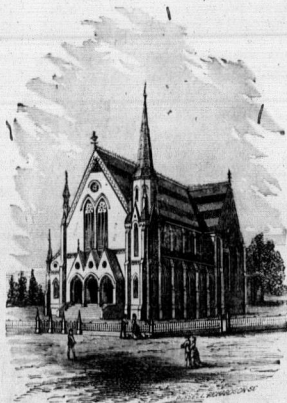


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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1889.



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Church Directory.

- 1.—Public worship on Sabbath at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.
- 2.—Sabbath School and Bible Classes meet every Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock.
- 3.—Weekly Prayer Meeting, in the Lecture Room, Wednesday Evening at 7.30 o'clock.
- 4.—Teachers' Meeting, Wednesday evening at 8.30.
- 5.—Choir Practice, Saturday, 8 p. m.
- 6.—Session meets on the first Monday of the month at 8 p. m. Managing Committee meets at the Church on call of chairman.
- 7.—The Society of Christian Endeavor, meets 7.30. p. m. Saturday.
- 8.—The Sacrament of Baptism dispensed (as required) at the Forenoon service on the first Sabbath of each month. Applicants must give notice to the Minister during previous week.
- 9.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed on the second Sabbath of March, June, September, and December. PREPARATORY SERVICE on the previous Friday evening, when new Communicants are received.
- 10.—THE CHURCH IS SUPPORTED BY THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF members and adherents; and all are expected to give, every Lord's day, according to their ability.
- 11.—Those desiring CONVERSATION WITH THE PASTOR, can find him in the vestry at the close of each service, or at his residence, 20 Kent St.,—Saturday evening from 7.30 to 9 o'clock.
- 12.—CASES OF SICKNESS AND CHANGES OF RESIDENCE should be reported to the Pastor and Elders without delay.
- 13.—Strangers are requested to make themselves known at once, to the Pastor or Elders.
- 14.—MEMBERS are requested not to leave without a certificate.
- 15.—Pews and Sittings can be had by applying to Mr. James H. Austen, Secretary, at the close of each service, or at his office, Crown Land Department, or to Henry Brown, Church officer.

Members of Session.

REV R. F. BURNS, D. D., *Moderator.*

J. C. MACKINTOSH, *Clerk.*

REV. PROF. CURRIE, D. D.,

WILLIAM ROBERTSON,

" PRES'T FORREST, D. D.,

JAMES H. AUSTEN,

DAVID BLACKWOOD.

JOHN S. SMITH,

W. H. WADDELL,

A. S. MURRAY.

Report of the Session for 1889.

The statistics for the year are as follows :—

Pastor's Visits and Calls—750.

Additions to Communion Roll—22. By Profession—15. On Certificate—7.

Baptisms—17. Infants—15 ; Adults—2.

Marriages—9.

Deaths—9.

Dismissions—20. By Death—6 ; by Removal—14.

On Communion Roll—267.

Number of families—100.

The past year will ever be remembered by us as that in which we sustained an almost irreparable loss, in the removal by death of our invaluable friend, Mr. J. S. MACLEAN, (his venerable mother, whom we all revered and loved, following him within six months.) Mr. MACLEAN had much to do with the organization of Fort Massey Church, and all through the 18 years of its history, has been intimately connected with every department of its work. He was a Father to the Young Men's Christian Association, and the former or fosterer of some of the leading benevolent institutions of our city. It is worth living for, to be missed, as he is. We give thanks for what he was and what he did, and we desire "to follow his faith, considering the end of his conversation, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day and for ever." Our high estimate of our departed brother was embodied in a full Minute at the time, and our warmest sympathies were conveyed to his bereaved widow and family.

We weep also with others who have had occasion to weep amongst us, and commend them to the Father of Mercies and God of all Consolation.

The sudden death of the genial and gifted Dr. Honeyman has not merely created a notable blank in our congregation and community

but is a very serious loss to the interests of Science throughout these Maritime Provinces and the Dominion.

In accordance with Dean Stanley's saying, "God buries the workmen but carries on the work," we have pleasure in reporting that while only seven came out on the Lord's side by profession during the previous year, fifteen took this important step during the past year, of whom ten belonged to the Sabbath School and Bible Classes. Let us labor and pray for a yet larger ingathering during the present year.

We are thankful for the efforts so earnestly made by the Young People's Association in the direction of intellectual quickening, and by the "Christian Endeavor" in the line of spiritual culture—both working in developing the social element amongst us; also, for the very generous gift of \$200 from the former to aid in reducing the Debt on the Church, and the commendable liberality of the latter to Missionary objects.

It is very encouraging that the Sabbath School continues to flourish, and that its contributions to Missions never reached so high a figure as this last year.

So, with reference to our Finances, generally, as the after reports will show. Our contributions for Congregational objects, and the schemes of the Church were never in a healthier state. Our women and children are doing more for Missions than ever they did.

As the time is at hand when the scheme, started in March, 1886, for diminishing the debt on the building, reaches its completion, it is hoped that the amount yet due will be as promptly paid up as the previous instalments have been. Then surely, very little time will be allowed to elapse ere the comparatively small balance is lifted, and *our Church be free*, free to do the Lord's work—more efficiently than ever.

During his last visitation the Pastor left in the houses visited a copy of "The Church in the House," by Dr. James Hamilton—which has been much blessed elsewhere. It is hoped that it may stir up by way of remembrance of our duty with reference to family worship.

We cannot close this our Annual Report without gratefully acknowledging the important addition made to our Session at the

close of the year by the appointment of Messrs. W. H. Waddell and A. S. Murray as members, thereof. We cordially welcome them to take part with us in the oversight of the spiritual affairs of the congregation:

R. F. BURNS, *Moderator.*

J. C. MACKINTOSH, *Session Clerk.*

HALIFAX, Jan. 15, 1890.

Managing Committee.

1890.

ALEXANDER STEPHEN, *Chairman.*

JAMES H. AUSTEN, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Messrs. JAS. C. MACKINTOSH.

" WM. ROBERTSON, JR.
" ALFRED WHITMAN.
" W. H. BROWN.
" DAVID BLACKWOOD.
" W. H. TROOP.

Messrs. ALFRED G. MORRISON.

" ANGUS S. MURRAY.
" JOSEPH WOOD, JR.
" GEORGE S. GORDON.
" E. C. TWISING.
" WILLIAM MUIR.

Report of Managing Committee.

FOR THE YEAR 1889.

Upon reviewing the financial history of our congregation for the year just closed, your Committee feel that we have reason for devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us and His continued blessing.

The Sabbath collections for congregational purposes, including fifty dollars for the Dispensary, amounted to \$4,457.80, being an average of \$85.72 per Sabbath.

There was a balance of \$69.75 from 1888, making altogether to the credit of the Church for 1889 the sum of \$4,527.55.

As will be seen by the appended statement, the expenditure for the year was \$4,420.80, leaving a credit balance of \$106.35.

Principally, through the efforts of our Pastor, and the liberal response of many of the members of the Church, the sum of \$2,556.29 was raised towards the Debt Extinction Fund since the last annual report was written, thus enabling your Committee to pay off, on the 6th July last, the sum of \$2,500 of the debt then remaining on the Church, thereby reducing it to \$6.50.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that \$200 of the above sum were paid the Treasurer by the Young People's Association, and gladly embrace the present opportunity of presenting their thanks, and those of the congregation, for the same.

Their hearty thanks are also due to the Ladies' Association for the large sum of \$1,249.39 already paid by them towards the extinction of the debt, with a promise of an additional sum of \$250.61 towards the same object.

It may not be out of place in this connection to state that the Treasurer has in hand the sum of \$177.02 on account of the Debt Extinction Fund, and that the unpaid subscriptions, independent of those struck off the list, owing to the decease of some of the subscribers, and the removal of others, amount to about \$1,500. It will

thus be seen that when these subscriptions are paid the entire debt will not exceed \$5,000.

Your Committee would urge upon those who have not yet paid to do so at as early a date as possible.

It is pleasing to notice that some who, a short time ago, increased the amount of their Sabbath offerings, have, during the past year, continued them at the increased figure.

Viewing the contributions as a whole, there is reason to be thankful for the liberality manifested by the congregation.

During the year it was found to be absolutely necessary to make considerable repairs on the outside of the church. The expenditure connected therewith amounted to \$442.06. As it was considered that this expenditure should not be included in the general expenses, it was decided by the Committee to endeavor to raise the amount by special subscription. With that object in view, lists of the pew-holders were prepared and supplied to several members of the Committee, who are now soliciting subscriptions, and it is hoped, that through the liberality of the congregation, a sufficient amount will be raised to pay off the debt incurred in that connection.

Your Committee embrace this opportunity of expressing their deep sorrow at the demise of the late John S. MacLean. He is greatly missed in every department of the Church's work. His contributions towards the funds of the Church were most liberal, and in that connection his loss is severely felt.

Your Committee desire to express their thanks to the choir for their untiring devotion in leading the songs of praise.

We desire to express our gratification at the deep interest taken by our Pastor in the spiritual welfare of the people under his charge. We trust that he may be long spared to go in and out and break the bread of life amongst them, and that he may have many souls given him for his hire.

And now, in resigning our trust, we humbly pray that our Heavenly Father, who has so graciously blessed us in the past, may bless us even more abundantly in the future, not only as a church, but as families and individuals.

JOHN D. MACKINTOSH,

Chairman.

HALIFAX, Jan. 15th, 1890.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Receipts and Expenditures from 1st January to 31st December, 1889.

DR.		
Dec. 31.	To Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D.	3000 00
	" Janitor	300 00
	" Interest on Mortgage	387 50
	" Sabbath School	100 00
	" Fuel	143 65
	" Gas	107 40
	" Choir	171 00
	" Water Rates	62 00
	" Dispensary	50 00
	" Sundries	99 65
	By balance	106 35
		4527 55
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Jan'y 1.	By balance from last year	69 75
Dec. 31.	" Sabbath offerings	4457 80
		<u>\$4527 55</u>
Balance		\$106 35

Examined and found correct.

Halifax, Jan. 14, 1890. C. W. ANDERSON,
ALFRED WHITMAN, } Auditors.

COMMITTEE'S ESTIMATE FOR 1890.

Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D.	3000 00
Janitor	300 00
Interest on Mortgage	325 00
Sabbath School	100 00
Fuel	120 00
Gas	110 00
Choir	150 00
Water Rates	62 00
Sundries	150 00
Repairs	200 00
Total	<u>\$4517 00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Sabbath offerings	4457 80
Debt extinction fund	2556 29
Balance on Organ	120 00
Schemes of Church, etc.	1930 93
Total	<u>\$9065 12</u>

JAMES H. AUSTEN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Church Choir.

Mrs. A. Anderson,
Miss Scott,
Miss F. Weatherby,
Miss Burns,
Miss A. O. Burns,
Miss Currie.

Mr. H. Cornelius,
Mr. G. A. Blanchard,
Mr. J. MacIntyre,
Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. W. H. Waddell.
Mr. H. Mackintosh.

Miss E. H. Burns, *Organist.*

During the absence, for three months, of the regular organist, Mr. Helsby proved a very acceptable substitute.

The Sabbath School.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.

<i>Superintendent</i>	J. F. STAIRS.
<i>Assistant Superintendent</i>	A. S. MURRAY.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	G. S. GORDON.
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	W. H. WEATHERBY
<i>Librarians</i>	{ B. J. BOULTON, G. B. DODGE.
<i>Organist</i>	W. H. TROOP.
<i>Musical Instructor</i>	Geo. E. BOAK.

Teachers.

1. Young Men's Bible Class, Professor Seth.
2. Young Women's Bible Class, Mrs. Burns.
3. Primary Class, D. Blackwood.

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| 4. W. H. Troop. | 12. Mrs. Morrison, |
| 5. A. S. Murray, | 13. Miss Blackwood, |
| 6. W. G. Robertson, | 14. " D. Boak, |
| 7. A. G. Morrison, | 15. " A. Clarke, |
| 8. Joseph Wood, Jr., | 16. " L. Cornelius, |
| 9. Mrs. Currie, | 17. " Mackintosh, |
| 10. Mrs. Blackwood, | 18. " A. O. Burns, |
| 11. Mrs. Clarke, | 19. " Hobrecker. |

On the roll there are 258 officers, teachers and scholars as compared with 232 for 1888.

The total Missionary collections for the year amount to \$233.41, showing an increase of \$16.42 over last year, and \$54.24 over the year previous.

The Missionary money was appropriated as follows :—

Indore College	50 00
Pointe Aux Trembles School (support of pupil) ..	50 00
Mission Schools and Dayspring.....	105 00
Albermarle Mission.....	28 16

\$233 16

The teachers continue their Weekly Meetings every Wednesday evening after the Prayer Meeting, for the purpose of discussing the lesson of the following Sabbath, and the best modes of communicating its teachings to their classes.

Two Socials have been held during the year.

For several years past President Forrest has conducted the Young Men's Bible Class, but, in consequence of his being required for similar work in Dalhousie University, Prof. Seth has kindly consented to take his place. Cordial thanks are due to Dr. Forrest for the very valuable services rendered by him.

Prof. Seth is conducting a very interesting and instructive series of lessons on the Parables, of which we trust the young men of the congregation, and the male portion generally, will avail themselves.

For a considerable portion of the year, Mr. Geo. E. Boak has acted as leader in our Service of Song, and has devoted half an

hour before the opening of the School, to a careful and systematic practice. In consequence, there has been a marked improvement in the singing, as the regular exercises of the School and the special gathering held in the Church between Christmas and New Year abundantly showed. On two Sabbath evenings also, during the year, the children were gathered in the Church for a special service, the Pastor preaching and suitable singing being interspersed.

The Librarians report 548 books on the shelves at present. Of these 50 have just been donated to the Coburg Road Mission.

Similar donations have been made to other Mission Schools.

It is very desirable to have any missing volumes returned, and a considerable addition made to the present stock.

At our last Annual Meeting we placed on record a lengthened, minute, expressive of our feelings towards our beloved friend Mr J. S. Maclean, on his retirement, by reason of failing health, from the active duties of the superintendency of the Sabbath School, an office which he had held with signal success from the very organization of the Church.

We fondly hoped that he would have been spared yet a little longer, to go in and out amongst us, giving us the benefit of his counsels and his prayers.

But He who doeth all things well, saw fit on the 25th of April last, to take him to himself. We miss him sorely in this as in every department of Congregational work. We labor on under the shadow of a great blank. We commend his afflicted widow and family to the tender sympathy, of Him who is the father of the fatherless and husband of the widow, while we seek for ourselves a "double portion of his spirit."

We desire also to place on record our deep regret that for the present Mr. J. C. Mackintosh has been compelled by removal to another part of the city to sever his connection with our Sabbath School. He has been intimately associated with it from the first organization of the Church, and has rendered invaluable service in different departments of the School, and we shall therefore greatly miss him, and shall ever retain a grateful remembrance of all he has done and taught.

We are very glad that he will still retain his connection with the congregation he has in varied capacities served so long and faithfully, and shall cherish the hope that his separation from us in the Sabbath School may be only temporary.

We also thankfully acknowledge Miss Mackintosh's acceptable service as organist in the Sabbath School.

We cordially commend our friend and his family to God, and the word of his grace, and pray that they may be blessed in heavenly places in Christ.

JOHN F. STAIRS, *Superintendent*,
GEORGE S. GORDON, *Sec-Treasurer*.

Teachers from Fort Massey in Mission Schools.

Albermarle St. Mission.—A. S. Murray, *Supt.*; Graham Creighton, George Wood, Misses Hutchins, Currie, E. Clarke, Grace Hunter, Sarah Brown, Ethel Muir, Boak, Harrington, Duncanson.

*Cobourg Road Mission.**—J. S. Smith, *Supt.*; W. H. Waddell, Arch. Dunlop, C. Reynolds, Miss Agnes Wood, Mrs. Fraser.

Miss Minna Cornelius teaches on Sabbath afternoon in School for blind.

Missionary Contributions.

Foreign Missions	625 00
Home Missions	563 89
Augmentation Fund	250 00
Colleges	210 00
French Evangelization	102 00
Presbytery, Synod, Assembly, and Record and Session Funds	180 00
	<hr/> \$1930 89

*Raised for Cobourg Road mission building, \$731, of which Fort Massey contributed \$364; other Presbyterian congregations in Halifax, Richmond, and Dartmouth, \$340; Friends outside, \$27.

Congregational Missionary Association.

President	REV. R. F. BURNS, D. D.
Vice-Presidents	A. S. MURRAY,
	J. F. STAIRS.
Secretary-Treasurer	WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

COMMITTEE: THE OFFICE-BEARERS, SESSION AND COLLECTORS.

Collectors:—Misses Maude Romans, A. Romans, L. Boak, C. Duncanson, M. Blackwood, Hutchins, C. and P. Brown.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Fort Massey Missionary Association for year ending January, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

From Ordinary Monthly Collections	601 00
“ Monthly M. Meeting	84 90
“ Augmentation Collection	111 80
“ Special Contributions	200 00
“ “ “ North-West Missions	150 00
	\$1147 70

APPROPRIATIONS.

To Foreign Missions	260 00
“ Home “	170 00
“ Halifax College	120 00
“ “ Bursary	25 00
“ Manitoba College	40 00
“ French Evangelization	52 00
“ A. and I. Ministers' Fund	20 00
“ Synod's “	8 00
“ Assembly “	12 00
“ Presbytery “	15 00
“ Augmentation “	250 00
“ M. Record	25 20
“ N. W. Missions	150 00
	\$1147 70

TOTAL FOR SCHEMES, &C.

Congregational Missionary Association	1147 20
W. F. M. S.	120 00
Mission Band	90 00
Sabbath School Missionary Collections	234 00
College Prize	25 00
Cobourg Road Mission	72 00
Thanksgiving Collection	100 00
Special Contribution to N. W.	66 00
Y. P. S. C. E.	76 73
Total	\$1930 93

Let the list of our Church schemes be looked over, and the question of duty, with reference to them, be reconsidered by the thirty (or so) of individuals and families that have hitherto failed to contribute, and by the others who might, perchance, give more, and our annual exhibit, under this department, will be much more satisfactory. We will get nearer the point of having our own missionary in the field. "I will not, that other men be eased and ye burdened, but contrariwise that there should be equality."

Ladies' Association.

President, - - - - - MRS. BURNS.
Secretary-Treasurer, - - - - - MRS. DODGE.

Includes and co-operates with all other ladies' societies in the congregation, and is the medium through which they are organized. The Ladies' Missionary Society, Mission Band and Mite Society are offshoots from it. It supplemented the efforts of the Mite Society in July with \$48.42, and has just raised by subscription \$90, to complete its last instalment on the Debt Extinction Fund.

Ladies' Missionary Society.

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	MRS. CORNELIUS.
				MRS. DODGE.
<i>Vice-Presidents,</i>				MRS. CHRISTIE.
				MRS. W. H. HARRINGTON.
<i>Secretary,</i>				MISS LOUISE BOAK.
<i>Treasurer,</i>				MISS E. H. BURNS.

This Society (which is auxiliary to the W. F. M. S.), has a membership of fifty, and an average attendance monthly of 23. Two ladies, appointed each month, arrange a programme for the next meeting. During the year Rev. E. Scott, of New Glasgow, delivered a very interesting lecture on Palestine, yielding \$20. A donation of \$20 was made by Miss Newcombe to Mrs. Morton's work. Amount raised, \$120. Thanksgiving offering from members \$50. This last goes into next year's account.

Mayflower Mission Band.

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	MISS A. O. BURNS.
<i>Secretaries,</i>				MISSES CLARKE and CHRISTIE.
<i>Treasurer,</i>				MISS BLACKWOOD.

Reports a membership of 70. Money raised by Mite-boxes, fees, a public missionary meeting, a social and garden party. Amount raised, \$90.

Miss Blackadder was present at one Mission Band Social, and Mrs. Morton at another. They gave most interesting and instructive narratives of their work in Trinidad.

The Mite Society.

President, - - - - - MISS BURNS.
Secretary-Treasurer, - - - - - MISS M. ROMANS.

Collectors.—Misses A. Romans, Seeton, Scott, G. Mackintosh, Calder, Macnab, Dodge, L. Gordon, Chipman, M. Cornelius, A. Anderson.

Paid in for debt extinction, 1889	154 58
Balance on hand to date,	75 00

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

This Society was organized nearly three years ago. Its object is to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and make them more useful in the service of God. The work of the Society centres in the prayer-meeting which is held in the class-room of the church every Saturday evening at 7.30. The names of the different committees indicate the kind of work accomplished by the Society, which has already proved a source of great blessing in the congregation. Young people who have not yet seen it their duty to connect themselves with it, are earnestly invited to do so. A Sabbath evening prayer-meeting was held during a portion of the year. The sum of \$76.73 was paid in to the Agent of the Church for home missionary purposes.

The weekly meeting of the Society is devoted to systematic bible study. The leader of the meeting is always chosen from the membership, and one great good accomplished by the Society has been that the members have learned to take part in the prayer meeting, the active members being pledged to do so. All members of the congregation are invited to come to the meetings, and will be made cordially welcome.

The Society numbers about fifty, active and associate, a slight increase over last year, notwithstanding that a number have left us for other fields of usefulness. It is encouraging to be able to report that several of our associate members have joined the Church, and have also become active members of the Society. The Committees, though working different ways, endeavor at the same time always to emphasise the great objects of the Society which are the spiritual/well-being of the young people of the Church, and to assist our beloved Pastor in his labors for their conversion to the cause of Christ. The office-bearers and committees are as follows :

<i>President,</i>	- - - - -	JOSEPH WOOD, Jr.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	- - - - -	LOUISE CORNELIUS.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - - - -	AGNES WOOD.
<i>Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	MAGGIE BLACKWOOD.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	W. H. WADDELL.

Prayer-Meeting Committee.—Louise Cornelius, Annie Clarke, Ethel Muir, Arthur Barnstead, Maggie Blackwood.

Look-out Committee.—W. H. Waddell, George Wood, Clara Hobrecker, Minna Cornelius, Ettie Clarke, Hattie Clarke, Laura Barnstead.

Social Committee.—Mrs. Clarke, Edith Burns, Florrie Anderson, Brenton Boulton, Agnes Wood, Maria Currie, Fred. Clarke, Angus Murray.

Flower Committee.—Hattie Mackintosh, Emily Harrington, Eva Waddell, Mabel Barnstead, Maggie Cornelius, Annie Christie.

Music Committee.—Agnes Burns, Agnes Muir, Agnes Murray, Jean Hutchins, Maria Currie.

Visiting Committee.—Mrs. Clarke, Nettie Burns, Louise Cornelius, D. A. Gue, Annie Clarke, Ada Romans.

Young People's Association.

In everything but the measure of countenance given at the public meetings, last season's programme was the most substantial and successful ever attempted by the Association. It realized the object of its framers in showing how a pleasant and profitable evening can be spent, helpful to social intercourse, intellectual culture and moral improvement, without the unhealthful stimulants which are becoming increasingly common. The congregation is under a deep debt of gratitude to the President, Prof. Seth, for his laudable efforts to elevate the standard in this respect by his own valued services, as well as by the co-operation of Professors MacGregor, Macdonald, Alexander, and others. On re-assembling this season, however, the Y. P. A. felt that it would be well in the interest of unification, to have the experiment tried, at least for the present year, of a single society in the congregation for the benefit of the young, instead of having two as heretofore. The Y. P. A. generously donated during the year the handsome sum of two hundred dollars to the Debt Extinction Fund.

IN MEMORIAM.*

MRS. WISDOM, 5th March.

MR. JOHN S. MACLEAN, 25th April.

MRS. MACNAB, Senr., 1st August.

MRS. DONALD GRANT, 4th September.

HERBERT BARNSTEAD, 20th September.

REV. DR. DAVID HONEYMAN, 17th October.

MRS. MACLEAN, Senr., 31st October.

MR. CHARLES GRAHAM, 4th November.

MR. ANDREW KERR MACKINLAY, 13th November.

"Them also that sleep in Jesus
Will God bring with Him."

* In obituary list of 1888 inadvertently omitted :

Mary Emmeline Brown, 26th April.

Read—Mr. David Calder, 17th October, instead of Mr. John Calder.

Since the above was made up the Rev. Prof. Lyall L.L.D., has passed away (Jan. 16th, 1890), much beloved and respected.

Prayer-Meeting Topics for 1890.

FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 5. Three Great Facts.—Eph. ii: 4, 6.
 12. Even in Sardis.—Rev. iii: 4.
 19. The Divine Reception of a returning soul.—Luke xv: 20-24.
 26. The mighty God of Jacob.—Gen. xlix: 24.

MARCH.

- Mar. 5. Overcoming by the Blood of the Lamb.—Rev. xii: 11.
 12. Access.—Eph. ii: 18.
 19. God with us.—Ps. xlv: 11.
 26. Consenting not.—Prov. i: 10.

APRIL.

- April 2. Thou fool.—Luke xii: 20.
 9. Some laws concerning Truth.—Mark iv: 21, 25.
 16. Christ our Passover.—1 Cor. 5: 7.
 23. The stone rolled away.—Mark xvi: 3, 4.
 30. Peter's denial.—John xiii: 38.

MAY.

- May 7. Home religion.—Luke viii: 39.
 14. The personal question.—Luke ix: 25.
 21. The great Truth and the great Necessity.—Ps. lix: 17.
 28. Do not mistake.—1 Cor. xv: 33, 34.

JUNE.

- June 4. Difficulties.—Num. xiii: 28.
 11. Divine comfort for us.—John xiv: 18.
 18. Fidelity.—1 Kings xxii: 14.
 25. The lost Lord.—Is. lv: 6, 7.

JULY.

- July 2. That for which we sorrow sometimes God's best blessing.—Matt. xvii: 23.
 9. A good conscience.—Acts xxiv: 16.
 16. The brands of Christ.—Gal. vi: 17.
 23. A life not a failure.—Mark vi: 29.
 30. What Christians need.—Eph. i: 15, 16.

AUGUST.

- Aug. 6. The seed and the sower.—Matt. xiii: 8.
 13. Delayed answers to Prayer.—John xi: 17.
 20. Not orphaned.—John xiv: 18, 19.
 27. The dream of Jacob.—Gen. xxviii: 10-12.

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 3. The way of cleansing.—2 Kings v: 14.
 10. The perpetual invitation.—Rev. xxii: 17.
 17. What we too usually do and what we ought to do.—Mark vi: 36.
 24. Praying and not fainting.—Luke xviii: 1.

OCTOBER.


- Oct. 1. The Bread of life.—John vi: 35.
 8. The call of the Publican.—Matt. ix: 9.
 15. Excusings.—Ex. iv: 13.
 22. Their own company.—Acts iv: 23.
 29. Old things gone; new things come.—2 Cor. v: 17.

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 5. The Reaper and the Wages.—John vi: 36.
 12. Lessons from the Manna.—Ex. xvi: 4.
 19. One another's burdens.—Gal. vi: 2.
 26. Complete in Him.—Col. ii: 10.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 3. The heartening certainty.—2 Chron. xvi: 9.
 10. Pondering the Path.—Prov. iv: 26.
 17. Our Times in His Hand.—Ps. xxxi: 16.
 24. The urgent fact.—2 Cor. vi: 2.
 31. Reefed Sails.—1 Cor. vii: 29.

 Come to the Prayer Meeting and try to bring some one with you.