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KIRK SESSION.

REVD. DANIEL M. GORDON, B. D., *Moderator.*

**WILLIAM CLEGG,
ANDREW DRUMMOND,
DUNCAN GRAHAM,**

**THOMAS BORTHWICK,
MATTHEW PATERSON,
WILLIAM HAMILTON.**

TEMPORAL COMMITTEE.

JAMES GORDON, *Chairman.*

**H. F. BRONSON,
R. S. CASSELS,
J. M. TAYLOR,**

**A. MANN,
N. W. MACLEAN, *Secy.*
C. S. MACNUTT, *Treas.***

REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church on the 7th March, 1870, G. E. Elliott, Esq., in the Chair. After the meeting had been opened with prayer by the Rev. D. M. Gordon, reports were presented from the Temporal Committee and the Kirk Session, with the accounts of the past year.

It was unanimously resolved that these Reports be adopted, and that the Rev. Mr. Gordon, and Messrs. Hamilton, McLean and McNutt, be a Committee to prepare a report based on the two reports just read, to be printed for distribution among the members of the Congregation.

It was further resolved that By-law Number 4, to make provision for increasing the stipend of the Rev. D. M. Gordon, and for raising the rate of pew rents be received and adopted, and that a copy of the same be printed as an appendix to the Report.

The following gentlemen were elected to act as the Temporal Committee of the Congregation for the ensuing year, viz:—

JAMES GORDON, *Chairman.*

H. F. BRONSON,
R. S. CASSELS,
J. M. TAYLOR,

A. MANN,
N. W. MACLEAN, *Secy.*
C. S. MACNUTT, *Treas.*

The meeting was closed with prayer.

N. W. MACLEAN,
Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

The Kirk Session in submitting their Annual Statement, desire to acknowledge the goodness of God in the continued prosperity and increased membership of the Congregation, and to express the hope that the increase of the past may give encouragement for greater earnestness and activity in the future.

On the various branches of the work of the Congregation, they report as follows:—

The WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING, which is held in the School Room every Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock, and which is, perhaps, the best possible test of the spiritual vigour of the Congregation, has, during the past year, and especially the latter part of the winter, been very well attended. Yet, though some evenings the place of meeting was filled almost to the limit of its accommodation, the average attendance is still much below what it might be. If each family, living within easy access of the Church, were regularly to send at least one representative, the result would be highly encouraging, for the force of numbers has much to do with maintaining the fervour which should always be a leading feature of the prayer meeting.

The SABBATH SCHOOLS continue to prosper, and the number of Scholars is on the increase. The one which meets in the Church, under the superintendence of Mr. Orme, has on its roll of Scholars, 175—an increase of 19 during the year, and on its roll of teachers, 20.

The other, under the superintendence of Mr. Hamilton, continues to meet in the St. George's Ward School House, and has on its roll of scholars 66, and on its roll of teachers 9. The average attendance of pupils is at present encouraging, but some inconvenience is felt from the want of an adequate staff of teachers.

The total number of scholars thus connected with the Sabbath Schools is 241, and of teachers 29. Two orphans are supported by the Schools in the India Orphanage.

During the year the receipts of the S. S. Treasurer have been :—

Balance on hand.....	\$48 13
Weekly collections.....	72 02
Collected for addition to Libraries.....	98 37
“ “ Festival.....	33 75
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	\$252 27

EXPENDITURE.

Addition to Libraries.....	\$95 44
Festival.....	33 57
Orphans.....	40 00
Hymn Books, Schemes, &c.....	23 68
Paton Testimonial \$10; balance due G. P. Drummond, \$20.....	30 00
Balance on hand.....	29 58
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	\$252 27

More than the present balance will be required for books unpaid.

A YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION, the membership of which is restricted to the young men connected with the Congregation, was formed at the beginning of the present winter, for the religious, intellectual, and social improvement of the members. The Association meets in the School Room every Thursday evening, from the month of October to the month of May, for the purpose of debates, reading essays, &c. The attendance hitherto has been variable, but upon the whole encouraging. If this Association be maintained with vigour it cannot fail to improve the members, and thus to give additional life and strength to Congregation.

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The POOR RELIEF SOCIETY has, during the year, disbursed \$157.20. In addition to this, the Clothing Committee has received and disbursed 189 articles of clothing, as well as various donations of money. The Society has, through the assistance of members of other congregations, established a soup-kitchen on Le Breton Flats, to be open every day, (Sundays excepted,) from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m., during the months of January, February and March. A large number of the poor have been relieved by means of this, the average distribution of soup being almost 300 quarts weekly.

The numerical strength of the Congregation is:—

Number of Families.....	176
“ “ Communicants.....	275
“ “ Sabbath School Scholars.....	241

During the year there have been 14 deaths and 24 Baptisms entered in the Registers of the Church.

The sums collected in the Congregation have been:—

Regular weekly collections.....	\$602 12	
For S. S. Libraries.....	98 37	
For Poor Relief.....	149 81	
	<hr/>	\$ 850 30

For Schemes of the Church—

Synod's Home Mission.....	\$218 08	
Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, two years' contribution	91 88	
French Mission.....	36 19	
Bursary and Scholarship Fund..	20 56	
Presbytery Home Mission.....	84 49	
	<hr/>	\$ 451 20

County of Carleton Protestant

Hospital.....	\$ 52 43	
To Organ Fund.....	10 00	
Communion Plate.....	5 33	
	<hr/>	\$ 67 76

Instalments of subscriptions to Queen's College Endowment.....	\$1000 75
Total Contributions*.....	\$2370 01

Respectfully submitted by the Kirk Session.

DANIEL M. GORDON,
Moderator.

*These sums are independent of those under the control of the Temporal Committee.

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ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT
OF THE
TEMPORAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church in Annual
General Meeting assembled on the first Monday in
March, 1870:—*

Your Committee in briefly reviewing what of interest to the congregation has occurred during the year now closing, feel that the first place is due to the subject of the Bazaar held by the ladies of the congregation in May and October last, and rejoice to be able to say that it was a great success, proving at once the energy and zeal of the ladies and their power of doing good.

The net proceeds of that Bazaar amounted to the goodly sum of \$1,544.34, of which \$1,124.41 were applied by order of the ladies to pay off the debt incurred for the improvement on the manse, being the amount of debt stated in last report less \$10, received as further subscription, leaving a balance of \$419.93, which, with interest to 1st March, amounts to \$437.29, as due at this date, and at the credit of the ladies, at 7 per cent. interest, and is subject to their order for its application to any of the approved objects of the Church, but is supposed to be intended to assist in building a new Church when that shall have been determined on.

The sum of \$335.65, received by the former Committee as part of the old Bazaar fund is also still in the charge of your Committee, the note first given by the then President, E. McGillivray, Esq., having been renewed by two of our number and endorsed by Mr. McGillivray, for the amount with interest added and payable in twelve months, also with interest as appears by the accounts herewith.

It will be seen from the statements herewith, that the total liabilities of the Church are reduced (thanks to the ladies) to about \$900, and that the assets yet to be realized will be not far from covering them, and in fact would have been sufficient to wipe them all out but for two items, one of loss and the other of expenditure, which are exceptional, and not likely to be repeated, viz :--

The loss by Mr. Phillips, about.....	\$100
And taxes on the Manse for 1868.	51

	\$151

With respect to the last item, it is to be observed that Manses are, by the present law, exempt from taxation.

It will thus appear that the present revenues of the Church are sufficient to meet its present engagements, with little or nothing to spare for anything beyond them.

Your Committee regret that they have again to repeat the old complaint, that it is impossible to collect Pew rents from some of the Pew-holders till about the end of the year, while too many do not pay even then, leaving the large sum of \$615 outstanding from that source when the accounts were closed, as required by by-law, on the 15th February. It is evident that stringent measures will have to be adopted to remedy this state of things, or our financial condition will grow worse instead of better.

The question of a new Church, so far as practical action is concerned, is still in abeyance, but, although delayed, it has not been laid aside; on the contrary, it is hoped that the year now opening will show evidence of earnestness on the part of the congregation that will produce the desired results. It is perhaps sufficient to close this paragraph by quoting the well-known text: "Them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

Your Committee, in accordance with the Act of Incorporation, now lay down their trust, and beg leave to express the hope that you will exercise a wise discretion in the choice of their successors.

G. E. ELLIOTT,
President.

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APPENDIX No. I.

 SYNOPSIS OF BY-LAW NO. 4.

Passed and Ratified on Monday, the 7th March, 1870.

The first section of By-law No. 1, and the second and ninth section of By-law No. 2, are repealed.

The stipend of the Revd. D. M. Gordon, Minister of the Church, is Two thousand dollars a year, inclusive of any receipts by him from the Home Mission Fund, payable quarterly in advance, on the first Monday in March, June, September and December, in each and every year.

The Pew rents shall be as follows, viz: the Pews on each side of the Pulpit are twenty-two dollars each, per annum.

The first two centre Pews in front of the Pulpit, eighteen dollars each; the two next in centre, twenty dollars each; all other Pews on each side and centre of the Church, to and including the double Pews in line (double Pews, in all cases, to be counted as two Pews) twenty-two dollars each; excepting the purchased Pews, which shall be twenty-one dollars each, when occupied by their owners or their representatives.

The five Pews in depth all across the Church immediately in rear of the double Pews in line, to be nineteen dollars each; the remaining fourteen Pews in rear of the last mentioned, to be seventeen dollars each; the front Pews in the gallery, to be twelve dollars each; all other Pews in the gallery, to be ten dollars each.

All Pew rents shall be paid in advance, quarterly, on the first Monday in March, June, September and December respectively, but two or more quarters' rent may be paid at any one time.

APPENDIX No. II.

W.M. HAMILTON, Treasurer, in account with the KIRK SESSION of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

DR.	\$	cts.	CR.	\$	cts.
1869.					
Feb. 28—To Balance Cash in Treasurer's hands this date.....		222			42
1870.					
Feb. 38—To amount of ordinary collections, from 1st March, 1869, to 1st March, 1870		602			12
To amount of special collections from 1st March, 1869 to 1st March, 1870, in aid of the following objects, viz:					
St. Andrew's Church Poor Relief Fund					33
Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund					35
Queen's College Bursary Fund					20
Synod's Home Mission Fund					55
St. Andrew's Church Poor Relief Fund					32
Presbytery of Ottawa Home Mission Fund..					49
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French Mission Fund ... 36 19
 County of Carleton Protestant Hospital..... 52 43
 Synod's Home Mission Fund

Synod Fund

Incidental expenses, printing Annual Report, &c.....

10 00
 18 83

Gas Account, from 1st January, 1870..... 91 60
 1869 to 1st January, 1870..... 3 00
 " Presbytery Clerk.....

Relief Fund..... 32 95
 Presbytery of Ottawa
 Home Mission Fund... 49 12

French Mission Fund ...	36 19	Synod Fund	10 00
County of Carleton Pro- testant Hospital.....	52 43	Incidental expenses, printing	18 83
Synod's Home Mission Fund.....	162 58	Annual Report, &c.....	23 00
Minister's Widows' and Orphans' Fund	56 57	Lower Town Sunday School Expenses	150 00
To Collection at Pres- bytery Missiary Meeting, in aid of the Home Mission Fund.....	35 37	Organist's salary, one year to date	100 00
Subscription to Organ Fund.....	570 25	Church Officer's salary, one year to date	11 30
Donation from Ladies of the Congregation towards pay- ment of communion plate.....	10 00	Discount on silver	261 72
	5 33	Balance in Treasurer's hands this date	
Total	\$1,410 12		
		Total.....	\$1,410 12

OTTAWA, 14th March, 1870.

Examined and certified,

WILLIAM CLEGG, }
 ANDW. DRUMMOND, } Elders.

" D. McNaughton, lowering Organ.....
 " J. Hope & Co., for Ledger and Cash Book

" Edward McGillivray,
 proceeds of a Bazaar,

3 50
 5 00

held in School Room of St. Andrew's Church, in 18—	331 65		
		" Taxes on Manse for 1868.....	51 60
		" do Glebe "	3 89
		" Insurance on Church	38 50
		" Discount on Promissory Note \$1,000, discounted in March last.....	18 41
		" Firewood and cutting do.....	27 80
		" Incidental Expenses.....	40 59
		" Commission on Ordinary Revenue.....	101 03
		" Mrs. A. J. Russell, on account of Bazaar Fund	100 00
		" Balance in Bank of B. N. America.....	105 82
		" do in hands of Treasurer.....	14 41
Total	4,007 23	Total	4,007 23

15th February, 1870.
 We have examined the Books and Papers of St. Andrew's Church, and find them correct, and the above
 statement is in accordance therewith.

C. S. McNUTT,
 Treasurer.

JOHN MANUEL }
 JOHN BLYTH, JR., } *Auditors.*

APPENDIX No. IV.

LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa,
15th February, 1870.

LIABILITIES.	\$	cts.	ASSETS.	\$	cts.
To Promissory Note to A. Drummond, for proceeds of Bazaar held in 1869	354	87	By arrears of Pew Rents.....	615	06
" Balance proceeds of Bazaar held in 1869	437	29	Les probable bad debits	115	06
" To unpaid accounts against Church	114	54	" Amount due from Glebe Lot.....		
			" Glebe Rents accrued to this date, and payable 1st April next..	185	95
			" Cash in Bank of B. N. America	105	82
			" Cash in Treasurer's hands	14	41
			" Balance	59	34
	906	70	Total	906	70

15th February. 1870.

We have examined the Books and Papers of St. Andrew's Church, and find them correct, and the above Statement is in accordance therewith.

JOHN MANUEL,
JOHN BLYTH, JR. } *Auditors.*

OTTAWA, 25th February 1870.

C. S. McNUTT, *Treasurer.*