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THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

We take pleasure in presenting you with this copy of our Annual Report, and trust you will be interested in its perusal. The financial returns to the Quarterly Board have been generously and promptly given; nearly all of the Connexional Funds show an increase; our congregations have not declined, and altogether we find much cause for gratitude.

We would offer our thanks to the members and adherents for assisting us to secure these encouraging results and respectfully solicit your presence and help for the coming Conference year.

On behalf of the Board.

D. ROGERS, Pastor. R. JOHNSTON, Rec. Steward.

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Regular preaching, Class and Sabbath School services have been conducted at each appointment during the year. Thirteen new members have been received on profession of conversion. Present church membership 213. Our Sunday School membership is 219, with an average attendance of 134 scholars and 31 teachers. Our League membership is about 50. We report 7 marriages, 4 burials and 15 baptisms. Two hundred copies of Church Tidings and about 400 copies of religious papers have been distributed—also 160 copies, weekly, of Sunday School papers etc. Additional shed accommodation has been provided at Ebenezer and paid for by cash subscriptions. The last remaining debt on our Church and Parsonage property in Bluevale has been removed and we hereby tender our sincere thanks to all who assisted in this desirable result.

We have appliances for doing splendid work for God and His Church, and the Pastor specially asks the co-operation of all the members, that the coming year may be more telling in spiritual results than any of its predecessors.

Rev. Dr. Mackenzie says, "That church which is too good for the poor man is too poor for the good man."

OFFICERS.

S. S. SUPTS.—T. J. Watt, A. Shaw, R. Forrest.

E. L. PRESIDENTS.—Miss M. Code, L. Pepper.

CHOIR LEADERS.—J. J. Denman, J. Robb, Miss I. Roe.

ORGANISTS.—Mrs. Rogers, Misses S. J. Johnston and M. L. Roe.

BENEFIT OF CHURCH SERVICES.

Many a disciple loses much because he has been unable or unwilling to meet with his brethren in the house of God. There is much talk, in these days, about meeting God anywhere and everywhere; and many who do not go to church claim that they worship God in nature and hear sermons in brooks and the like. Our own belief is that such persons do not really worship God in nature, but rather worship nature as God, and that the sermons they hear from brooks are exceedingly watery. Churchless piety is an exceedingly rare article, and to find a Christian worker who rarely goes to the prayer meeting is almost impossible. David said there was one thing that he desired, and that was that he might dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life. Let no one persuade you that a religious life can be divorced from regular religious services. All you have to do to forget God and then doubt him altogether, is to *neglect his appointments*. If your friend is about to leave you and comes to you saying, "Here is a keep-sake; it will help you to remember me when miles separate us, and other forms are about you." You say, "Keep it; I don't want it; you are in my heart to live and to die. What use have I for such a trinket?" Then your friend asks you to write frequently. But you say there is no need of this. "I will think of you as often and love you as much as if I wrote every day." Can the strongest friendship survive such treatment? So we may be profoundly thankful to God for the ordinances of the gospel, the Church and her regular services; for by these gracious appointments the weak are strengthened, the sad encouraged, the wicked rebuked, and the thought of God ever kept before us.