

Fourth Annual Report

For 1889.

Melville Church,

Cote St. Antoine.



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MELVILLE CHURCH

COTE ST. ANTOINE.

Pastor, - - - REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY, B.A.

SESSION.

REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY, *Moderator.*
JAMES GRAY, WILLIAM GREIG. J. K. MACDONALD.
A. C. HUTCHISON, *Session Clerk.*

TRUSTEES.

A. C. HUTCHISON, M. HUTCHINSON,
W. GREIG. D. RUTHERFORD,
J. K. MACDONALD.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1890:

D. RUTHERFORD, - - - *President.*
H. C. RUSSELL, - - - *Vice-President.*
WM. MINTO, - - - *Secretary.*
ROBT HARVIE, - - - *Treasurer.*
M. HUTCHINSON, J. K. MACDONALD,
C. E. RAY, G. W. WOOD,
ROBT. HARROWER, J. ARCHIBALD,
N. MCLEOD, W. C. JARVIS.

AUDITORS.

W. GREIG. JOHN PATON.

COMMITTEE ON PEWS AND SITTINGS:

D. RUTHERFORD. ROBT. HARVIE.

Report of the Kirk-Session.

As a Session we humbly and thankfully acknowledge God's goodness vouchsafed to us during another year. We may well say that more of God's favor has been ours as a congregation than we deserved, and our poor faith hoped for! To God alone be all the praise.

Although we know that numbers do not always indicate a real advance, still in some respects they do; we therefore gladly mention the increased attendance at all our Sabbath services this year. Our membership roll also, fully corrected and purged, now stands at 140, being a net gain of 46 for the year. Of the 54 additions to our roll, it is specially gratifying to note that 26 were received on profession of faith. Further, it may be stated generally, that every organization in connection with the congregation has encouragingly increased in attendance—and better still—in interest and efficiency. The Session would acknowledge its indebtedness to each and all of these organizations as important auxiliaries to the work over which it bears control.

Without wishing to be invidious the Session would record its pleasure in observing the excellent success of the Society of Christian Endeavor. The Society seems peculiarly fitted to bring our young men and women into more intimate connection with the work of the Church and train up a body of young workers for carrying on God's work in the future.

Only twice has the membership roll of the congregation been broken by death—in '86, and again this year when Mr. Robert Brodie—an honored elder for many years in a sister congregation and who with his family united with us at our May communion season—was very suddenly called to his rest. To his sorrowing wife and children we once again bear our tenderest sympathy while commending them to the loving care of our God and Father.

While prayerfully grateful for many signs of revived interest in the cause of God in our midst, the Session would pray and hope for a yet wider and deeper interest this year. There is room for a larger prayer meeting. May no family this year be known and counted as absent from this meeting. There is room for more family altars. May no family miss the blessing of such an altar. There is room for every member doing some work in the congregation. May all become workers for Christ! By united prayer followed by earnest work the year before us may be memorably crowned with the goodness of our Lord.

J. MACGILLIVRAY, *Moderator.*

A. C. HUTCHISON, *Clerk.*

Annual Congregational Meeting.

The fourth annual meeting of the congregation was held in the church on Wednesday evening, the 15th January, 1890, the President, Mr. D. Rutherford in the chair. The Pastor opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and made a few remarks. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of the Board of Managers and financial reports were read and approved. The reading of reports of Missionary Society, Sabbath School and other organizations of the Church, were deferred to a special meeting of the congregation, to be held on the 29th January. Full details of all these reports will be found further on in this report.

Report of the Board of Managers

FOR THE YEAR 1889.

The Board of Managers have pleasure in submitting the fourth yearly report, being a synopsis of their work during the past year; but before entering into any detail of their work, would hereby tender their sincere thanks to the Pastor, the Rev. J. MacGillivray, the Kirk-Session and the different Societies in connection with the Church, for their uniform kindness at all times, when advice or information was required.

The Treasurer's report, to be submitted to you this evening, shows a considerable increase in our revenue over previous year, but the expenditure has also increased, still there is a small balance to the good, and the ordinary revenue and expenditure account for maintenance of ordinances, &c., is in a satisfactory state.

At the date of our last annual meeting a good deal remained to be done to complete the extension of the Church building, and the Board found it necessary during the year to make considerable alterations and additions; the principal items being alterations of the heating apparatus, new ventilation and fixing up of the grounds, the whole involving an expenditure of nearly \$300, of which amount \$200 has been charged to the Building fund.

Authority was granted your Board at last annual meeting to borrow, if necessary, the sum of \$1200 to liquidate the floating debt, of which amount \$750 has been borrowed. After deducting the promised

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subscriptions and adding some unpaid accounts, a further sum of \$600 is required to clear off this floating debt.

There is still a mortgage debt of \$5000 on the Church property, and the extinction of this debt has been a matter of anxious thought to your Board. Since the circular was issued to the congregation a short time ago, your Board, after due consideration, did not deem the plan proposed to be feasible, and some comprehensive scheme will have to be adopted looking to the gradual extinction of this debt within five years time at the outside.

Since our last annual meeting, our membership has very materially increased with a corresponding gratifying increase at our Sabbath services. The forecast in our last report of the necessity of increased accommodation will, at the present rate of increase, soon require to be taken up seriously.

With the progressive increase of our congregation since our esteemed pastor took charge his pastoral work has been greatly augmented, and your Board would heartily recommend that his stipend be increased \$100. for the ensuing year.

At our last annual meeting, Mr. J. J. Morrison was elected secretary of the congregation, but owing to his removal to Hamilton he tendered his resignation in April last, and your Board appointed Mr. Minto (a member of the Board) to fill the vacancy till the end of the current year.

During last summer our pastor, with our hearty consent, visited Europe for rest and recreation, and we trust that his trip has proved of great physical benefit to him and the congregation reap their reward from his increased vigor and usefulness amongst them.

D. RUTHERFORD, *President.*

WM. MINTO, *Secretary.*

MEMO. OF DEBT.

FLOATING DEBT	{	Money borrowed	\$750.00
		Unpaid accounts—about	200.00
			950.00
		Subscriptions unpaid	361.67
			\$588.33
			say \$600.00
		Mortgage to Presbyterian College	5000.00
			\$5,600.00

MELVILLE CHURCH, COTE ST. ANTOINE.
TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1889.

ORDINARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	EXPENDITURE.
1888.	1889.
Dec. 31. Balance on hand	Dec. 31. Rev. J. McGillivray, stipend
1889.	Pulpit supply
Dec. 31. "Weekly offerings" by envelopes. ..\$2344.93	Salary of Organist
Plate collections	Organ attendant
2694.86	Tuning and regulating
	Caretaker's salary
	Interest on mortgage
	Fuel, \$137.63; Gas, \$84.80
	Presbytery and Synod fund
	S. S. expenses, 1889
	Printing and stationery
	Jobbing and repairs on building, &c. ..
	Sundries (cleaning, &c.)
	\$2525.05
	Balance on hand
	171.42
Dec. 31. Balance on hand	\$2696.47
\$171.42	

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.

1889.	RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.
		1889.	

Dec. 31. Balance on hand \$171.42

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.

	RECEIVED.	EXPENDED.
1889.		
Nov. 7. Collection on Thanksgiving Day	\$29.29	
Dec. 15. " for Poor—Communion Sabbath	13.73	
Dec. 31. On hand—Poor fund.....	\$43.02	\$39.29
		13.73
		<u>\$43.02</u>

BUILDING AND PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

	RECEIVED.	EXPENDED.
1888.		
Dec. 31. Balance on hand	\$36.16	
• 1889.		
• Dec. 31. Ladies Aid Committee.....	\$39.10	\$123.00
Subscriptions paid.....	346.00	42.50
Interest	2.40	do. do.
Money borrowed.....	500.00	do. do.
Do. do.	250.00	Kimber & Son, balance painting acct. 183.29
Balance—short.....	1137.50	Hughes & Stephenson, gas fitting ... 109.00
	69.21	do. do. 113.75
		L. Paton & Son, carpenter work..... 497.69
		J. Covon, moving and replacing organ 22.50
		A. Craig, painting intimation boards. 14.00
		<u>\$1118.03</u>
		J. Baylis & Son, carpeting..... 91.34
		Hugman & Norton, do. 9.50
		Tees & Co., desk..... 24.00
		<u>134.84</u>
		Dec. 31. Balance short..... \$69.21
		<u>\$1242.87</u>

Cote St. Antoine, }
11th January, 1890. }

ROB. HARVIE,
Treasurer.

Further Business of the Annual Meeting.

Mr. A. C. Hutchison moved, seconded by M. Hutchinson, that in accordance with his notice of motion at last annual meeting, he would now move that the following words in Article V. of the Constitution be deleted, viz :

“Adherents who are members in good standing of other Presbyterian congregations may be declared eligible for election as Managers by consent of the majority of members present.”

—Carried.

The election of Officers and Managers for 1890 then took place. For result see list.

Moved by A. C. Hutchison, seconded by N. McLeod, that it be a recommendation to the Board of Managers to at once take steps to have the weekly contributions of members and adherents increased, with a view to extinguish the debt on the Church as early as possible.

—Carried.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to all those who had assisted at the musical services of the Church during the past year.

After a good deal of discussion on the piano question, it was resolved by vote, that the Board of Managers be relieved of all responsibility in the matter.

This closed the business part of the meeting, and tea, coffee and cake being handed round a very pleasant hour was spent in social converse.

WM. MINTO, *Secretary*.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND

PAID DURING THE YEAR.

Ladies' Committee.....	\$39.10	Forward.....	\$195.10
C. E. Ray.....	25.00	Wm. Minto—2nd instal'm't..	25.00
Rev. J. MacGillivray—bal...	60.00	Wm Ross— “ “ ..	25.00
Put on Collection Plate.....	5.00	A. Wills— “ “ ..	17.00
Mrs. Kerr.....	6.00	J. K. Macdonald.....	62.70
Wm. Paxton.....	25.00	N. McLeod.....	30.00
D. Rutherford—balance....	25.00	Mrs. Outhet—2 instal'm'ts...	20.00
R. Harrower—2nd instal'm't.	10.00	Jas. Jmith.....	10.30
	\$195.10		\$385.10

Report of Ladies' Aid Society.

OFFICE-BEARERS:

Mrs. HOOD,	- - -	President.
" KERR,	- - -	Vice-President.
" G. W. WOOD,	- - -	Treasurer.
Miss HARDMAN,	- - -	Secretary.

The Ladies' Aid Society have great pleasure in presenting the following report of their labours during the present season:—

The Society had it first meeting for this season in the latter part of October, at which it was decided to continue the aid extended last season to two boys in the Mackay Institute, and the first work was the providing of them with a complete outfit of clothing. We have also assisted a family in the congregation requiring help.

The Society have lately undertaken to furnish one of the bedrooms in the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, and we expect to bring our efforts in this direction to a successful termination.

Lately the Society has been engaged in the preparation of clothing to be given to deserving cases requiring it.

We have been encouraged in our work by the sympathy and co-operation of a large number of ladies in the congregation, some of whom though unable to attend the weekly meetings, have contributed liberally to the funds of the Society, and we feel that in this labour of love we may look for and expect God's blessing.

AGNES W. HARDMAN, *Secretary.*

MRS. G. W. WOOD, Treasurer, *in account with LADIES' AID SOCIETY.*

RECEIVED.

To Collections and Subscriptions from October to date....	\$51.26
" Sale of materials	5.25
	\$ 56.51

EXPENDED.

By Flannel	\$ 9.31
" Other materials	1.07
" Making up clothes for boys—Mackay Institute.....	2.25
" Boots and rubbers do.....	2.65
" Sundries do.....	.85
" Balance on hand	40.38
	\$ 56.51

Cote St. Antoine, Jan. 15, 1890.

McIvillie Church Sabbath-School.

OFFICERS, 1890.

Superintendent,	A. C. HUTCHISON.
Assistant Superintendent,	WM. GREIG.
Secretary,	ROBERT GREIG.
Treasurer,	THOS. J. RUTHERFORD.
Librarian,	WM. B. HUTCHISON.
Assistant Librarian,	JAMES F. SEITH.

TEACHERS:

REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY, B.A.	} Bible Class.	
REV. PROF. CAMPBELL, M.A., LL.D.		
W. GREIG,	THOS. J. RUTHERFORD,	MISS N. HOOD,
JAMES PHYMISTER,	WM. ROBERTSON,	" H. RUTHERFORD,
NORMAN McLEOD,	MISS J. SAMUEL,	" M. BAILLIE,
J. K. MACDONALD,	" H. KEER,	" R. KERR,
ROBERT GREIG,	" MCNACHTAN,	" E. ARCHIBALD,
ALEX. WILLS,	" G. BROWN,	" M. RUTHERFORD.
	" L. RAMSAY,	
	MISS MAY MURRAY,	Organist.

REPORT PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL FESTIVAL,
FRIDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1890.

In the kind providence of a loving Heavenly Father, we are again permitted to assemble together for the celebration of our fourth annual festival as a Church school.

We would here call attention to the fact that the coming summer will see the completion of the 21st year of the existence of this Sabbath School, it being in September, 1869, that the original Mission School was founded by Mr. and Mrs. W. Rutherford and others. We hope to have a fitting celebration on the attainment of our majority, when the time comes.

Attendance.—At the close of the past year our roll stands as follows :—

Teachers	23		
Scholars, Bible Class, .. .	40		
Boys,	84	Increase on last year, 3	
Girls,	114	" " " 4	
	<u>238</u>	Total,	7
	261		

This apparently small increase is owing partly to the opening of another S. S. in the neighbourhood, which drew away some of our scholars, but principally to a thorough revision of our roll and the erasure of all names not in regular attendance.

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The average attendance for the year has been—from January to June, boys, 75 ; girls, 93 ; total, 168 ; from September to December, boys, 73 ; girls, 96 ; total, 169 ; the School being, as is customary, closed during the months of July and August.

Missionary Collections.—The class collections for missionary purposes have amounted to \$254.28, an increase of \$39.10 over last year. With the exception of \$25.00 expended in the purchase of missionary books for the library, these collections, together with \$77.70 balance from last year, have been devoted to the following Missionary schemes :—

Support of our pupil at Pointe-aux-Trembles	\$50.00
Board of French Evangelization	25.00
North-West Missions	75.00
China Missions	30.00
Lumbermen's Mission	15.00
Student's Missionary Society	15.00
Pointe-aux-Trembles School—Girl's department	25.00
Home Missions	40.00
Foreign Missions	30.00

Library.—During the summer special subscriptions were asked for the Library fund. In response, the scholars and friends contributed \$37.86 ; to this was added \$25.00 taken from our Missionary fund as above stated, the total being expended in the purchase of new books, in addition to which a number of volumes were received from a friend of the school. The old books were thoroughly examined and repaired, and a new catalogue of the entire library issued. This list shows that there are now 838 volumes in our library.

Hymnals.—Through the generosity of one of our scholars, the entire school was, early in the year, supplied with the latest edition of Sankey's hymns, which is now used in our services.

Pic-nic.—The annual pic-nic was held at St. Rose on the 15th June, but owing to the very unfavorable weather the day was not as enjoyable as it would otherwise have been.

Band of Hope.—The Band of Hope continues its fortnightly meetings, which are very well attended, and they have already secured the signatures of a large number to the total abstinence and tobacco pledge.

Mission Band.—The Mission Band is doing excellent service in interesting the girls in practical mission work. Their report is appended to this.

Bible Class.—We have been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Professor Campbell as leader of the Bible Class

during the winter months, thus relieving our pastor to a very considerable extent. The large and regular attendance of the class speaks for the interest manifested in the teaching received. We desire to express our obligations to Professor Campbell for his efforts in this direction.

We are again called upon to record the death of one of our scholars during the past year, Miss Maggie Nish, who passed away in obedience to her Heavenly Master's call, on Monday, September, following her elder sister, of whom we spoke in last report, by only nine months. In this double affliction the family has our most sincere sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. GREIG, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL FOR 1889.

1889.		GENERAL FUND.	
Jan 1.	To Balance on hand.....	\$101.23	
	" Subscriptions for Soiree and Pic-nic	15.00	
	" Proceeds sale of tickets for Pic-nic.....	54.88	
	" Subscriptions for Hymn Books from Miss May Murray	16.00	
	" Amount from Missionary Fund for Library...	25.00	
	" Subscription for Library.....	37.86	
	" Grant from Church.....	50.00	
	" Interest on deposits	16.58	
			\$316.47
	By Expenses of Soiree.....	\$ 21.08	
	" " Pic-nic.....	76.40	
	" Library, new books, papers and hymnals.....	161.78	
Dec. 31.	" Balance on hand	57.21	
			\$316.47

		MISSIONARY FUND.	
Jan 1.	To Balance on hand.....	\$ 77.70	
	" Collections per class boxes for year.....	254.28	
			\$331.98
	By Home Missions (North-west).....	\$ 75.00	
	" Home Missions	40.00	
	" Lumbermen's Mission.....	15.00	
	" French Evangelization.....	25.00	
	" Pointe-aux-Trembles School (Girls' dep't).....	25.00	
	" Do. pupil for year..	50.00	
	" Students' Missionary Society.....	15.00	
	" Foreign Missions (China).....	30.00	
	" Foreign Missions	30.00	
	" S. S. Library, for missionary books.....	25.00	
Dec. 31.	" Balance on hand.....	1.98	
			\$331.98

THOS. J. RUTHERFORD, *Treasurer.*

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Melville Church Missionary Society.

OFFICERS 1890.

REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY,	<i>President,</i>
D. RUTHERFORD.	<i>Vice-President.</i>
WM. GREIG,	<i>Secretary-Treasurer.</i>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. C. HUTCHISON,	N. McLEOD,	WM. ROSS,
R. HARVIE,	G. A. ROBERTSON,	DAVID CURRIE,
J. K. MACDONALD,	JAS. PHYMISTER,	M. HUTCHINSON
WM. PAXTON,	J. ARCHIBALD.	

As will be seen by the Treasurer's report herewith submitted, the amount collected this year for Missions amounts to \$138.13 and interest \$1.86 = \$139.99 being a decrease, as compared to the ten and a half months of 1888, of \$58.51.

The amounts have been apportioned by the donors as follows,
viz :

To Home Missions.....	\$19.90
“ Foreign Missions	16.25
“ College	11.05
“ French Evangelization.....	8.50
“ Honan	3.00
“ Formosa	2.00
“ North West Missions.....	2.26
“ China .....	.01
“ Trinidad.....	1.00
“ Assembly Fund	1.00
“ Unallocated.....	73.16
	\$138.13

A circular having been received from the Presbyterian College soliciting a subscription towards the ordinary revenue fund, your Committee met on the 12th May, and voted the sum of \$15.00 which leaves the sum of \$124.99 to be divided by the members of the Society this evening.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GREIG, *Treasurer.*

The annual meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, 29th January, 1890, at which the following report and financial statement were submitted :—

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1889.	
May 31.	To Cash interest \$.84
Nov. 30.	" " " 1.02
Dec. 31.	" " in envelopes 138.13
	<u>\$139.99</u>
1889.	
May 13.	By Rev. R. H. Warden, D.D., for Presbyterian College Ordinary Revenue..... \$ 15.00
Dec. 31.	" Balance..... 124.99
	<u>\$139.99</u>
1890.	
Jan'y 1.	To Balance. \$124.99

The report having been adopted, the contributions were allocated as follows :—

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 40.00
Home "	25.00
French Evangelization.....	15.00
Aged and Infirm Ministers	10.00
Widows and Orphans.....	20.00
Augmentation Fund	19.99
Assembly Fund	5.00
	<u>\$124.99</u>

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REPORT OF
Melville Church Band of Hope.

The third annual meeting of the Melville Church Band of Hope was held on Friday evening, October 25, 1889, when the following officers were elected:—

<i>Honorary President,</i>	..	..	REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY.
<i>President,</i>	..	..	MR. A. C. HUTCHISON.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	..	..	" T. RUTHERFORD.
<i>Secretary,</i>	..	..	MISS IDA MCLEOD.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	..	..	MR. J. GREIG.

COMMITTEE:

MISS T. SMITH,	MR. J. K. MACDONALD,
" M. HUTCHINSON,	" E. OUTHET.
MISS BROWN.	

The regular meetings have been held every alternate Friday evening, and have been very well attended by the younger members of the Sunday-school. A number of former older members have not joined the Band this year; we have, however, thirty-eight pledged names on the roll, and hope to have many more sign before we close.

IDA MCLEOD, *Secretary.*

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Melville Church Sabbath-School Mission Band.

<i>President,</i>	..	..	MISS MCNAUGHTON.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	..	..	" BROWN.
<i>Secretary,</i>	..	..	" RUTHERFORD.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	..	..	" HOOD.

During the past year the Band has been quietly continuing the work so successfully begun last season, under the same management, with the addition of Miss Brown as vice-president.

In the spring, the desire of the Band to help in the support of a Cot in the General Hospital, made some means of increasing our funds a necessity. An entertainment given by members of the Band was decided upon, and proved a success, leaving us with a balance to our credit to begin the work again in November.

The need of a formal constitution, for the guidance of the committee, having been felt, this want was supplied in October, when a Code of Rules, in which the name of the Band was changed, received the sanction of the Sabbath-school Teachers.

Our membership has increased to 54, with an average attendance of 30.

Several times during the year donations of clothing, sewed by the children, have been made to institutions in the city; and through the kindness of a friend we have been able to help some needy children in the neighbourhood.

At Christmas, several of the members of the Band helped to make the season a little more enjoyable for the little occupant of their Cot in the Hospital.

The Committee in the hope that besides the work already undertaken, the Band might be able to add their mite the Foreign missionary work of the Church, have set one day in the month apart as Mission Day, when addresses or papers by friends are given to the members, so that with growth of knowledge, growing interest may be aroused among us. All mission box receipts are to be devoted to this purpose.

HELEN P. RUTHERFORD, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MISSION BAND.

1889.		RECEIPTS.	
Jan'y 1.	Balance on hand		\$ 9.50
	Membership Fees	\$10.25	
	Collection Books	2.65	
	Mission Box.....	.73	
	Entertainment in School House.....	49.70	
	Missionary Cents	2.35	
			65.68
			\$75.18
		EXPENDED.	
Jan'y 1.	Paid for material.....	\$ 7.75	
	“ “ Entertainment.....	12.83	
	“ “ Cot in Hospital.....	25.00	
	Balance on hand.....	29.60	
			\$75.18
Jan'y 1st, 1890.		N. C. HOOD, <i>Treasurer</i> .	

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MELVILLE CHURCH

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

"For Christ and the Church."

OFFICERS, 1890:

<i>President,</i>	.. .. .	ROBERT GREIG.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.. .. .	A. P. CURRIE.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.. .. .	MISS ROBINA KERR.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.. .. .	" LILY HARDMAN.
<i>Look-out Committee</i>	..	<i>Convener,</i> ROBERT GREIG.
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	"	" A. P. CURRIE.
<i>Social</i>	"	" REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY,
<i>Floral</i>	"	" MISS McLEOD.
<i>Music</i>	"	" THOS. J. RUTHERFORD.
<i>Charitable,</i>	"	" MISS CURRIE.

Early in October last, our Pastor called together the young people of the Church, and explained to them the aims, objects and working of the Christian Endeavor Society. It was then resolved to form a branch of the movement in the Church, the first regular meeting being held on the 14th October, when the signatures of 16 active and 7 associate members were received, and officers elected for the ensuing year. Since then our roll has increased to 41 active and 25 associate members.

One of the special features of this movement is the number of committees formed, the object being to give every active member of the Society some definite work to do.

Our Committees so far are the Look-out, Prayer Meeting, Social, Floral, Music and Charitable.

The Floral Committee provide a vase of cut flowers for the pulpit every Sabbath, then these, with others, are afterwards taken by different members of the committee to the bedsides of the various sick members of the congregation. We have already received several letters expressing gratitude for this work of love.

The Charitable Committee has undertaken the provision of clothing and other necessaries for several poor families in the city, and are thus doing practical work in relieving cases of pressing need. We have a special collection once a month on behalf of the work of this committee.

Two Socials have been held since the formation of the Society, and were much enjoyed by the large numbers in attendance. The work of the Social Committee besides promoting these, is also to endeavor to create a home feeling among all the members.

The Prayer Meeting Committee arranges the lesson subjects and appoints the leader of each meeting for a period of three months in advance, this being issued in card form ; while the Music Committee has charge of the singing of the Society, which is always one of the special features of our meeting.

The duty of the Look-out Committee is to bring in new members and keep a watchful sight over the membership in seeing that each tries to live up to the spirit of the pledge, in attendance at, and participation in each of the weekly prayer meetings of the Society.

Our meetings are held every Monday evening in the church parlor, commencing sharp at 8 and closing promptly at 9 o'clock, and are free to all the young people connected with the Church. No fees are collected, the only obligation undertaken being the signing of either the active or associate membership pledge of the Society. All expenses are met by voluntary contributions received in a box placed for the purpose at the door.

The Young Men's meeting continues, and is held Sunday morning at 10.15, when the lesson for the Monday meeting is studied together. We would urge every young man connected with our congregation to attend this meeting and participate in the help and blessing received by the few who are now in regular attendance.

For any small measure of success which our Society has attained thus far we give God alone the glory, praying Him that we may all be enabled to more fully live out the motto for the year, "We are laborers together with God," the watchword of the Society being always, "For Christ and the Church."

ROBT. GREIG, *President.*

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