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The Kirk-Session.

REV. M. MACGILLIVRAY, M. A.

ELDERS :

JAMES GRAY.
SAMUEL WILSON.
JOHN ARMOUR.
ROBERT ALLAN.
DANIEL GLOSSOP.

JOHN JAMIESON.
DONALD McPHAIL.
JAMES McFARLAND.
GEORGE TEMPLETON.
F. B. ALLAN.

SESSIONAL CLERK, - - F. B. ALLAN.
TREASURER OF KIRK-SESSION, JAMES GRAY.
REPRESENTATIVE ELDER, - JOHN ARMOUR.

BOARD OF MANAGERS :

WILLIAM MEIGHEN. E. G. MALLOCH. ROBT. J. DRUMMOND.
JOHN ARMOUR. JOHN WILSON. HENRY TAYLOR.
ALEX. ROBERTSON. J. M. WALKER. WALTER FERRIER.

TREASURER, - WILLIAM MEIGHEN.
CHAIRMAN, - - E. G. MALLOCH.
SECRETARY, - HENRY TAYLOR.

ORGANIST, - - - - MISS WALKER.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL. JAMES GRAY.

SEXTON, - DAVID LOWE.

REPORT OF THE KIRK-SESSION.

1883.

I.

The Session's report this year is probably the most encouraging in the history of the Congregation. While this affords reasonable ground for thankfulness, it affords none for surprise. Were the report any less satisfactory than it is there might be good cause for surprise.

With the increase of comfort, means, education, and religious privileges, there surely should go hand in hand enlarged christian faith and action. At the last annual meeting the hope was expressed that God would grant us substantial progress in His work during the year then begun ; that hope has in some degree been realized.

II.

The number on the Roll of the Congregation is 305. The number of families identified with the Congregation, and under the pastoral oversight of the Minister is not less than 150. But a less number than that is reported in the annual statistical statement required by the Assembly, so that the figures given may fairly indicate our *real working strength*. The number added during the year is 56. There have been 31 baptisms, and of this number 7 were adults. The removals by death were six : Mrs. Shairp, Mrs. Moffatt, Mr. Mansfield, Mrs. F. B. Allan, Mrs. R. Andison, and Mr. A. D. Moodie. The Congregation will unite with the Session in this expression of sympathy for our brethren whom God has visited with sorrow.

III.

The attendance at Sabbath services has been fairly good. But better is both desirable and possible. There appears to be a slight tendency in the direction of "half-day hearing." In many cases this, as the Session is well aware, is unavoidable. In others where it prevails, there is no apparent necessity for it. Regular attendance, where practicable, is earnestly and respectfully recommended, as desirable both in the interests of personal religion and of helpful example. Absence from one service without sufficient reason is too often only the prelude to careless habits and absence from all the services. In this connection a sentence or two from the last report can bear quotation : "Let the Session and all the Congregation take more interest in the welfare of Zion, and carelessness and irregularity will disappear. The Session asks the cordial assistance of every member and adherent in developing more aggressive christian life among us. The Lord requires it." Yes, and we ourselves have need of it.

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The attendance at ordinances has improved during the year. In our last report attention was drawn to a serious remissness in this particular. It is a matter of much gratification, therefore, to notice a change for the better. "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." The quarterly visits of the Elders in their respective districts just before each Communion season have a good effect. They entail considerable work no doubt, but the good done both Elders and people is worth more than the sacrifice. In 1882 the attendance sometimes fell down to half the membership; last year it rose considerably over two-thirds.

V.

The attendance at the prayer-meetings, while on the whole encouraging, and up to average prayer-meeting life, is not in the judgment of the Session, so full or so regular as desirable. The spirit of the meetings has not at all decayed, nor has the number of worshippers decreased; but it is noticeable that the attendance fluctuates, and that some who once cheered the meetings by their presence do not now give an hour to the Lord, at least in this way, on the Wednesday evening. Making every allowance for domestic, business, and social duties, it is felt that in the brethren's own best interests the prayer-meeting should be more faithfully countenanced. Besides, the exercises are confined to a few. Interest would deepen if it were more a meeting for *prayer* and less a *lecture platform*.

VI.

The work done in the Sabbath School is invaluable. Under the energetic direction of Mr. Gray and Mr. F. B. Allan, aided by an excellent staff of teachers, the efficiency of the school is well sustained. For some weeks in the summer the school reaches perhaps its low-water mark for the year. Our teaching staff is then sadly depleted, and classes are conducted under serious disadvantages. At such a time would it not be a good thing if a few earnest men and women would volunteer to fill the gap? Or, could not the teachers who leave for a few weeks or months secure substitutes till they return? Number of teachers, 17; number on the roll, 160; volumes in library, 500; amount given to Missions, \$50. Literature: *Sabbath School Messenger*, *Sunday School Times*, etc. The Union School, Scotch Line, is conducted under the same vigorous management as last year. Some of the brethren are also doing earnest and useful work in S. S., sixth line of Bathurst.

VII.

The Bible Class has been fairly vigorous during the year. The highest number in attendance has been thirty. More would

avail themselves of its instructions were it not held during S. S. hours. The inconvenience caused for want of room is very great. There should be a separate apartment for the use of the class, but in the absence of that we must just make the best of the situation. A majority of the class are church members, many of whom have joined in the course of the year. It is to be greatly regretted that the class is not easily accessible to the young friends in the country. The experiment of holding the class before the morning service was tried and proved unsatisfactory. It interfered with the service, and as worshippers kept coming in during class hour, attention was divided, and the necessary close sympathy between the class and the instructor seriously disturbed.

VIII.

One other point. Our town is growing, and new families are coming in. What are we doing, as a congregation, in the way of finding out these, more particularly such as belong to our own church, and acting toward them a christian and brotherly part? This question has two sides :—

1. We should do our best to prevent those who are Presbyterians, or of Presbyterian sympathies, being lost to our cause. "If we have faith in our church, faith in Presbyterianism as a christian organization eminently fitted in every way to glorify the Redeemer in the salvation of men, should we not be ready and anxious to do a little more than we have been doing, in demonstrating by our life, and in every other lawful way, its principles and its practice?"

2. It is good for strangers coming among us, and good for the whole community that we should manifest some zeal in this field of christian work. Search out the new-comers, speak to them words of christian, brotherly sympathy. If they are not of our faith, advise them to be loyal to their own; and so "provoke others to good works!"

To conclude: In this report you read encouraging words and see encouraging facts; and we believe the same can be said of other reports to be submitted. It would be affectation for us to profess indifference to these things. The Apostle could thank God and take courage; and may we not humbly do the same? On the other hand, if we put the question: Did we exert ourselves to our very best last year in every department of christian work, or indeed, in any? Humbly we must answer NO! Attention has been drawn to not a few short-comings. To be candid, we must say as we review our exertions and self-denials for the Lord's sake, that these have been mild indeed. What luxury have we abated, what personal considerations have we waived to please our Saviour and bless the world? Not *many*! And for

what we have done, we are the richer, not the poorer. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, and withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

Let us not relax our efforts then, or think of doing any less. Rather let us each ask with more passionate earnestness than ever—"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

"Brethren, the time is short," "and the fashion of this world is passing away."

M. MACGILLIVRAY, MODERATOR.

F. B. ALLAN, SESSION CLERK.

Annual Statement of Session Treasurer for 1883.

1883.	EXPENDITURES.		RECEIPTS.	
HOME MISSIONS.—				
Amount remitted to Dr. Reid.....		\$35 94	Home Missions.....	\$170 03
Amount remitted to Dr. Warden.....		82 15	" Annual Meeting less expenses.....	45 29
Amount remitted to Mr. James Croil.....		46 00	Foreign Missions.....	121 70
			French Evangelization.....	82 15
			Colleges.....	58 12
			Aged and Infirm.....	27 10
			Assembly Fund.....	13 20
			Widows' and Orphans'.....	46 00
			McAil Mission.....	50
				564 09
			Benevolent Fund, Balance from 1882.....	14 93
			Collector.....	25 53
			Queen's College, Collected.....	40 46
			Knox's.....	218 00
			Sabbath School—Balance.....	499 68
			Amount collected each Sunday.....	50 14
			" Pic Nic.....	79 89
				27 60
			Queen's College Bursary Fund, collected.....	157 63
			Mattawa Church,.....	30 00
			Presbyterial Expenses,.....	20 00
			General Assembly,.....	9 00
			Temporalities Board Law ^{costs}	9 00
			Amount received from Treasurer, Mr. Meighen.....	12 00
				42 00
				10 60
				\$1603 46
				564 09
			Benevolent Fund—Payments to sundry parties.....	32 75
			Balance on hand.....	7 71
			Queen's College, Remitted.....	46 00
			Knox's.....	7 37
			Sabbath School—Library Books.....	46 00
			Papers.....	20 00
			Pointe Aux Tremble School.....	20 00
			India Missions, Indore.....	40 00
			Pic Nic Expenses.....	11 60
			Balance.....	52 66
			Queen's College Bursary Fund.....	157 63
			Mattawa Church, Rev. W. C. Ballantyne.....	20 00
			Presbyterial Expenses, Mr. R. Bell.....	20 00
			General Assembly Expenses, Rev. Mr. Crombie.....	9 00
			Law Expenses, Mr. J. Croil.....	12 00
			Tracts, Catechisms, &c.....	42 00
				10 60
				\$1603 46

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Report of the Managers of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, for the year 1883, submitted to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on the 10th January, 1884.

The Report which the Managers are able to make is even more satisfactory than the one presented at the last Annual Meeting.

The Managers have pleasure in stating that \$1175.92 have been contributed through envelopes, as against \$1054.70 in the previous year; and \$281.20 have been paid directly to the Treasurer, as against \$225.65 in the previous year, making an aggregate of \$1457.12 from both sources in 1883, as against \$1280.35 in 1882.

The plate collections in 1883 have amounted to \$576.87 (including \$20 collected for the Mattawa Church), as against \$522.52 in 1882, being an increase of \$54.35 in the past year.

The ordinary expenditure for 1883 has been \$542.35, as against \$513.00 for 1882.

Several accounts for years previous to 1883 amounting to \$145.57 remained unsettled at the commencement of 1883. These have all been paid, which left the account of the plate collections in debt \$101.53. This has been paid out of the surplus from the other fund.

After paying the Minister's salary of \$1100, and other amounts properly chargeable to the general account, and after deducting the above amount of \$101.53 there will remain a balance of \$277.81 in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the general account.

This state of the financial affairs of the Congregation cannot fail to give much satisfaction to every one who has the prosperity of the Congregation at heart.

The Managers have felt that this prosperity was mainly due to the zeal, energy and worth of the Minister, and the esteem in which he is held by his flock, and they have considered it fitting on behalf of the Congregation to mark their appreciation of his services by giving Mr. Macgillivray a Christmas present of \$100, in addition to his regular salary. And the Managers have no doubt that the Congregation will express their approval of this act in a resolution to that effect at their meeting.

The Report presented at the last Annual Meeting showed a balance due on repairs account of \$560. This has been reduced by subscriptions taken up at that meeting amounting to \$151, leaving \$320 still unpaid, which is covered by a note in the Bank.

The Managers further report that the new Manse and out-buildings have been completed, and have been occupied by the Minister since last March. The total cost, including the land, is \$6078.59.

In addition to the \$3400 lent by several members of the Congregation (mentioned in the last Report) the Managers have borrowed a further sum of \$2000, for which they have given a first mortgage on the Manse property bearing interest at six per cent. from this date. And a second mortgage for \$3400, bearing interest at five per cent., has also been given, both of which have been authorized by the Congregation.

The account of the Treasurer of the Manse Fund herewith submitted shows a balance on hand of \$12.58, after paying interest on the \$3400 up to 1st November 1883.

An offer having been made by some of the young people of the Congregation to raise a sum sufficient for the purchase of a new organ, provided the Managers and Session approved of its introduction into the church, the Managers gave their assent, and a large part of the sum required was at once subscribed. The Managers therefore entered into a contract with Messrs. Edward Lye & Sons, of Toronto, to place a pipe organ in the church at a cost of \$1,200. It is expected that the instrument will be set up ready for use by the first of April next.

When Mr. Macgillivray accepted the call of the Congregation, it was felt that the sum of \$1,100, then promised him, was as much as the people could afford to pay. Every adherent of the congregation must, however, feel that this sum has been wholly inadequate to the services rendered by the Minister. The Managers are now of the opinion that the time has come when a substantial increase should be made to Mr. Macgillivray's salary, and they therefore beg to recommend that a resolution be adopted at this meeting increasing his salary to \$1,400 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, as formerly, the increase to date from 1st January 1884.

As directed by the Congregation, the Managers sent the funds on hand to Manitoba for investment, and \$2,800 have been invested there at ten per cent interest, and \$1,000 at fifteen per cent. interest. Dr. Bain will receive the income from these sums, as well as from the \$4932 invested here. The income derived from all the investments is at present about \$730.

During the autumn of the past year a meeting of the Congregation was called to consider the question of erecting driving sheds. A committee was appointed who had suitable sheds erected at a cost of \$337, all of which has been paid by subscription.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. MALLOCH, Chairman.

HENRY TAYLOR, Secretary.

Perth, 10th January, 1884.

FINANCIALS.

Statement of Contributions to Stipend Fund, and for Contingent Expenses.

1882.	RECEIPTS.		
Dec. 30. Balance on hand			\$47 74
	Contributions per envelopes, 1883	\$1175 92	
	Payment to Treasurer, 1883.....	281 20	\$1457 12
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1883.	EXPENDITURE.		
Apl. 5. Paid discount on note.....	5 52		
19. Paid Prof. Mowat, one Sunday...	10 00		
July 30. " " " "	10 00		
	Paid Mr. Macgillivray.....	1100 00	1125 52
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			331 60
	Paid Mr. Macgillivray Xmas present.....	100 00	231 60
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	Balance on hand 10th Jan., 1884... ..		279 34
1883.	STATEMENT ORDINARY WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.		
Jan. Balance on hand.....	\$ 9 52		
	Receipts, 1883.....	576 87	
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		586 39	
	Expenditure, 1883.....	687 92	
	Deficiency on Contingent account.....		101 53
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1884.	Jan. 10. Net balance in hands of Treasurer.....		\$177 81

Statement Repairs Account.

1883.	RECEIPTS.		
Jan. 10. Balance on hand.....			\$ 9 35
	Amount subscribed at the Annual Meeting, January, 1883.....	151 00	
Feb. 9. Note discounted at six months... ..		320 00	
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			\$480 35
1883.	EXPENDITURE.		
Feb. 2. Paid Shaw & Matheson for brick		\$8 62	
	" Note for Furnace.....	355 22	
	" Discount on note at six months.. ..	9 52	
June 26. " Benjamin Wright's account.....		38 25	
	" Peter McGregor's account.... ..	26 37	
Aug. 17. " Briggs for tin pipes and putting Reg- isters up stairs.....		18 00	
Dec. 20. " Jas. Wilson, work in connection with Furnaces		13 75	469 73
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	Balance on hand, with note of \$350 to pay		\$10 62

MANSE FUND.

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THE MANAGERS IN ACCOUNT WITH ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

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RECEIPTS.

F. B. Allan, Treasurer	\$ 605 00
M. Macgillivray	15 00
John Armour	300 00

SCHEDULE SUBSCRIBERS.

John Armour	1000 00
E. G. Malloch	200 00
W. Meighen	200 00
James Thompson	200 00
J. S. Hart	200 00
James Gray	200 00
J. M. Walker	200 00
Miss Mair	200 00
John G. Campbell	200 00
Henry Taylor	200 00
W. H. Grant	100 00
F. B. Allan	100 00
A. Robertson	100 00
Mrs. Campbell	100 00
Mrs. Weatherhead	100 00
Mrs. A. Meighen	100 00
Mrs. Poole	100 00

Proceeds of Armour Mortgage	1990 00
	\$6310 00
	\$16 57

Balance at Credit of Fund, January 10th, 1884

EXPENDITURE.

Advertising Tenders	\$ 7 30
Gordon & Helliwell, Architects	87 65
Trustees Malloch Site	800 00
Adams, Gurney & Briggs, — Furnace	244 57
Bockus, Compton & Griffith — Drains	55 13
Smith, Taylor and McArthur — Grates, roof	144 90
Lister, Collard and McLean, fence	244 45
John Lister — contract	4094 59
J. H. Wilson — stable	385 00
C. Meighen	15 00
Schedule Subscribers, to Nov. 1st, 1883, interest	146 42
Bank of Montreal, discount	68 42
Balance	16 57

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\$6310 00

R. J. DRUMMOND, Treasurer.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO STIPEND FUND.

1883.

Armour, John	\$100 00	Gray, James.....	26 20
Allan, F. B.	29 50	Glossop, Miss.....	21 65
Allan, Robert	15 00	Grant, W. H.....	15 50
Allan, Robert (blacksmith)	8 40	Glossop, Daniel.....	10 45
Abercrombie, William.....	6 75	Gray, John.....	1 50
Adams, Alex.....	10 15	Grant, Dr.....	10 00
Andison, Mrs. N.....	4 05	Gemmell, Miss & Lawrence	15 00
Andison, Mrs. Robert.....	7 65	Gilchrist, William.....	4 00
Armour, Ephraim.....	10 00	Gibson, John.....	5 00
Allan, James.....	4 00	Golightly, Miss.....	1 25
 		Gamble, Andrew R.....	5 00
Blair, James W.....	5 00	Gibson, William.....	3 25
Bailey, Mrs.....	1 10	" " for 1882...	5 00
Baird, Mrs. William.....	5 20	 	
Bryson, A. H.	6 40	Hart, John S.....	31 20
 		Hunter, Mrs.....	6 00
Campbell, John G.....	27 10	Hyslop, Mrs.....	2 00
Croskery, Mrs. R.....	7 00	Hogg, George.....	5 00
Campbell, Mrs. A.....	13 00	Hart, Mrs. John, sr.....	11 00
Camero, Ewen.....	12 00	Holliday, Mrs.....	2 50
Campbell, Mrs. James.....	5 25	Hoops, Joseph.....	20
Cunningham, Walter	5 00	 	
Coombs, Mrs.....	10 25	Jamieson, John.....	12 00
Croskery, Miss Jane	4 00	 	
Croskery, Miss Mary.....	5 00	Keays Ansley.....	12 00
Cameron, Peter.....	10 00	Kilpatrick, Peter.....	4 00
Croskery, R. W.....	5 20	 	
Cameron, D. M. (part year)	3 25	Lafferty, Mrs.....	8 20
Campbell, Miss Jane.....	4 00	Lowe, David.	7 05
Church, H. A.....	13 50	Lawson, Mrs.....	5 00
 		Laurie, J. A. (part year)...	2 75
Drummond, R. J.....	13 00	 	
Davis, James.....	2 25	Malloch, E. G.....	41 60
Drysdale, Miss.....	11 55	Malloch, late Judge.....	16 00
Derenzy, Miss	90	Meighen, William.....	40 00
Deacon, George.....	1 45	Meighen, Mrs. Arthur.....	41 00
 		Mansfield, Thomas	5 50
Ferrier, Walter L.....	13 55	Mansfield, James.....	6 00
Fisher, Donald.....	5 00	Meighen, Charles.....	12 00
Ferrier, John L.....	6 00	Michell, F. L.....	17 80
Ferrier, Wilham.....	5 60	May, Daniel, jr.....	25
Flett, Mrs.....	47	Mullen, Miss... ..	2 50
Foote, Charles.....	7 35	Moodie, Thomas	5 00
Fisher, Annie.....	1 00	Moodie, Andrew	3 25
Ferguson, Mrs.....	2 00	Moodie, Joseph....	1 35
Fraser, John P.....	8 35	Moodie, James, jr.....	1 70
Fraser, Dr.....	14 50	Moodie, Andrew, jr.....	1 80
Fraser, Mrs. Wm.....	45	Moffatt, Miss.....	6 75

Millar, Miss	\$ 1 00	Robertson, John.....	5 85
Millar, George.....	4 00	Rice, Frederick	8 00
Munro, Dr. (part year) ...	5 50	Richardson, Robert.....	5 25
Morgan, G. A. "	40		
Mair, Miss.....	26 00	Stone, Robert	8 00
Mair, Miss Maggie	24 50	Scott, Mrs. Robert	5 50
Mair, Miss Nellie.....	20 80	Stewart, J. K. (part year)	6 00
		Sutherland, Miss.....	4 00
McNee, Duncan	12 35	Steele, Mrs.....	2 00
McPhail, Donald.....	11 20	Spalding, Mrs. John	5 00
McGregor, Peter.....	2 00	Spalding, John R.....	8 00
McTavish, John	3 00	Spalding, William.....	7 00
McEwen, Mrs.....	5 35	Smith, James	6 00
McTavish, Mrs. Alex.....	4 00	Spalding, Mrs. James.....	5 00
McLean, Mrs. R.....	5 20	Scott, John J.....	5 00
McPherson, Miss.....	11 00	Scott, William	5 00
McPherson, Mrs. John ...	1 00	Sym, Andrew... ..	1 50
McGillivray, Mrs. L... ..	90	Stewart, Edwin.....	50
McFarland, James	6 25		
McKinley, Miss	2 57	Thompson, Sheriff.....	43 25
McEwen, Mrs.... ..	2 00	Taylor, Henry	39 00
McDonald, James.....	3 00	Templeton, George	26 00
		Templeton, Mrs. James... ..	22 00
Neilson, Mrs.....	2 60	Templeton, Mrs. James, jr.	6 00
Noble, Mrs.....	4 00	Truelove, John	5 00
		Taylor, William	5 00
Oatway, William	5 05	Thompson, John R.....	5 00
Oatway, Mrs., sr.....	3 35		
Oliver, Mrs. George, sr... ..	9 90	Walker, J. M.....	26 00
Oliver, George	9 00	Weatherhead, Mrs.....	10 00
Old, George	48	Waddell, James.....	8 30
		Wilson, Samuel.....	8 75
Palmer, Miss.....	2 00	Walker, Mrs. G. L.....	5 00
Philip, Mrs. Andrew	2 15	Wilson, John.....	7 00
Poole, Mrs.....	13 00	Wilson, Gilbert.....	8 00
Paul, William	5 00	Wilson, George.....	6 00
Publow, George	1 80	Weston, Mrs.....	4 70
		Wright, Benjamin.....	6 00
Robertson, Alexander.....	26 00	Wilson, Isaac.....	5 00
Richmond, John	10 00	Walker, Miss.....	4 80
Rutherford, Miss.....	6 00		

St. Andrew's Church, Perth.

NOTE.

The Managers beg to state for the information of contributors :

1. That contributions made through envelopes and payments made direct to the Treasurer, are applied for the payment of the Minister's salary. The amounts so contributed will be published in the annual report at the end of the year.

2. The ordinary weekly plate collections are applied for the payment of the general current expenses of the congregation.

3. As the sums required in the future will be considerably greater than they have been, the Managers confidently hope that the contributions to both of these funds will be proportionately increased.

Perth, January, 1884.