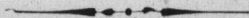




St. Andrew's Church,

PICTON, ONT.



REPORTS FOR 1887

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.



REPORT OF THE SESSION.

MEMBERSHIP.—Received since last year about 57 members into full communion. We have now on the roll about 125 members.

Number of families about 64.

Sabbath school well attended.

BIBLE CLASSES.—Sunday afternoon fairly attended, yet room for improvement. Tuesday evening, Berean Circle, good attendance.

PASTORAL VISITS DURING THE YEAR.—The most of families have been visited four times.

The effects of regular gospel ordinances are upon the whole encouraging. Attendance on the Sabbath has improved. Great attention to the preached gospel manifested.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen :—

Another year has again rolled round, and we are met together as a congregation to look over the financial position of our Church.

The statement which will be presented to you by the Treasurer this evening cannot but be pleasing to you, as it is to us, who have had the management of the temporal affairs of the Church for the past year.

We found that on entering into our duties last year, the statement of 1886 showed liabilities over assets of \$872.59, but then our immediate predecessors had closed with Mr. Denike for the sale of the manse lot at \$400 cash, payable as soon as conveyance of the property was completed, which amount was to be applied as a payment on the grievous Werden note which had been so many years in existence. This gave us a desire to wait upon the members and adherents of the congregation to solicit subscriptions towards supplementing the \$400 sufficiently to pay the note in full. We acted on this idea at a managers' meeting held on the 21st March last, and at once went to work and were received with the greatest kindness and liberality, so that in about three or four weeks we were in possession of the Werden note, \$168.50 having been subscribed and paid over, leaving a balance of \$154 in the hands of the treasurer after paying the note in full, and so the Werden note passed into oblivion to the great satisfaction, I am sure, of every member of

this congregation, as it was constantly staring us in the face when we had any money on hand ever since I have been connected with the congregation which is now over twenty-five years.

Finding other claims among the list of liabilities, in November last we made up our minds to grapple with them, as we were sure you all wished to see them paid, viz., the North notes, representing \$421 of a liability in the 1886 statement.

It almost seemed presumptuous for us to undertake to pay this by subscriptions from the congregation after visiting them so recently on the same mission, but my brother manager, Mr. Terrill, always insisted that it could be done until at last he got me to believe as he did.

Acting upon a resolution passed at a managers' meeting in November last, we again called upon the members and adherents of the Church, asking them to aid us in what has been the result—we present you this evening with a subscription list for \$357, within \$300 of what we asked for, about \$150 of which has been already paid to Mr. North.

Could I have spared the time from my business, I am satisfied that by this time the whole amount would have been collected and paid over, Mr. Terrill's time not being so much occupied at this season of the year as mine is.

I can safely say, however, that whoever our successors may be, they will find an easy duty if attended to at once. Had we had about ten days longer we would have been able to come here and present you with the North notes as it was our intention when we began to ask for subscriptions.

And now to figures. The statement of 1886 shows, as I have already stated, liabilities over assets of \$872.59, with \$200 placed in the assets for subscriptions to the

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Building Fund. This we have not taken into account in this year's statement; other \$50 or \$100 of it may yet be paid, so that we really began the year with liabilities of \$1072.59.

This year the estimated liabilities are only \$338.96, although the \$200 placed among the assets in 1886 is not included this year.

To cover the North notes and interest, which are placed at \$414.91, although really \$90 less (thanks to the liberality of the ladies of the Church, who, we are led to believe, paid this amount to Mr. North in June last, although not appearing as we would wish it to have done in this statement). Without allowing any interest on the \$90 paid, which we are of course entitled to and will be allowed on the final settlement, would bring it down to \$324.91. We must, however, reduce our subscription list by \$40 realized at our grand concert (for which we thank Mrs. Ross and those who assisted her) and which was at once paid over to Mr. North as per statement.

This makes our subscription list \$317, only \$7.91 less than the full amount due to Mr. North.

As regards the small note due to the Bank of Montreal, we have arrears of weekly subscriptions, \$127.65, and cash on hand, \$28.30, to meet it, so that we can safely say that we meet to-night as a congregation out of debt.

This must be very gratifying to us all, and our hearts should, and no doubt will, go up in prayer to Almighty God, who has put it into the hearts of the people to deal so liberally with us in the past year.

We, as managers, can always look back with the greatest thankfulness for the spirit in which we were at all times received and the courtesy extended to us by the whole congregation in the discharge of our duty when calling on them for subscriptions.

Another pleasing feature in our statement this year is that we show no balance to our much esteemed pastor as in former years. You will notice that not only is his salary paid in full this year, but the balance due him last year as well as some arrears for attending Presbytery meetings.

And now we hope and pray that our successors may see the necessity of keeping our Church out of debt, and which should be an easy task now that we have got even and know the unpleasantness of being in debt.

You will notice that the weekly offerings and Sunday collections show a revenue of \$1,041.33. This will easily pay for all current expenses.

Although called a hard year from the great heat and land drouth of the past summer, it has been an eventful year for our Church. Something that could not be said before in the memory of any of this congregation, we can safely say—THAT TO-NIGHT WE ARE A CONGREGATION OUT OF DEBT.

We will always remember 1887 as one of the most successful years that St. Andrew's Church, Picton, has ever known.

With thanks for your patient hearing and kind attention to my humble remarks, I will make room for some of my brother managers who may wish to address you.

Very sincerely yours,

A. I. CORKINDALE,

Chairman Board of Managers.

Statement of Ladies' Aid Society.

E. B. GILLESPIE, Secretary-Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

Jan., 1887, To balance on hand	\$ 26 43
March, Net Proceeds Concert	52 70
" Campbell's Lecture	4 90
" Musical	9 95
" Garden Social	13 81
" Excursion Hero	9 25
Donations	2 75
Proceeds Lecture	11 70
Ladies' Work sold	26 95
	\$158 44
Feb. 16, 1888, To balance on hand	12 74

EXPENDITURE.

1887, Paid Sundry Account for goods, Ladies'	
Work	\$ 12 35
Paid for Cleaning Basement	1 80
June, " North on Church Note	90 00
" The Rathbun Co., Coal	80 00
1888.	
Feb., Paid Jamieson Bros., bill for goods, Ladies'	
Work	8 30
Feb. 16, Paid for Cord Wood, Leavitt	3 75
Balance on hand	12 74
	\$158 44

SABBATH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

J. C. JAMIESON, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1887, To balance on hand	\$34 91
Received from teachers for Westminster Teachers and Quarterlies	1 90
Donation	35
Collection Miss B. Coulthard's Class	3 29
" Miss A. Coulthard's "	4 28
" Miss Colbourn's "	4 02
" Mrs. Gillespie's "	6 35
" Miss Gillespie's "	4 27
" Mrs. Irving's "	9 67
" Mr. Jamieson's "	2 68
" Miss Moore's "	3 51
" Miss McSteven's "	2 35
" Miss Kemp's "	2 22
Received for Catechisms	54
	\$80 34

1888.

Jan. 1, To balance on hand	6 03
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EXPENDITURE.

By paid Glue	\$ 0 25
Elastic Bands	25
W. Drysdale, Library	26 71
W. T. Wilson, Papers, Lesson Leaves, Westminster Teachers, Quarterlies and Reviews	29 96
Henry Hart, Organ	15 00
E. A. Morden, Printing	2 00
Postage	14
Balance	6 03
	\$80 34