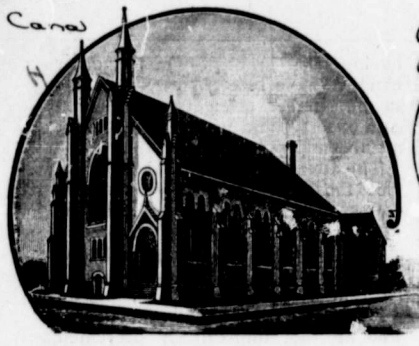


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OUR MOTTO:

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HAMILTON, ONTARIO, JANUARY 23, 1897.

Erskine Presbyterian Church'

Pearl Street,
One Block North of King Street.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, B.A., Minister,
112 George Street.

Church Officer: Adam Turnbull,
94 Pearl Street North.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

READ carefully every word of the Annual Reports.

OUR total Givings for 1896 amounted to \$7,090. Over \$1,200 of which was for Missionary Educational and Benevolent objects.

HAVE you subscribed for the *Record* for this year? Hand your name and 25 cents to Mr. Broughton or Mr. Keith. Surely no family will be without it.

THE Junior Christian Endeavorers will celebrate their Anniversary on the 18th of February, and the Sunday School probably on the 21st and 22nd of March.

THOUGH we gave so much (\$2,015) for the New School Room, our givings to the support of Ordinances and to Missions are considerably larger than in any preceding year. This shows what we *can* do when we have the will.

LET every one be regular and faithful in their Weekly Envelope Offerings for 1897, or we shall not have as cheering a report next year as we have this. Our expenses are much increased this year. Besides the advance in salaries voted at the Annual Meeting there will be much more coal and gas needed for our New School Room, and about \$235.00 more of interest to pay.

IT is expected that the New Hymnal of the Presbyterian Church will be ready in April. As it is the purpose of the Session to adopt this splendid and inexpensive Hymnal for all services and organizations, we are trying to get along with the meagre supply of

old books now in hand though our singing suffers in consequence especially in the Sunday School.

THE members of Session have decided to visit after each Communion this year those who are not present, unless they know that there is good reason for such absence, to ascertain the cause. Some of the members are not as faithful in keeping this Feast "in memory of Jesus" as they should be. In the past the Session have been visiting absentees only once a year.

THE Sixth Anniversary of our Minister's Induction will be celebrated on the 7th and 8th February. Rev. Dr. Abraham will preach in the morning and Mr. Shearer in the evening. A splendid programme of Music, Elocution, Limelight Views of Scotland by Mr. Moodie, with explanations by Mr. John Moodie, Sen., and an address by Rev. J. S. Conning, is being prepared for Monday night. This will be one of the most attractive programmes we have ever had.

WHILE our pink envelope givings are larger than in any preceding year this was chiefly due to the special offerings made and does not mean much increase in our regular monthly offerings. If we reach the *average* of \$2.00 per member required from all the church for all the missions of the church, we shall have to give *more than half as much again* as last year. This will be easily reached if only *all* would give even a *little* every month. Will not *you* do your share conscientiously for 1897?

The Annual Meeting.

THE Annual Meeting, which was held on Wednesday evening, January 13th, at 7.30 p. m., was largely attended, orderly, harmonious and in all respects unusually encouraging. Mr. Shearer occupied the chair and Messrs. R. P. Anderson and Thomas Patterson were appointed Secretaries. The reports printed herewith were all received and adopted. Very little discussion

arose over any item of business that came before the meeting.

Messrs. A. M. Souter and John Pringle were re-elected, and Messrs. James Carroll, James Turnbull and Ralph Tiderington elected to the Board of Management.

The appointment of Ushers was left to the Session and Board of Management.

Messrs. James Gill and A. M. Wilson were re-appointed Auditors. The members of Session, with their wives, the officers of the Auxiliary and Mission Band of the W. F. M. S., with Misses Mary Stevenson, Isa Mitchell, Lizzie Martin and Mr. D. A. Souter were appointed the Board of Missions.

It was ordered that in future the *Record* would be supplied only to subscribers, and Messrs. B. Broughton and J. Keith appointed to have charge of receiving subscriptions and distributing the *Records*.

Miss McBean's salary was increased by \$50.

The question of the advisability of increasing Mr. Turnbull's salary was referred to the Board of Management.

Heartly appreciation was expressed and a vote of thanks given to the Ushers, the Choir and all other volunteer workers in the Church.

The Building Committee was thanked for its faithful, satisfactory and arduous labors, and asked to continue its services until the subscriptions are all paid.

Officers and Workers for 1897.

SESSION.

- Rev. J. G. Shearer, B.A., Moderator.
- James Gill, B.A., Clerk.
- Wm. Brown, Treasurer.
- Robert Allen, Jas. Newlands, Alex. Craig, G. H. Richardstn, J. Keith, T. C. Graham, Robt. Whyte, T. H. Kellar, J. E. Souter, James Brown, Alex. Mitchell.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

- J. R. Moodie, Chairman.
- P. P. Anderson, Secretary.
- Thos. Patterson, Assistant Secretary.
- A. M. Souter, Treasurer.

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