

ANNUAL REPORT

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McLeod Street Methodist Church,

We present the report for 1896 with mingled feelings of gratitude and hope. God has blessed us in the past. We being faithful, in the future His blessing shall not be denied. The history of our church has been that of steady and enduring growth. Our church projected as a mission eight years ago and organized as an independent circuit five years ago, has been twice enlarged. It has now become necessary to erect a suitable and permanent building to accommodate our increasing Congregation and Sunday School. This building, which was contracted for in February and will be completed in December, will seat 900, and will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The Trustee Board has been able to secure a loan from the Sun Life Assurance Co. on very favorable terms, the interest being 4.75 per cent. By means of endowment insurance, a sinking fund is created by which the loan will be paid in thirty years. Our people have already subscribed towards the building fund between \$15,000 and \$16,000 payable in yearly instalments, covering from one to ten years. The \$2,500 debt on the old church has been paid.

We note with greatest satisfaction the complete harmony which exists in every department of church work, as also in our Quarterly and Trustee Boards.

We note with gratitude and hope the growing liberality of our membership and adherents.

We thankfully recognize a deepening tone of spiritual life. The net increase in membership during the year is 67.

We request that each member of our church and congregation unite their lives and prayers and efforts with ours, that this year be one of real Christian aggression on the kingdom of error and sin, of intelligent and permanent growth in grace, and a systematic and universal liberality.

W. PENNINGTON,
Recording Steward,

J. ELLIOTT,
Pastor.