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The Churchwardens submit, with their financial statement, a Report on the Cathedral affairs generally, for the information of the congregation.

Firstly, of the Church services: These have been held without interruption throughout the year. The daily morning and evening prayers have been read in the Cathedral, or during the severe weather in the Vestry Chapel; this was done to economize fuel, and to save the furnaces, which were being injured by constant use. The attendance at the Sunday services has been regular, and larger than usual; and it is satisfactory to see the offer of the free use of the Cathedral for evening service so generally accepted by the people—thus proving the value of this Cathedral as a free church for Protestant worship.

It is a source of regret that the military authorities found it inconvenient to continue the use of the Cathedral for their service at the hour which was set apart for the Garrison, and had been used by them for the last twenty years. The Churchwardens would gladly have met the views of the Commandant if they could have done so; and they believe that they only express the sentiments of the congregation, in stating that it is their wish that the Cathedral shall ever be made as free as possible to the officers and soldiers of the British army.

Secondly, of the Sunday-school in connexion with the Cathedral:

The School is held in the building adjacent to the Cathedral, and affords, under the management of the ministers and assistant teachers, elementary education and religious instruction to about two hundred and fifty-six children. The site of the building is convenient for teachers and pupils, and a comfortable room is

provided at the simple cost of heating, lighting, and cleaning. This building is held by his Lordship, the Bishop of Montreal, the greater part of the cost having been defrayed out of his own funds, partly out of a donation for educational purposes, and the remainder out of the proceeds of sale of the National School (a deed of which was granted to the Bishop of this Diocese); and thus more suitable accommodation is secured for the purposes of a school than in the old building, which was erected by the congregation of Christ's Church.

The congregation have cause to be thankful that their ministers and the assistant teachers, at much labor to themselves, undertake, and successfully accomplish, the education of these children in the elements of knowledge and religion; and they will do well to remember that in this country, where secular education only is allowed in the public schools, the Sunday-school alone holds forth the Bible to our children as the foundation of education, and the light of the Christian faith.

May they therefore, give their earnest thanks and substantial support to these teachers, that they may be sustained and encouraged in the continuance of this important work.

Thirdly, of the Poor :

The regular pensioners, and casual poor, have been supplied with bread, fuel, and money, under the direction of the Dean and the assistant ministers. The several charitable institutions in connexion with the Cathedral have been carefully superintended by the ministers and ladies of the congregation, and thereby a home and home comforts have been furnished to the sick, the infirm, and the destitute. In order further to provide for the poor on a more extended scale, and to assist in the establishment of a General House of Refuge and Industry, whereby greater advantages may be obtained in the application of money for charitable purposes than in any other way, and a check provided against imposition and idleness, an offer was made to contribute four hundred dollars per annum to the House of Industry and Refuge, about to be established in this city, on condition that such proper objects of charity as were indicated by the Cathedral authorities, should be provided for. This offer is under consider-

ation, and will doubtless be accepted so soon as the Institution is fully established. In this manner have the poor been provided for out of the charitable offerings of the congregation; and thus is it proposed to apply a further sum in a manner which it is anticipated will be productive of much assistance to the homeless, the infirm, and the unfortunate.

Fourthly, of the Choir:

The Churchwardens, in referring to this subject, feel that the psalmody of the Cathedral service is made so beautiful and perfect by the able efforts of the several Choirs, that they should fail in their duty did they not attempt to express the thanks of the congregation to the ladies, gentlemen, and youths constituting these Choirs, who have for such a length of time, and so regularly assisted in the Church service. Could full expression be given to these thanks, the Choirs would then understand that their talent, and the application of it, are fully and justly appreciated.

Fifthly, of the Edifice:

The Building Committee have completed, during the year, the repairs of the exterior of the edifice in all its parts, except a portion of the pointing of the outside wall of the building, which was interrupted by the frost.

No further settlement of the spire or building having occurred, and none further being anticipated, the Churchwardens finished the interior plastering. It was found necessary to repair the furnaces, and to have moulds made of the several parts which were destroyed by the constant fires maintained during the week days. The smoke stack in the spire, although out of order, was sufficient for last winter, but will require to be renewed next summer: otherwise the edifice is perfect, and may be hereafter maintained in good order at comparatively small expense.

The suit, instituted by Mr. Wardle, the contractor, is still undecided, as well as the claim of Mr. Scott, the architect, for professional services. Judgment is expected in both these cases next summer. Mr. Scott's suit to obtain the Cathedral plans from the notarial records of Mr. Gibb, was dismissed.

As the removal of the pulpit was a subject of constant remark, a special meeting was called to ascertain the wishes of the congre-



gation: when only six persons attended, one-half of whom advised that it should be moved, the other half that it should not; therefore it remains where it is. The Churchwardens having given this subject much attention, consider that endless difficulty and much dissatisfaction would be created by moving it, and believe that in a building constructed as this Cathedral is, the only means of overcoming its acoustic defects is in the power of the preacher's or reader's voice.

#### Sixthly, of the Finances:

Herein the Churchwardens have had much labor, as they found a large arrearage of debt on the current expenditure; a management more expensive than they were justified in maintaining; and a system of book-keeping of which they did not approve.

The arrears of debt have been reduced and consolidated as much as possible; almost all the petty accounts paid; and the incurring of new ones avoided. The current expenditure has been reduced (subsequently to November last) to the extent of about \$1600 per annum; and a new set of books are now being opened by a regular Accountant.

The care and superintendence of the building have been entrusted to the beadle, who now keeps it (under contract) in good order, during winter and summer, attending to the cleaning, the heating, the removal of the snow, the organ blowing, the bell ringing, the storing of the fuel, the care of the outside sashes, and the attendance at the doors, and on the congregation during service. This contract he has faithfully and satisfactorily fulfilled.

The accounts were entrusted to the late vestry clerk, Mr. Colbourn, and the Churchwardens regret to state that although he rendered much able assistance as an architect, in superintending and directing the necessary repairs to the edifice, he did not fulfil his duty in keeping the accounts correctly or faithfully.

This has caused the Churchwardens much extra labor and anxiety; and at the close of the year he left them to make up the accounts, which now show a deficiency in moneys misappropriated by him to his own use, immediately previous to his departure, of about \$428. As the precaution of taking security from him was observed, this amount will be paid by his sureties, "The European Assurance Society," who immediately, on the default

being notified to them, stated their readiness to pay the same; and an account will be presented at once for the amount. The manner in which this claim has been admitted by the Association, and the courtesy shewn by the resident secretary, merit this acknowledgment of the Churchwardens.

The Churchwardens have, for the sake of increasing the revenue of the Cathedral, leased pews and sittings in the lower half of the building, during broken periods less than six months, at a reduced rate, and they have to ask the sanction of the vestry for their acts, as well as authority for a continuance of this course by their successors, as they are satisfied that otherwise the pews near the main entrance will be unlet.

It is anticipated that the opening of St. James' Church will lead to the withdrawal of some of the present members of the congregation, but it is also reasonable to assume that the increase of the city and of the Church members will be sufficient to fill all our places of worship.

The proprietors of pews who have not received their deeds, are informed that these are ready for delivery to them on application to the Churchwardens.

The arrearage of pew-rents from the opening of the Cathedral to the present time, amounts to \$3100 of this, there may be written off as doubtful \$400, leaving to be collected \$2700.

Part of this is the arrear of the last half year, and would have been paid, the Churchwardens believe, if personal application had been made to the members in default: the system heretofore adopted of application by letter, particularly if a vestry clerk does not attend regularly at the vestry, is faulty; and they would recommend the collecting of the pew-rents in an ordinary business way, and the employment of an accountant and collector occupying an office in the business portion of the city.

The statement of assets shews arrears of pew-rents collect- able.....	\$2700
The stock of coal on hand saved this year in the manner previously referred to, 30 tons, worth say \$6.50 per ton .....	195
Carried forward.....	<hr/> \$2895

Brought forward . . . . .	\$2895
The claim payable by the "European Assurance Society," for Mr. Colbourn's default admitted (say) . . . . .	428
Cash on hand . . . . .	238
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Total . . . . .	\$3561
The liabilities for account due . . . . .	\$3210
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Credit balance (say) . . . . .	\$350
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The annual revenue now amounts to . . . . .	\$10219
The annual expenditure amounts to about . . . . .	7540
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Leaving an annual surplus of about . . . . .	\$2679

The Building Committee have communicated to the Churchwardens a statement of their financial position, and have intimated a wish to transfer their account to the Churchwardens, and consolidate the management.

It was estimated that the commutation of the extra third rental levied on the pews would have been sufficient to pay off the Cathedral debt, and that the extra rental would meanwhile cover the interest on that debt. In consequence of this estimate having been based on the leasing of all the pews and many of them being vacant, there is a deficiency in the amount required to cover the annual interest of about \$837 per annum.

Assuming that the assets in the Churchwardens' accounts, and of the Building Committee are sufficient to pay off their respective arrears, the surplus annual revenue of the churchwardens accounts of \$2679 will cover the deficiency in the annual interest of \$837, and leave an annual surplus of \$1842 to be applied as a sinking fund.

The Cathedral bonds and mortgages representing the Building Committee debt amount to \$42,000, bearing interest at 6 and 7 per cent.; of these \$17,000 will fall due this year, and will have to be provided for either by renewal or by payment; the balance will fall due five years hence.

This Cathedral debt is one that each member of the congregation, and it may be truly said each member of the Church in the

diocese, is in a certain degree personally interested in having extinguished.

As the congregation is increasing in numbers and wealth, and as under proper management these financial difficulties will diminish each year, there does not appear to be any cause for despair ; still the alternative has to be fairly stated, that if the interest on the bonds is not paid regularly, the principal will be demanded, and will have to be provided for either voluntarily or by ordinary process of law.

The expenditure is now reduced as much as possible, the pew rental is already so high that it prevents many people from occupying seats, and unless more persons are induced to rent pews, either by charging less in the lower half of the building, or by some other means, there does not appear to be any other way of increasing the revenue.

The Churchwardens have however only to state the present finances of the Cathedral and to deal with the facts as they are, advising with the congregation as to the best means to be adopted for the future.

Before closing this Report, the Churchwardens have to thank Strachan Bethune, Esq., for his valuable legal assistance which they know he has rendered for many years without charge.

And lastly to His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, to the very Reverend the Dean of Montreal, and to the assistant ministers, have they to offer their thanks for the zeal and interest which they have shewn in their assistance to the Churchwardens.

Apologizing for the length of this report, the accompanying accounts are submitted for examination and approval.

W. B. LAMBE,  
STANLEY C. BAGG, } Churchwardens.

Montreal, 11th April, 1864.

*The Churchwardens in Account with the Vestry from Easter 1863 to  
Easter 1864.*

Dr.	Easter 1864.	Cr.	
To Balance at debit of late Churchwardens.....	\$ cts. 2333 77	By amount allowed by Building Committee as having been paid for interest on the Cathedral Bonds by the Church Wardens of 1862-1863.....	\$ cts. 2333 77
" Pew Rents collected which were in arrear at Easter 1863.....	\$470 26	" Charitable disbursements, viz.	
Do. do. to Easter 1864, 4636 68	5106 94	Church Home, Pensioners, Casual Poor, Board, Rent, &c....	\$1066 52
" Proceeds of Offertory and Poor Boxes.....	3583 83	Widows' & Orphans' Fund .....	49 00
" Proceeds of sale of a cupboard	1 00	Diocesan Church Society.....	154 53
		French Miss'y do....	60 00
		Church do. do....	33 02
			1363 07
		" Cathedral expenditure, viz.	
		Stpds. to Clergy on act. \$3129 00	
		Salaries to Vest. Clerk, Organist, Verger, Beadle, &c.....	1567 28
			4696 28
		" Cathedral expenditure, viz.	
		Fuel on account....	\$745 66
		Gas .....	273 71
		Water Rate.....	70 30
		Rente Constituée on Rectory lot.....	80 00
		City Assessments....	300 00
		Insurances.....	370 20
		Books for Choir.....	5 25
		Cupboard for do....	20 00
		Wardrobe.....	30 00
			1895 12
		" Accounts in arrear, viz.	
		A. G. Davidson.....	4 44
		Mr. Maxwell.....	40 18
		Mr. W. James.....	17 88
		Mr. Warren, care of organ.....	53 00
		Mr. Townsend.....	4 00
		Mr. Major.....	4 05
		Mr. Mussen.....	4 97
		Mr. Adams.....	40 43
		Messrs Rogers & King	7 65
		Mr. E. E. Shelton...	16 10
		Mr. Rimmer, for wine	54 95
		Mr. J. N. Hall.....	4 60
		Mr. Hill.....	8 02
		Messrs Executors D. Kinnear.....	33 50
		Messrs. Phillips & Wand.....	10 50
		Mr. W. Gubbins.....	2 50
		Mr. J. D. Adams...	9 37
		Mr. J. Date.....	9 28
		Mr. J. Chester.....	33 00
		Mr. D. Somerville...	18 40
		Advertising.....	5 20
		Postage and Box...	7 20
		Discounts.....	11 07
		Sundries.....	93 71
			499 00
			10787 24
		Balance.....	233 30
			\$11025 54
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Montreal, 11th April 1864.

WM. B. LAMBE, }  
STANLEY C. BAGG, } Churchwardens.

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.

## *Assets and Liabilities of Churchwardens, Easter 1864.*

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Balances of Stipends due		Cash on hand.....	\$238 30
Clergy.....	\$271 00	Uncollected Pew Rents, \$3144 80	
Evans Brothers, balance		Less presumed bad, 409 14	
for cordwood.....	1215 71		2737 75
Beard & Co., balance for		30 tons coal, at say \$6.50.....	195 00
coal.....	705 25	Claim vs. "European Assurance	
J. Morice, his account for		Company".....	428 30
work.....	1 44		
S. M. Charles, do, do...	13 00		
Corporation, balance for			
Assessments.....	777 65		
E. E. Shelton, as account.	6 60		
Penny, Wilson & Co. for			
printing.....	10 33		
Rogers & King, founders,			
as account.....	71 48		
J. Date, plumber, as act..	70 44		
A. Rimmer, for wine.....	35 00		
Prowse & Macfarlane, as			
account.....	31 20		
	3209 70		
Balance.....	359 65		
	\$3599 35		\$3599 35

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Montreal, 11th April 1864.

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# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.

## *Estimated Revenue and Expenditure of the Churchwardens.*

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Ordinary Rental of Pews.....	\$6899 00	Stipends of the Clergy, viz.	
" Amount of Offertory.....	3320 00	The Very Rev. The Dean.....	\$800 00
		Rev. Canon Thompson.....	1100 00
		Rev. Canon White.....	1200 00
			3400 00
		Salaries of Officials, viz.	
		Vestry Clerk.....	200 00
		Organist.....	400 00
		Beadle.....	385 00
		Mr. Warren, for care	
		of organ.....	70 00
		John Wood & Son,	
		care of clock.....	80 00
			1135 00
			\$4535 00
		Fuel.....	300 00
		Gas.....	250 00
		Assessments.....	350 00
		Poor.....	1400 00
		Insurance.....	375 00
		Water.....	71 00
		Wine.....	40 00
		Stationery.....	20 00
		Repairs.....	200 00
			\$7541 00
		Balance in excess.....	2678 00
			\$10219 00
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Montreal, 11th April 1864.

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## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.

*Estimated Revenue and Expenditure of Building Committee.*

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Extra third imposed on Pew Rents .....	\$1866 95	Annual interest on \$18,300, at 7 per cent .....	\$1231 00
Balance deficient .....	937 67	Do. on \$23,727.66, at 6 per cent .....	1423 62
			<u>2704</u>
	<u>\$2704 62</u>	Balance deficient .....	\$837

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.

*Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Building Committee, Easter 1864*

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To balance due Mr. Drake .....	\$37 20	By Cash in Bank of Montreal ...	\$807
" Lawford & Nelson .....	63 00	" Balance due by C. Wardens.	189
" G. W. Reed, for repairing roof .....	74 12	" Promissory Notes, taken in settlement of subscriptions in aid of the funds of the Cathedral .....	\$980 00
" Brims & Taylor, repairing steeple .....	\$313 48	Less not at present available.	160 00
" Do., repairing walls..	129 85		<u>820</u>
	<u>443 33</u>	" Extra Pew Rent in arrear ...	539
" Interest on debt to Jan. '64..	1980 14	" Outstanding on first subscription, \$654, considered eventually good, and of which there should be collected this year.....	500 00
Balance .....	708 37	" On second do., \$600, of which there should be collected this year	450 00
			<u>950</u>
			<u>\$3306</u>
	<u>\$3306 16</u>	By balance down ...	\$708

215 Pews, rental..... \$8199 36  
 46 " vacant, rental..... 1300 64

Net rental (extra third not included) \$6898 72  
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G. MOFFATT, Chairman Committee.

Montreal, 11th April 1864.

