

ERSKINE CHURCH ECHOES.

Formosa, West Indies, China, the Jews, etc., would be given. Rev. Mr. Shearer took charge of four of the meetings, the President of two, and the Secretary of one, the other meetings being filled in with special missionary addresses from Mr. McArthur, Rev. Mr. McDougall, Rev. Dr. Paton, and the special services in December. The Literature Committee held one meeting and arranged for the distribution of some tracts. The contributions for 1893, we are glad to say are about double of what they were in 1892, the \$100 contributed at Dr. Paton's meeting partly accounting for this, but we notice a general increase in the givings to nearly all the schemes of the Church.

The Session has agreed that for 1894, the Missionary meetings shall be held only once a quarter, but that special prayer for Missions and Missionaries will be offered at the first prayer meeting in every month.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES GILL, President.
D. A. SOUTER, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Missionary Association Income For the Year Ending December, 1893, Allocated as follows:

	1892	1893
Sundry disbursements.....	\$ 28 00	\$ 60 25
Allocated to Goforth Fund.....		\$ 20 00
" Dr. Paton.....		100 00
" Foreign Mission	67 00	98 00
" Home	55 00	80 00
" Augmentation..	22 00	30 00
" French Evangelization	30 00	35 00
" Jewish Mission	10 00	12 00
" Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	12 00	18 00
" Ministers, Widows and Orphans	6 00	9 00
" The Colleges ..	15 00	18 00
" Knox College Students' Missionary Society	12 00	13 00
	\$246 00	\$495 00
Leaving a balance of.....		84

WILLIAM BROWN, Treasurer.

Report of Ladies' Aid For 1893.

With cause for renewed encouragement and thankfulness, we present this, the sixth annual report of this society; but, before doing so, the ladies wish, especially, to thank our pastor for his many kind and helpful visits, and our honorary members for their cheerful contributions.

We began the year with eighteen active members; during the year one active member has removed from the city and two have retired from active work. But to counterbalance this 14 new names have been added to the active membership list and 9 to the honorary, making our present membership 29 active and 119 honorary.

At our monthly meeting in February, Mrs. Hyndman was appointed as delegate from this society to Associated Charities.

In July attention was drawn to our fast diminishing Benevolent Fund, and in order to have something wherewith to help the needy, a resolution was passed whereby the active members were permitted to divide their monthly contributions, or give an occasional extra toward that object. Mrs. James Souter was appointed Treasurer of said fund. Out of this fund the society have at different times been giving aid: \$2 was given to get needed delicacies for a sick child; two coverlids were made, one was sold and the other given to a poor but deserving family, and \$6.55 of that

fund remains in the hands of our B. F. Treasurer.

The monthly contributions toward the general fund amount to \$151.75 with \$1.25 interest. Of this amount \$151 has been handed over to the managers, leaving a balance of \$2 in bank.

The average attendance of active members at our monthly meetings was 15, and average monthly collection \$12.64.

Officers elected for 1894:
President—Mrs. McBean.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Shearer.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Woodruff.
Secretary—Mrs. A. Turnbull.
Treasurer—Mrs. Hyndman.
Treasurer Benevolent Fund—Mrs. William Brown.

Delegate to Associated City Charities Board—Mrs. Hyndman.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours,

MRS. A. TURNBULL,
Sec., L.A.S.

Report of the Christian Endeavor Society, 1893.

A year ago the Y.P.S.C.E. numbered sixty active and fourteen associate members. During the past year quite a number have left, sixteen new members have been received and four associate members have become active.

Early in the year one of our associate members, James Anderson, was called to a higher endeavor.

Our numbers at present are sixty-three active, one associate and three honorary members. Eleven of these, unwilling to withdraw their names, but unable to attend regularly, have been placed on the absent list.

This has been perhaps the best year in our history. We have not increased in numbers, rather have decreased slightly, but our active members have become more worthy of their name. Decided growth is shown in the matter of taking part. Many now offer sentence prayers and give thoughts of their own in connection with verses read. The papers have been earnest and helpful. The flowers and cards sent to the sick by the Flower Committee have been much appreciated. Anyone interested in this work and wishing to help it, can do so by loaning plants or contributing to the Flower Fund.

In addition to the Committees already known to you, Look-Out, Prayer Meeting, Mission, Social, Temperance, Good Literature, Flower and Music, a Missionary Committee has been formed, which aims at increasing the missionary knowledge of the members.

May we be more faithful to our pledge, and true to our motto, "For Christ and the Church," during this new year.

Receipts for the year \$53 10
Expenditure for the year..... 51 50

Balance on hand \$ 1 60

R. JAMISON, Secretary.

Report of Auxiliary of W.F.M.S., 1893.

In the year just closed we have had cause for gratitude, for the mercies and blessings which have attended our missionary efforts. Our members have all been spared to us, and only one left us by removal. Our special work for the year has been preparing clothing for one boy on the Cotes Reserve in the Northwest. The value of articles sent was \$50.90. The monthly meetings have been held regularly, with a good average attendance, and have been very profitable and much enjoyed by all. Quite a number of papers have been read by the members on various fields and peoples, giving us an intelligent interest in and loving sympathy

for them, as we remember them at the throne of grace.

Our contributions for the year were \$112.36.

The officers for the year are:

President—Mrs. Shearer.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Woodruff.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. Turnbull.
Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Brown.
Treasurer—Miss Stevenson.

Number of members 24; 5 being members of the general society. One of the ladies of the congregation has kindly and generously made our President a life member of the general society, which added \$25 to our funds. For this we are grateful to the unknown donor, and to God who prompted the gift. Our membership is not nearly as large as it ought to be. We would earnestly urge the women of the congregation to cast in their lot with us and to whatever extent they can, to send the Bread of Life to our perishing sisters in Heathen Lands. Our own humble purpose is in dependence on God's enabling grace to do more during 1894 than we have ever done before.

MRS. BROWN, Secretary.

Treasurer's Statement of Erskine Church For the Year Ending December 31st, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1892	\$ 187 93
Sunday collections	788 59
Envelopes	2446 17
Subscriptions for Records	22 80
Subscriptions for Echoes	6 50
Proceeds from Choir concert	27 25

\$3479 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, salary	\$1500 00
Mr. Adam Turnbull, salary	250 00
Miss Edgar, salary	200 00
Pulpit supply and special services ..	137 75
Interest on loans	438 00
Presbytery Fund	19 50
Hamilton Gas Light Co.	121 95
Water rates	6 00
Wood and coal accounts	213 75
Printing account	61 50
Printing	47 30
Records	46 50
Choir	18 78
Church repairs	256 22
Insurance on Church	49 00
Communion expenses	9 55
Sundry accounts	26 73
Balance on hand	76 71

\$3479 24

DEBT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Estate Mrs. Green	\$ 500 00
Subscriptions to Debt Fund	560 65
Subscriptions by Ladies' Aid Society	151 00

\$1211 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Estate Mrs. Green	\$ 500 00
Estate C. H. Booker	400 00
Savings Bank account	311 65

\$1211 65

LIABILITIES.

Confederation Life Assurance Co....	\$7000 00
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A. M. SOUTER, Treasurer.

Auditors' Report.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the treasurers of The Mission, The Mission Band, The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, The Ladies' Aid, Ladies' Auxiliaries of W.F.M.S., The Session Fund, The Missionary Association, The Boys' Brigade, The Mrs. Green Fund, The Church and the Sunday School and find the same correct.

J. M. SMILLIE and JAMES GILL, Auditors.