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GENTLEMEN.—I consider it my duty to let you know of the good results that attended a course of Warner's Safe Cure taken by me eighteen months ago, as it may come to the notice of some suffering woman afflicted as I was at the change of life. My trouble was not only known to my own family but to all my friends. After I had undergone an operation in one of our best American hospitals and was, as I considered, on the road to perfect health, I was stricken down with a serious attack of hemorrhage, weakness, irritation and all its accompanying symptoms. I then went under the treatment of one of our foremost physicians, and after twelve months of his services, during which time I was often confined to my bed for two and three days at a time I was compelled to take to my bed for five days, neglecting my household duties. The doctor seeing that his medicine was doing me no good advised me to try your Safe Cure, and I am proud to say that before I had taken three bottles I was cured. I have taken one bottle since when I thought I felt symptoms of my old complaint returning, but I can honestly say that for eighteen months I have not been troubled in the slightest with it.

I know several who have benefited by relief from kidneys troubles and acute rheumatism who have taken it on my recommendation.

Some time ago I recommended it to a niece of mine who was here visiting me, for night trouble caused by weak kidneys, and when I last heard from her parents she was stout and hearty at her home in Boston.

MRS. J. D. MELONEY.

elders are either officers or teachers, and 58,748 scholars attend the public worship in the sanctuary each Sabbath. Of the 19,295 scholars in full communion, 4,359 were received during the year. The contributions reported amount to \$74,841; amount from congregations to the support of their schools, \$13,143; \$43,891 was expended on the schools, \$23,803 for the schemes and \$4,219 for other objects. In the department of instruction from 55 schools there have come up for examination 436 candidates, as compared with 385. Of these candidates 317 have won diplomas 99 prizes and 19 medals. It is exceedingly gratifying that in interest the Shorter Catechism keeps advancing, as evidenced by 210 diplomas having been issued for its correct recitation, as compared with 169 last year. The Children's Day service for last year was even more popular than its predecessors. Over 71,000 copies were used, an increase of 26,500 over the previous year.

Mr. Fotheringham gave a sketch of the development of the series of Lesson Helps now issued by the committee:

The following is a statement of the present circulation of the committee's publications as compared with the previous year. Leaflets—Primary, 4,332; Intermediate, 4,681; Senior, 20,648; total 29,661. Last year the only leaflet published was the Senior, and at the time of reporting to the Assembly its circulation had reached 17,000. The increase is therefore nearly seventy-five per cent. Quarterlies—Primary, 2,763; Intermediate, 4,155; Senior, 9,889; total 16,807, as against 4,000 for the Senior alone last year, an increase of over three hundred per cent. The Teachers' Monthly now boasts of 4,390 subscribers, as against 1,600 last year, an increase of nearly one hundred and seventy five per cent. Your Committee submit that these figures fully justify their enterprise, and show that our schools are quite prepared to stand loyally by them in their endeavor to establish a Canadian series of lesson helps. They have every reason to believe that next year will show an equally encouraging increase in the subscription list; but should none be added, the present one, if renewed, would more than meet all the expenses of publication in 1897.

A full exposition of the financial position of the committee was made. The figures are here given in full, as of importance, in view of the fact that the series of lesson helps is now pretty fully developed, the initial difficulties having been overcome, and the expenditure likely to be somewhat stable or even less, whilst the circulation is almost certain to be largely increased.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May, 5th, 1895	\$ 30 16
Contributions from Sabbath Schools	1,474 12
Subscriptions and supplies	3,261 62
Borrowed	1,894 19
	\$5,660 09

EXPENDITURES.

Repaid borrowed	\$ 894 19
Expenses of publications, Higher Religious Instruction, Children's Day and Statistics	4,220 24
General expenses: Office help, travelling, postage, discounts, interest, etc.	689 31
Amount of orders forwarded to other publishers, on the greater part of which commission was allowed	581 19
Balance in hand	275 16
	6 660 09

LIABILITIES.

Borrowed	\$1 000 00
Notes maturing	2,916 19
	3 916 19

PER CONTRA.

Balance cash	\$ 275 16
Subscriptions unpaid	1,390 85
Royalty on class registers, etc.	31 27
Cost of May and June publications (included in notes above)	776 47
	2 473 75

Whole deficit May 2nd, 1896	\$1 442 44
" " 4th, 1895	880 47

Net deficit for 1895-6 alone..... \$561 97

The committee are considering the propriety of removing the business management, printing, etc., to Toronto, where it is believed the printing can be done more economically.

Mr. Fotheringham concluded by moving that the whole report be referred to a Select Committee, to confer with a sub-committee of the Sabbath-School Committee as to the best methods of carrying on the work in the future. Mr. John A. Paterson, of Toronto, seconded the motion. He thought that although there is a present deficit, chiefly the accumulation of years, that from a strictly business point of view the outlook is excellent. Col. D. Torrance Fraser thought that the number of those taking the higher religious instruction was discouragingly small, and that the statistical tables are too complicated. The Assembly ought, he thought, to look carefully into the whole matter. Mr. W. Drysdale, of Montreal, referred to the multifarious and exhausting labours of the Convener, especially in the preparation of the complete line of Lesson Helps. After some further conversation, the motion of Mr. Fotheringham for a Select Committee was carried. Dr. Morrison is the Convener of the Committee appointed.

Rev. Jas. Ballantyne, B.D., elected yesterday as Professor of Apologetics and Church History in Knox College, was now called to the platform and informed by the Moderator of his appointment. In a few well chosen words, Mr. Ballantyne accepted the appointment, and the Presbytery of Ottawa was instructed to loose Mr. Ballantyne from his charge, and the Presbytery of Toronto to induct him into his charge as Professor. The Assembly also expressed its sense of the sacrifice to be made by Knox Church, Ottawa, of which Mr. Ballantyne has been pastor for but two years, and where his work has been of distinguished service. It will be remembered that Professor MacLaren was called to Knox College from the same congregation some years ago.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, the convener of the committee, presented the report on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Western Section). \$14,582 were paid out to 75 annuitants, an average of a little short of \$195 to each annuitant, a not very extravagant sum, especially when it is remembered that no minister is placed upon the fund who is not either "sick or seventy." Three of the supplicants to be placed on the fund apply an account of incapacity through ill-health. These

are 69, 65, and 46 years of age respectively, and have served the Church for 39, 33, and 14 years. Of the six who go on through age, three are 70, the others 77, 78, and 79, and the years of service are from 28 to 50. It will thus be seen that the fund is no asylum for men who have proved failures in the ministry, but for men deserving of rest by reason of age or broken under heavy labours.

In regard to the finances, the committee, although it resulted in an adverse balance of \$211.46, was greatly pleased that, notwithstanding that both congregational collections and ministers' rates were less than in the previous year, the credit-balance carried forward from last account and an increase of \$374.08 in interest on investments made it possible to pay annuities on the modified basis of 1892-3.

It is only right, however, to call the attention of congregations to the fact, that unless greater liberality is exhibited, the payment of even the modified annuities cannot be continued. If any fair measure of justice is to be accorded to ministers, who for the most part have spent their lives in the Master's service, congregations will require to contribute more liberally to the fund.

The decrease in congregational givings, as compared with the previous year, is \$401.04 and in ministers' rates \$399.14. No increase in rates can be looked for, as for several years past the paying up of arrears by many ministers has largely swelled the sum received from that source. Some increase may reasonably be expected from interest on investments, but it is quite evident that the increased demand from annuitants being placed on the fund will more than absorb any increase from interest, and hence we can only look to the congregations to meet the increasing demand.

The receipts for the ordinary fund were:

Balance at Cr. 1st May, 1895	\$ 945 49
Congregational collections	7,666 17
Ministers' rates	2,352 97
Interest	5,655 45
Balance at Dr. 1st May, 1896	211 46
	\$16 831 54

The disbursements were as follows:

Annuities paid	\$14,571 60
Printing and expenses of committee	58 08
Rev. W. Burns' salary	1,250 00
Rev. W. Burns' expenses and bank charges	73 27
Proportion of salary and general expenses	350 00
Rates refunded	18 75
Taxes, etc., on properties reverted to Church	509 84
	\$16,831 54

The following shows how the new effort for Endowment stood on the 20th April last:

Total amount subscribed	\$135,009 11
" " paid in	121,597 33

Adding to the above the old capital of \$15,550, the Fund is:

Total subscribed	\$150 559 11
" paid up	137,147 33

The convener stated that only \$50,000 more of subscription was now needed to secure Sir Donald Smith's promised additional contribution of \$30,000. Rev. Dr. Armstrong moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Fletcher, and carried. Dr. Fletcher gave some spicy extracts from the statistics, showing the neglect of the fund on the part of many congregations, some of them strong and wealthy.

In the absence of the Convener of Committee of the Eastern Section, Rev. H. H. McPherson, of Halifax, presented its report and moved its adoption, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bruce, of St. John. There are twenty-two annuitants.

Collections were received from one hundred and forty-five congregations. The number of congregations reported in 1895 as contributing was one hundred and thirty-seven; in 1894, one hundred and thirty-two.

One hundred and twenty-four ministers were connected with the fund as contributors at the close of the ecclesiastical year.

Help

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Ministers and Churches.

The church at Newburgh is undergoing a thorough course of repair.

Fifteen communicants were added to the church at Napanee at the recent sacramental season.

The ladies of Knox Church, Aylmer, held their first strawberry social recently. There was a good attendance.

A. G. Strachan, B.A., left Winnipeg recently to occupy the pulpit of the Qu'Appelle church for a few months.

The spire of the Presbyterian Church at Streetsville was badly shattered by lightning, and it will cost \$200 to make repairs.

The Rev. Mr. Dewar is occupying the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Morris, Man., as successor to the Rev. Bryce Innis.

Rev. John S. Lochead, M.A., preached at Parkhill last Sunday. In the evening he delivered a special sermon to young men.

Rev. A. Chisholm and Rev. H. McLelland, spent a few days at Manitoba College, Winnipeg, recently on their way to Scotland.

The Presbyterian Sunday schools of Grand Bend and Corbett held a joint picnic recently, about 200 attending. An enjoyable day resulted.

Rev. J. A. Ross, B.A., of Churchill, has taken his departure for Scotland. The congregation will supply while he is away. Mrs. Ross is staying with her parents in Dundalk.

Rev. J. McD. Duncan, B.A., of Woodville, preached in Stouffville on a recent Sabbath, Rev. H. E. Reid, B.A., pastor of that church, being unable to preach. Rev. J. B. Duncan occupied the Woodville pulpit.

Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., of Paris, delivered a lecture on "The Catacombs of Rome," in Knox Church, Acton, last week. Mr. Cockburn is a very interesting speaker, and clearly demonstrated himself to be a first-class lecturer.

The Sunday school of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, held their annual picnic at Marshall's Bay on a recent Saturday. The attendance was not as large as usual, but every one was well pleased with the day's outing. The party consisted of about 250.

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