertson \$25.00 to help build a school-house in the North-West, part of which was raised at a lecture on "Scottish Life and Character," kindly given by Prof. Ross. We have also given \$8.65 to City Missions, and \$14.80 to Foreign Missions.

The members of the other Committees have endeavored to carry on their work to the best of their ability.

LIZZIE GREIG, *Secretary.*

Y. P. S. C. E.—TREASURER'S STATEMENT, 1896.

1896.		SOCIETY FUND.	
Jan. 1.	To Balance on hand.....	\$ 8.24	
Dec. 31.	" Collections per envelopes.....	24.84	
	" Special collections	2.00	
		<u> </u>	\$35.08
Dec. 31.	By Supplies, Thos. H. Allan.....	\$11.55	
	" Flower Committee	10.75	
	" Church Fund	5.00	
	" Montreal C. E. Union.....	1.00	
	" Sundries. ....	.50	
	" Balance on hand.....	6.28	
		<u> </u>	<u>\$35.08</u>

1896.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Dec. 31.	To collections per envelopes	\$14.80	
		<u> </u>	\$14.80
Dec. 31.	By Mhow Presbyterian Mission, India.....	\$ 5.00	
	" Honan " " China	9.80	
		<u> </u>	<u>\$14.80</u>

1896.		HOME MISSIONS.	
Dec. 31.	To collections per envelopes	\$11.90	
	" Lecture	21.75	
	" Concert	27.48	
		<u> </u>	\$61.13
Dec. 31.	By North-West Mission (-pecial).....	\$25.00	
	" City Missions.....	8.65	
	" Cot in Hospital, per Mission Band	27.48	
		<u> </u>	<u>\$61.13</u>

A. N. PAXTON, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Mission Band.

OFFICERS, 1896-97.

<i>President,</i>	..	..	Mrs. MACGILLIVRAY.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	..	..	Miss SNOWDON.
<i>Secretary,</i>	..	..	MAY BRODIE.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	..	..	Miss JARVIS.
<i>Superintendent,</i>	..	..	Mrs. WOOD.

The Mission Band of this Church had its first meeting for the session, 1896-97, on October 5th, with an attendance of thirty members.

It was decided that the same work as that of the previous year should be undertaken, viz: To pay for a cot in the General Hospital, to clothe a little girl in the Mackay Institute, and to make as much clothing as possible for the Deep Sea Mission.

The thanks of the Mission Band are due to the Christian Endeavor Society, which so kindly undertook to give a concert in its behalf.

The membership roll has increased to forty-two during the session, which is very encouraging, and the interest in the work seems to deepen every day.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. MACGILLIVRAY, *President*.
MAY BRODIE, *Secretary*.

MISSION BAND.—TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

February 1st, 1896, to February 1st, 1897.

INCOME.	
Balance on hand	\$68.04
Fees	7.25
Donation	5.00
Fines for non-attendance .....	.13
Proceeds of Concert from Christian Endeavor Society.....	27.95
	\$108.37
EXPENDITURE.	
Clothing for girl in Mackay Institute	\$ 2.05
Materials	7.81
Cot in General Hospital	60.00
Talent money given out.....	.27
Balance on hand	38.24
	\$108.37

EDITH M. JARVIS, *Treasurer*.

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Not quite a year old is our little Society, for it was on Oct. 23rd, 1895, that we met and organized a Woman's Missionary Society in connection with Melville Church.

We were fortunate in having among our number, several ladies conversant with the working of such societies, and to their judicious management is largely due the success of our first year.

At the outset, it was determined that there should be no membership fee, but that contributions should be entirely voluntary, consequently no roll of members has been kept, any lady of the Congregation being heartily welcome to attend and participate in our meetings.

Under such conditions, the usefulness and prosperity of our Society must depend on the degree of responsibility we, individually, feel with regard to it.

During the year, six meetings have been held, and as many opportunities given us of increasing our knowledge of missionary work.

We first had the pleasure of listening to a most interesting account of the efforts of the Montreal W. M. S. among the sick poor at home, among the French Canadians, and through its workers, in the foreign field.

A sketch of Presbyterian Missions throughout the world was given us at our next meeting, and in January we were favoured by having with us a returned missionary from China, Mrs. Thompson, who had devoted several years to labour there, and who, because of her personal experience, caused us to realize more fully than we often do what work in the foreign field really means.

The following meeting was devoted to Armenia, that country whose affairs have been so anxiously watched by the whole Christian world during the past year, and whose murdered children will one day rise up in condemnation of those Christian nations, who watching ask: "Am I my brother's keeper?" We were told of its past history, of its people and its missions, then listened to a letter descriptive of the riots at Marash last autumn, written by a missionary stationed there.

At a later meeting, the recently organized Jewish mission in the city, and the wonderful fulfillment of prophecy regarding the Jews were brought under our notice.

Nor was French work forgotten, for Miss Vessot, a former principal of the Pointe-aux-Trembles school, told us how the children of French parents, many of them Roman Catholic, received there, not only a secular education, but were taught the truths of the Bible also, with the result that when they leave the school, many of them devote their lives to mission work.

At our last meeting, we had the privilege of listening to the report of the Secretary of the Montreal Society for 1895, also, to the paper read by our own esteemed President, before that Society, at its annual meeting in March.

From this *resumé* it will be seen that during this first year of our existence as a society, we have been learners rather than workers, but we trust that what we have learned of the needs of the work and the privations of the workers, may induce us to be more willing to sacrifice ourselves, that the Kingdom of the Lord may be advanced in the world.

M. L. FERGUSON, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1895.		
Nov.	To Envelopes.....	\$.60
	" Plate collection.....	.50
	" Special collection for <i>L' Aurore</i>	50.00
Dec.	" Envelopes.....	7.63
	" Plate collection.....	.59
	" Sale of Cake at tea.....	1.00
1896.		
Jan.	" Envelopes.....	3.04
	" Plate collection.....	.20
Feb.	" Envelopes.....	43.30
	" Plate collection.....	.15
Mar.	" Ladies' Aid for tea.....	.90
	" Envelopes.....	.50
April	".....	5.07
May	".....	2.50
		<hr/> \$115.93
1895.		
Nov.	By Cheque, Rev. Mr. Amaron.....	\$50.00
1896.		
Mar.	" Cheque, Miss MacIntosh, treasurer, M. W. M. S.....	55.00
	" Printing and Envelopes.....	1.90
	" Balance on hand.....	9.08
		<hr/> \$115.98

MARY N. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer*.

Report of the Literary Society.

OFFICERS, 1896-1897.

<i>President</i>	REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY.
<i>Vice-President</i>	MR. R. HARROWER.
<i>Secretary</i>	MAY BRODIE.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MR. JAMES BROWN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

MISS FERGUSON.	MRS. HUGH BRODIE.
MISS RUTHERFORD.	MR. M. HUTCHINSON.
MR. A. WILLS.	

The "Melville Church Literary Society" sprang into existence on the evening of the 20th of October, 1896.

For some time it was felt that there was a growing need of the better intellectual development of the young people of this congregation. To further this aim, by creating a taste for reading, meetings have been held fortnightly, at which the attendance has been very encouraging.

Extracts from several noted authors, and essays written by the members, have been read, and a course of interesting and instructive home-reading has been mapped out by the Executive Committee.

The following books have been read and discussed since the organization of the Society:

Ruskin's ..	"Sesame and Lilies."
Tennyson's..	"Enoch Arden."
"	"Palace of Art."
Dickens' ..	"David Copperfield."
"	"Tale of Two Cities."
Shakespeare's	"Cymbeline."

And other authors.

The members of the Society feel encouraged by the result of their first attempts, and hope that their past efforts will be as "stepping-stones to higher things.

J. MACGILLIVRAY, *President.*
MAY BRODIE, *Secretary.*

Total Annual Revenue from all Sources.

Kirk-Session Poor Fund	\$ 67.00
Ordinary Revenue	3,271.53
Building and Property account	1,509.90
Thanksgiving collection	49.80
New Church Fund	487.75
Missionary Society	537.72
Ladies' Aid Society	31.25
Sabbath-School (School and Mission Fund)	301.04
" (Library Fund)	35.66
Young People's Society of C. E. (Society Fund)	26.84
" " " (Mission ")	75.93
Mission Band	12.38
Woman's Missionary Auxiliary	55.66
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 Archibald, Mrs. C. E.
 Armstrong, Mrs. J.
 Armstrong, Eva A.
 Anderson, Janet
 Armstrong, Lily
 Armstrong, Flora

 Brodie, May
 Brodie, Jane Eva
 Brodie, Robt. Jr.
 Brodie, Mrs. R.
 Brown, Grace
 Brady, Thos.
 Brady, Mrs. T.
 Brodie, Mrs. M. L.
 -Brisbane, Wm.
 -Brisbane, Mrs. Wm.
 Brethour, Carrie
 Brady, John
 Brethour, George
 Brodie, Margaret
 Brodie, Mildred
 Birch, John Robt.
 Bear, Mrs. H.
 Barber, W. H.
 Barber, Mrs. W. H.
 Brown, Jas.
 Brown, Mrs. Jas.
 Brown, Jean E.
 Brown, David
 Brown, Mrs. D.
 Brodie, Hugh
 Brodie, Mrs. H.
 Barrington, Geo.
 Barrington, Mrs. G.

 Campbell, Rev. Prof.
 LL.D.
 Campbell, Mrs. J.
 Currie, Flora
 Currie, Mary Ann
 Campbell, Rolland P.
 -Cornell, Geo.
 -Cornell, Mrs. G.
 Caldwell, Herbert
 Campbell, John A. E.

Cowan, Janet S.
 Cowan, Jane P.

 Duffin, Martha A.
 Duffin, Gertrude L.
 Dow, Mrs.
 Deacon, Robt. S.
 Deacon, Mrs. R. S.

 Elliot, Annie
 Elder, John, M.D.
 Elder, Mrs. J.

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 Finlayson, Mrs. D.
 Forbes, Mrs. A.
 Finlayson, Miss J. M.
 Ferguson, Miss M. L.
 Findlay, Robt.
 Findlay, Mrs. R.
 Ferguson, Alex.
 Ferguson, Mrs. A.
 Greig, William
 Greig, Mrs. W.
 Greig, Robt.
 Greig, Mrs. R.
 Greig, John G.
 Greig, Maggie R.
 Greig, Jessie M.

 Hutchison, Alex. C.
 Hutchison, Mrs. A. C.
 -Harvie, Robt.
 -Harvie, Mrs. R.
 Harrower, Robt.
 Harrower, Mrs. R.
 -Hutchinson, Matthew
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 Hawthorne, Wm.
 Hawthorne, Mrs. W.
 Hobbs, Louis
 Hutchison, Chas. A.
 Hardman, Miss
 Hoy, G. B.
 Hoy, Mrs. G. B.
 Hutchison, Wm. B.
 Hardman, Lily
 Harvie, Janet S.
 Hutchison, George N.

Hyndman, Mrs. S.
 Hutchinson, May D.
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 Hannah, Jessie
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 Jarvis, Edith, M.

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 Kerr, Janet
 Kerr, Harriet P.
 Kerr, Robina
 Kinsella, Miss

 Lee, Mrs. P.
 Locke, Joseph
 Locke, Mrs. J.
 Laycock, George
 Locke, Ernest E.
 Liddel, Wm.
 Liddel, Mrs. Wm.

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 -Minto, Mrs. W.
 Munro, Jessie
 Martin, Mrs. L.
 Murray, J. S.
 Murray, Mrs. J. S.
 Murray, Cecilia
 Murray, May
 Matthe, Jane
 Mason, James
 Mason, Mrs. J.
 Marotte, Samuel
 Marotte, Mrs. S.
 Minto, Iua H.
 Minto, Gertrude B.
 Murray, Alex. Jr.
 Minto, Fred. B.
 Minto, Chas. H.
 Murray, Isabella
 MacLennan, W. A.

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McArthur, Elizabeth	-Robertson, George	-Todd, Mrs. T. M.
McArthur, Isabella	Robertson, Mrs. G.	Thomson, H.
McArthur, Jean	-Ray, Chas. Edward	
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McBean, Grace E.	Robertson, W. S.	-Wood, Mrs. G. W.
McBean, Thos. L.	Robertson, Mrs. W. S.	Wills, Alex.
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McMaster, Mrs. J. A.	Ross, Mrs. Wm.	Wallace, John H.
Macdonald, Robt. H.	Ramsay, E. T.	Wallace, Mrs. J. H.
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McIntyre, Mrs. A.	Rutherford, Mary	Wallace, William
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Nelson, Mrs. Alex.	Rolland, David P.	Young, Maude
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-Nicholson, J. A.	Robertson, Amelia M.	