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Knox Church,

Stratford.

PASTOR, REV. M. L. LEITCH

Annual Report

Memoranda.

DIVINE SERVICE—Every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sabbath at 2.45 p. m.

BIBLE CLASS—Sabbath at 3 p. m.

KNOXONIAN—Monday at 8 p. m.

PRAYER MEETING—Wednesday at 8 p. m.

CHOIR PRACTICE—Friday at 8 p. m.

W. F. M. S.—First Friday of each month at 3.30 p. m.

GORDON MISSION BAND—First Thursday of each month at
8 p. m.

BAPTISM—Last Sabbath and First Wednesday in each month.

LORD'S SUPPER—First Sabbath in March, June, September
and December.

MR. DONALDSON will be in the Church from 9 a. m. to 5
p. m. every day except Thursday and Friday.





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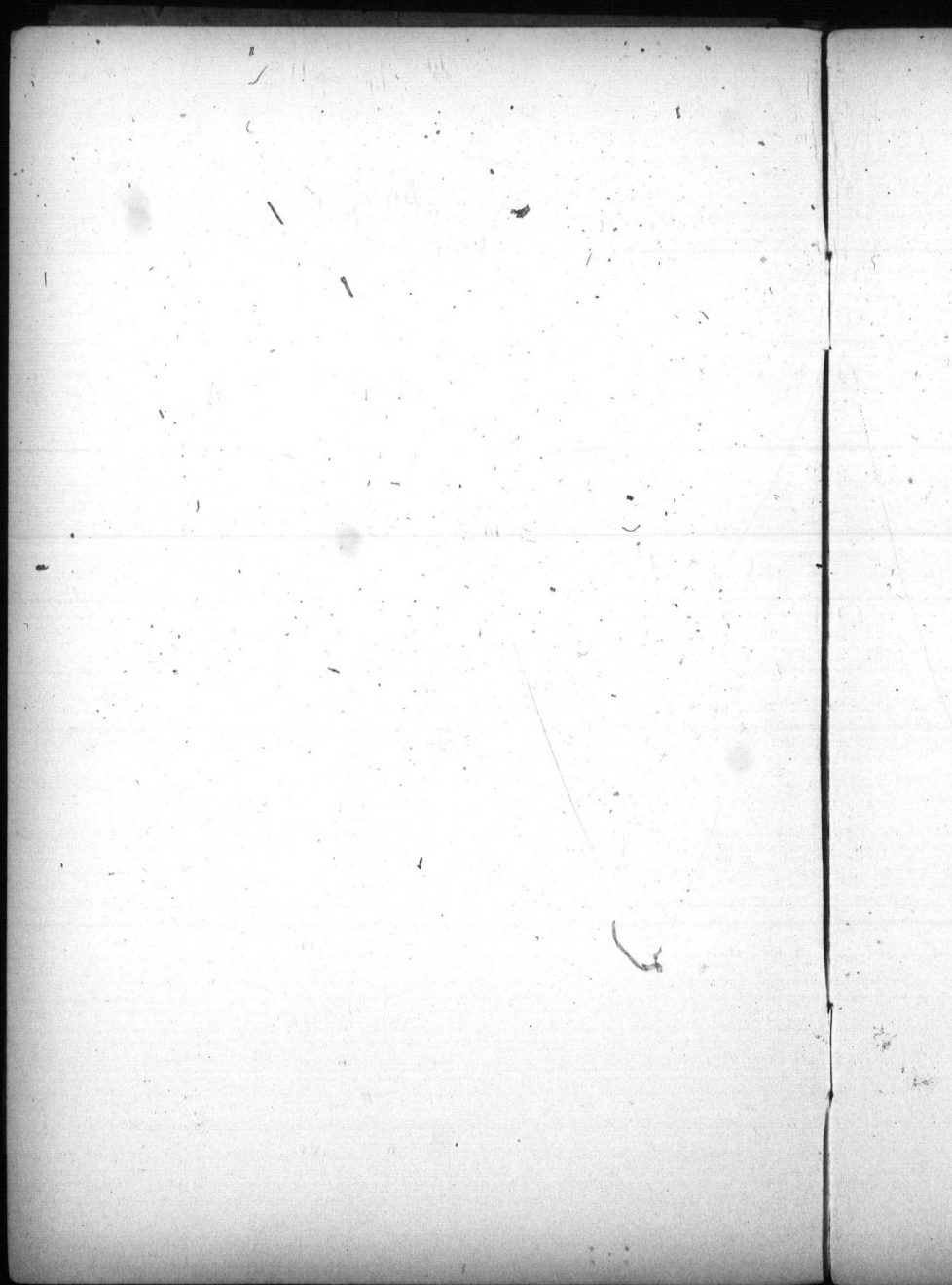
Annual Report



For the Year Ended December
31st, 1898.



STRATFORD:
THE BEACON ELECTRIC PRESSES.
1899.



Report of Session.

THE Great Head of the Church has brought us through an eventful year, and we acknowledge His goodness in the continued prosperity of the congregation.

During the year our Church (which was re-opened on Christmas Day) was enlarged and improved, and we have now a commodious and beautiful place of worship. We humbly pray that "The Lord's eyes may be upon this house day and night, upon the place where He has said that He would put His name there." "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." We pray that God will use it for His own glory and for the advancement of His Kingdom in this place. There is now room for all, and we hope to see more of the children in their places for public worship in their Father's House.

We feel grateful to St. Andrew's, Waterloo, and the Baptist Churches, who all offered us kindly hospitality while we were out of our own building.

We trust that we will not allow the increased temporal cares on our hands to interfere with the spiritual work in any way, but will all co-operate and be "instant in season and out of season" to make the next year one of great blessing.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed three times instead of four as usual. We added to our roll by profession 13 names, and 33 by certificate. We lost 10 members by death, and 24 by certificate and removals. Our membership is now 769.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to 30 children.

Some of our oldest workers in the congregation have gone to their reward. "Their works do follow them."

"God has led our dear ones on,
And He can do no wrong."

Mr. D. McKay, who was a member of Session for some years, resigned his office early in the year.

A request, signed by all the Teachers, having come up to us, we appointed Mr. Mayberry Superintendent of the Sabbath School. We are grateful to all those who so faithfully labor in Sabbath School and Bible Class, and are thankful to see the success which attends their efforts. We notice with gratitude the continued success of The Missionary Society and the Auxiliary and Mission Band of the W. F. M. S.

For all the care and valuable time of our Managers during the year of arduous work we are grateful, and rejoice with them in the comfort and beauty of our Church.

To those who lead the praises our thanks are also due.

Let us all unite in asking the Lord to bless the work Miss Duncan has been enabled to do in India, and that He will give her journeying mercies and bring her back to us again in safety.

May we all continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers.

WM. IRELAND,
Clerk.

M. L. LEITCH,
Moderator.

MEMBERS OF SESSION.

REV. M. L. LEITCH, - - - Pastor.

James Callin,	William Douglas,	William Jeffrey,
George Hunter,	William Ireland,	Walter Murray,
Samuel Rankin,	James Barton,	Henry Duncan,
George Malcolm,	John McIntyre,	Robert D. Hamilton.
Alexander Williamson.		

In Memoriam.

Isabella BruceJanuary 4th
Mrs. R. D. Hamilton.....	..January 10th
David Gunn Baxter.....	..January 22nd
Elizabeth Edna Baxter....	..February 24th
Mrs. Houghton.....89 years..	March 12th
Grace Cockburn..... 9 years..	March 17th
James Newell.....	..April 10th
David Callin.....	..April 12th
Mrs. Brown.....	..April 22nd
Mrs. Hugh Byers.....	..April 28th
Mrs. Blacklock.....	..April 29th
Rev. W. M. McKibbin....55 years..	May 30th
James Green.....44 years..	July 12th
Albert Edmunds.....21 years..	Sept. 19th
Wm. McInnis.....	..Sept. 7th
Robina A. Allan.....11 years..	Oct. 1st
Thomas Miller.....	..Oct. 10th
Mrs. David Cassels.....73 years..	Nov. 11th
Mrs. John McGeorgé.....	..Nov. 13th
Magnus Brown.....69 years..	Dec. 15th

Knox Church Board of Managers' Annual Report,

For the Year Ended Dec. 31st, 1898.

YOUR Board of Managers, in presenting their annual report for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1898, desire to congratulate the congregation on their continued financial prosperity, the sum of \$840.72 having been received in excess of the ordinary running expenses of the church, from the usual sources of revenue, the two principal items of which are pew rents and open collections.

At the close of the year we had arrears of pew rents on our books amounting to \$710.75, but since that date \$347.50 of that has been paid, leaving at the present time \$363.25, the smallest amount, we think, in a great many years.

In addition to the above your Board, as you will see by financial statements published, have paid out of the same revenues items as follows: Insurance, \$207.95; rent of rink, \$100.00; miscellaneous, \$132.27; property repairs, \$214.09; all of which are really extraordinary expenditures, but were not considered chargeable to building account. The sum of \$20,000.00 insurance has been placed on the building, organ and furniture, and paid for for a term of three years, so that no further calls from that source will be made during that time. The other items were largely occasioned by changes in the arrangement of the building, but were in no way connected with the contracts.

We find on comparing these amounts that they are fully \$500.00 in excess of previous years. Adding this to the surplus of \$840.72, it will at once be conceded that the congregation is financially in a flourishing condition.

The other items in financial statement are largely controllable by your Board, and need not be referred to in this report.

The work of remodelling the building, authorized by the congregation, has been completed, we hope to the satisfaction of all concerned, at a cost of \$13,195.55, a detailed statement of which has been placed in your hands, and we desire to thank you as a people for your generosity in providing ways and means for the completion of such a modern, commodious and comfortable building as we are now permitted to occupy.

So much for the past, and now a word as to the future. As shown in financial statement, published by the building committee, we now have an indebtedness of \$10,000.00, composed, as follows: Church mortgage, \$7,000.00; managers' note, \$3,000.00; all of which bears interest at 5 per cent. per annum, making an annual interest charge of \$500.00. It is the wish of your Board that the amount of indebtedness should be rapidly reduced from the revenues of the church without any special subscriptions, and we sincerely trust each and every member and adherent of this church will see to it that they discharge their financial obligations towards the same, and there will be no doubt as to the result. Of course, if the revenues are not sufficient to make material reductions in indebtedness, it will be the duty of this Board or their successors to recommend that some special effort be put forth in order that the much desired result may be accomplished; but we hope this course will not be necessary, as it is neither an equitable nor desirable way of contributing towards church maintenance.

It is also the intention of the Board to recommend to the congregation the abolishing of pew rents, and substitute therefor the weekly envelope contributions. A resolution to that effect will be offered after the regular business has been disposed of, in order that a full expression of opinion from the congregation may be obtained.

The Managers retiring by rotation are: Thos. Trow, Jas. W. Brown, Jno. McIntyre, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

W. R. HAMILTON,
Sec'y.

GEO. H. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

MANAGERS FOR 1899.

James Bennoch,	J. Russell Stuart,	James Steele,
G. H. Douglas,	W. Preston,	Dr. W. R. Hamilton,
J. McIntyre,	J. W. Brown,	T. Trow.

USHERS FOR 1899.

GALLERY.

R. White,	Joseph Rankin,	J. A. Macfadden,
Charles Scott,	B. Waugh,	Fraser Scott.

GROUND FLOOR.

George Kay,	R. T. Orr,	S. Spencer,
R. Stevenson,	P. Bradshaw.	

Knor Church Financial Statement

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in Bank, Dec. 31st, 1897.....		\$1,395 00
“ Pew Rents	\$ 2,281 65	
“ Pew Rents, Arrears Collected	662 65	
“ Sabbath Collections.....	1,334 85	
“ Collections, Anniversary Services.....	56 30	
“ Collections, Church Opening.....	605 16	
“ Collections, for Missions.....	382 35	
“ Collections, Preparatory Services	34 40	
“ Collections, Poor Fund, Thanksgiving.....	72 85	
“ Interest, Savings Bank.....	20 20	
“ Rebate on Insurance.....	24 40	
“ Refund Pulpit Supply Account.....	15 00	
“ Y. M. C. A.	5 00	5,494 81

\$6,889 90

EXPENDITURE.

By Rev. M. L. Leitch	\$ 2,000 00	
“ A. H. Alexander	300 00	
“ R. Donaldson	500 00	
“ Missions.....	432 35	
“ Fuel.....	85 50	
“ Light.....	119 70	
“ Insurance.....	207 95	
“ Rent of Rink for Services.....	100 00	
“ Miscellaneous.....	132 27	
“ Printing and Stationery.....	52 62	
“ Property Repairs.....	214 00	
“ Poor Fund.....	54 75	
“ Pulpit Supply	134 75	
“ Synod and Presbytery Account.....	52 00	
“ Assembly Fund.....	30 00	
“ Church Building Account.....	2,235 81	6,651 79
“ Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1898.....		238 11

\$6,889 90

Arrears of Pew Rent, 31st Dec., '98, \$710 75.

R. DONALDSON, Treasurer.

Certified Correct.

J. R. MACDONALD, }
GEORGE KAY, } AUDITORS.

Stratford, January 25th, 1899.

Financial Statement—Building Account.

RECEIPTS.

By Ordinary Revenues of Church, 1898.....	\$ 1,630 65
“ “ “ “ 1899.....	680 00
“ Special Collections, December 25th, 1898....	605 16
“ “ “ “ January 1st, 1899.....	213 05
“ Sale of Church Pews.....	57 60
“ Church Mortgage.....	7,000 00
“ Managers' Note.....	3,000 00
	\$13,195 56

EXPENDITURES.

To Original Contract.....	\$ 7,383 00
“ Contract (Brick Porch).....	104 00
“ Contract (Out Building).....	270 00
“ Extras on Original Contract less deductions for work not done.....	369 44
“ Architect's Fees.....	428 94
“ Seating Contract.....	2,720 00
“ Electric and Gas Fixtures and Electric Wiring	700 00
“ Glass and Ventilators.....	428 29
“ Carpets, Matting, Stair Pads and Felt Paper	465 00
“ Making and Laying Carpets and Matting, also Covering Doors, and Materials and Mouldings for same.....	70 24
“ Tinting Walls and Ceilings with Alabastine	154 00
“ Chairs for Sunday School Room (200).....	95 00
“ Sundries.....	5 75
	\$13,195 56

J. W. BROWN, TREASURER.

Stratford, January 27th, 1899.

Report of Organ Committee.

THE Committee appointed at the last congregational meeting to procure a pipe organ for the church beg to report as follows :

Your Committee organized immediately after their appointment, and proceeded to solicit subscriptions from the members of the congregation. We met with such a hearty

response to our solicitation that we felt justified in placing an instrument in the church, and in July last called for tenders for the same. After thoroughly investigating the merits of the various builders, we concluded that the best interests of the congregation would be served by placing a contract with the D. W. Karn Company, Limited, of Woodstock, for a three-manuel Karn-Warren Organ, at the price of \$4,000.00, payable \$1,000.00 on acceptance of organ, and balance on 15th April next, without interest. This firm completed their contract in time for the opening of the church. Since then we have had an expert make an examination of the instrument, and are pleased to report that he considers it satisfactory in every respect, and that we have received full value for the money invested. Our financial statement is as follows:

Total subscriptions to date, \$2,776.75.	
RECEIPTS—Subscriptions paid.....	\$1,334 75
Net proceeds, 2 recitals.....	215 41
Interest.....	210 00
Total.....	\$1,552 26
DISBURSEMENTS—Prof. Aldous, consulting expert	\$16 00
Printing and stationery.....	11 70
Postage.....	7 35
Telegraph and Telephone.....	2 40
	37 45
Leaving a balance on hand of..\$1,514 81	
ASSETS—Cash on deposit in Merchants Bank..\$1,402 10	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	112 71
Unpaid subscriptions, due 1st March	1,442 00
Total.....	\$2,956 81
LIABILITIES—Contract price of Organ.....	4,000 00
Leaving a debit balance of...\$1,043 19	

This balance the Committee feel sure can be secured by the 15th of April next, and the Committee enabled to discharge their indebtedness, if those members of the congregation who have not so far subscribed will do so without delay, and those who have subscribed and feel able to do so will generously increase their present subscriptions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE KAY,
Chairman.

J. A. MACFADDEN,
Secretary.

Stratford, February 6th, 1899.

Report of Knox Church Sabbath School

For the Year 1898.

THE School was open 35 Sundays during the year. No school was held while the church was closed for repairs.

Rev. Mr. Leitch held the office of Superintendent for the greater part of the year, and Mr. Ireland that of Assistant Superintendent.

In December Mr. Mayberry was appointed Superintendent.

The Bible Class was open 35 Sundays.

During the year the school has lost some of its faithful and efficient teachers, and one of the wants most felt at present is that of a number of energetic and earnest male teachers. The possibilities of good results from Sunday School work are great, but without the sympathetic co-operation of the congregation and an effort on the part of those who are qualified to give active assistance, the results will be far below what they should be.

ATTENDANCE.

The aggregate attendance for the year 1898 was 12,443 days. The average attendance, 355½.

The aggregate attendance was made up as follows:—
Teachers, 882; School, 5,587; Primary Class, 2,420; Bible Class, 2,959; Officers, 197.

The largest attendance on any one Sunday was 395—
March 20th.

The smallest attendance on any one Sunday was 282—
March 27th.

OFFICERS FOR 1899.

C. A. Mayberry, LL.B.	Superintendent.
Wm. Ireland	Assist.-Superintendent.
R. Donaldson	Secretary.
R. White	Assist.-Secretary.
F. Scott	Sec. Bible Class.
R. White	Treasurer.
G. Malcolm, B. A.	Teacher Bible Class.
George McIntosh	Librarian.

[S. S. OFFICERS—cont'd.]

W. Ireland, jr.....	} Assist.-Librarians.
R. Gemmell.....	
A. Stevenson.....	
John Watson.....	
K. V. Johnson.....	Organist.
N. Packert.....	Organist Bible Class.

TEACHERS, 1899.

Mrs. Hislop,	Miss Miller,	Miss M. Ross,
Mrs. Leitch,	" K.V. Johnson,	(Assist.-Primary Teacher)
Miss McBurney,	" Gaudy,	Miss Garden,
" Myers,	" Gourlay,	" Ireland,
" McIntosh,	" Hamilton,	" Michie,
" Bushfield,	" Rankin,	Mr. G. Malcolm, B.A.
" Wilson,	" Scott,	" W. Ireland,
" H. McBurney,	" McDonald,	" J. J. Forbes,
" M. Johnson,	" Moderwell,	" D. Ferguson,
" Fraser,	(Primary Teacher)	" Dr. Rothwell.
" Forbes,	" McDonald,	
	(Assist.-Primary Teacher)	

R. DONALDSON,
Secretary.

C. A. MAYBERRY,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—KNOX CHURCH SABBATH
SCHOOL, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from 1897.....	\$ 8 28
Sabbath Collections.....	236 62
Interest.....	1 49
	<u>\$ 246 39</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Freight on Old Papers.....	\$ 1 09
Picnic and Social Expenses.....	12 20
S. S. Convention.....	5 00
New Library Books.....	2 00
School Supplies for part of '97 and all of '98.....	121 76
Point Aux Trembles Mission.....	50 00
Indore Mission.....	25 00
Dr. Moffat (U. C. Tract Soc'y).....	10 00
Balance on hand.....	19 34
	<u>\$ 246 39</u>

R. WHITE, Treasurer.

Report of Knox Church Missionary Association.

IN returning our report for the past year, we wish to return thanks to the Almighty God for His goodness to us in instilling into the hearts of His people an increased spirit of liberality for the spread of the gospel.

Particularly are we grateful for the success attending the faithful and earnest work done by the collectors. We find a substantial increase over past years in the amount thus received. Although we can report no increase over last year's missionary giving, yet we recognize the fact that the congregation have been responding liberally to other calls.

Let us, then, in the coming year be more zealous in the great work. "Go ye into all the earth and preach the gospel." Let each do his part. Union is strength. If each of our nearly eight hundred members use his talents in the work, our cords will be lengthened, our stakes will be strengthened, and God will increase us as men with a flock. Then God will appear unto His servants and His Glory will be upon us, and the work of our hands will be established.

REPORT OF KNOX CHURCH MISSION COMMITTEE FOR 1898.

RECEIPTS.

By Collectors, as follows :

Miss Hepburn \$78 95	Miss Marks \$17 70	
Miss Easson 33 95	Miss Kippen 23 70	
Miss Grant, Market-St. 14 77	Miss Gourlay 9 65	
Miss Grant, Avon Ward 22 35	Miss Scrimgeour 18 60	
Miss Forbes 18 55	Miss Hobson 15 10	
Miss McDonald 20 15	Miss Fraser 22 30	
Miss Bennoch 28 15	Miss Miller 35 00	
Miss Ball 19 70		\$378 62
Mr. Hislop \$ 5 00		
Records 1 00		
Interest 7 03		
Young People's Society 11 35		24 38
Quarterly Collections—March \$ 97 25		
—June 123 00		
—October 71 35		
—December 90 75		382 35
Total for Missions		\$785 35

EXPENDITURE.

Home Missions.....	\$274 00	Widows and Orphans... \$	30 00
Foreign Missions.....	220 00	Aged and Infirm.....	30 00
Augmentation.....	61 35	French Evangelization..	50 00
Knox College.....	30 00	Records.....	50 00
Queen's College.....	30 00		
Manitoba College.....	10 00		\$785 35

MARY S. MILLER, Treasurer.

The following sums were contributed by this congregation to the following schemes of the church :

Home Missions.....	\$	324 00
Foreign ".....		245 00
Augmentation of Stipend.....		64 00
French Evangelization.....		100 00
Queen's College.....		30 00
Knox College.....		30 00
Manitoba College.....		10 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....		30 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....		30 00
Women's Foreign Missionary Society..		229 00
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		\$1,092 00

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE FOR 1899.

Wm. Ireland, - - - -	President.
Miss Gourlay, - - - -	Secretary.
W. Donaldson, - - - -	Distributor of Records.
Miss Miller, - - - -	Treasurer.

Session and Collectors, Superintendent of Sabbath School, Convener of W. F. M. S. and Mission Band, and Missions Convener of Y. P. S.

Knor Church Auxiliary, W. F. M. S.

Secretary's Report for the Year 1898.

It is with thankful acknowledgment of God's mercies that we present the annual report of the Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The work done by the Auxiliary is on the whole a very cheering one. The attendance has been greater—the contributions have been good—and the membership roll has been considerably increased since the beginning of the year.

There were eleven regular meetings held during the year with an average attendance of twenty-six, the largest attendance at any one meeting being thirty-seven and the smallest sixteen.

There has been an increase of eleven members, thirteen new members being enrolled, and two have severed their connection with the Auxiliary by removal from the city.

The total number of contributors is sixty-six, one being a life member, and six members of the General Society.

After paying expenses the sum of \$197.23 was contributed by the members.

OFFICERS FOR 1899.

Hon. President.....	Mrs. Leitch
President.....	Mrs. Hyslop
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. Angus Johnston
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Ireland
3rd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Wm. Brown
Secretary.....	Mrs. Spencer
Treasurer.....	Miss Kate Fraser

MARGARET MALCOLM, Secretary.

Gordon Mission Band.

Secretary's Report.

THE officers of the "Gordon Mission Band," in presenting their report, do so with feelings of gratitude to God for His goodness and for the measure of success attending their efforts.

Last year we reported a membership of 15, since then it has increased to 21, of whom 2 are members of the general society.

Our meetings during the year were well attended and much interest shown by the members in the study of China.

At our Thankoffering meeting we had a very instructive address from Mrs. Hyslop, the Presbyterian President. The offering was \$10.35, and the whole amount raised during the year for missions was \$29.56.

In closing our report we would cordially invite all young women of the congregation to join with us in this good work.

TENA MCINTOSH, Sec'y

OFFICERS FOR 1899.

President, - - - Miss Moderwell.
 1st Vice President, - - Miss Sophie Mark.
 2nd Vice President, - - Miss Rankin.
 Secretary, - - - Miss Tena McIntosh.
 Treas. and Leaflet Sec'y, Miss Mary Bennoch.

D. P. S.

Secretary's Report for 1898.

YOUR Committee report that the liberality of the congregation enabled them to send well filled baskets to twenty-four families at Christmas, and to four or five of the more needy ones again at New Year.

Many of those receiving baskets have thankfully acknowledged the help thus given.

Amount contributed for this work, \$18.75, of which \$15.28 was expended at the time, leaving a balance of \$3.47, which has since been spent in wood and necessaries for the sick—except the small sum of 39c still on hand.

The Ladies' Aid of Falstaff Ward.

THE Ladies Aid of Falstaff Ward in submitting their reports for the years '97 and '98, find they have much cause for thanksgiving and abundant ground for encouragement. We have a membership of 12. Our meetings were fairly attended, and all the ladies took a deep interest in the work. Gave away a quantity of clothes and provisions. Amount collected, \$6.78; we expended same for charitable purposes.

President.....Mrs. Malcolm
 Vice-President.....Mrs. Porteous
 Treasurer.....Miss Gourlay
 Secretary.....Miss Crerar