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of

PARKDALE

Presbyterian Church

Report of Work

Performed During the year 1886.

Financial:- Statement, :- Etc.

1886.

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REPORT OF THE SESSION.

THE Session desires to begin this report by gratefully acknowledging the goodness of God in granting so many tokens of His favour and blessing. - We, at the same time, lament that the Church has not more fully realized the promises given to such as wait upon the Lord. The opportunities of the year have passed forever, and many are not saved. We are not straitened in Him, but we are straitened in ourselves.

The Session has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Messrs. Swartout and Hendry, who were ordained into the office of the Eldership on Sabbath, the 18th of July.

During the year 51 new names were added to the Communion Roll, and 17 removed, 1 by death, 16 by certificate, and one by the discipline of the Church for drunkenness. We pray that the Lord may deliver that one from the power of the enemy. Besides the above removals, 11 names were *filed*, who on account of long continued absence, or non-attendance on ordinances, are not *bona fide* members of the Congregation. There remain 249 names on the roll.

Last year's report	227
Added	51
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	278
Removed	29
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	249
Net increase	32

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed four times during the year, and on each occasion the presence of the Holy Spirit was enjoyed by His worshipping people.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to 14 children and 1 adult. It is to be regretted that there is so much unwillingness on the part of parents to bring their children to the House of God to receive this sacred ordinance, thus depriving the churches of this benefit of witnessing and sharing the service, and depriving themselves and their children of the sympathy of prayers of the Lord's people.

We should rejoice to go up to the House of the Lord and acknowledge His mercies, to pay our vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people.

The Session rejoices in the increased attendance and manifest interest in all the services of the sanctuary, and the increased activity of so many of the members in various kinds of Christian work. Besides the regular Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, three Weekly Cottage Prayer Meetings are conducted at different centres, and are much appreciated by all who attend them. We earnestly appeal to the consciences of all the members of the Church to consider whether such attention is given to these devotional seasons as their importance would justify. "We receive not because we ask not."

The earnest efforts made, by societies and otherwise, to welcome strangers, distribute tracts, interest and instruct the young, disseminate missionary intelligence etc., cannot fail to accomplish much good.

As an expression of the spirit that prevails we note with devout thankfulness, the fact that two young men, Albert Wm. Briggs and Wm. John Wanless have entered upon a course of study preparatory to labor in the Foreign Field. The prayer of all is and will be, that they may be greatly prospered and blessed in their efforts, and that their example may quicken in others a like ambition.

The Session wishes also to acknowledge the indebtedness of the congregation to Mr. Hendry and those who have assisted him in conducting the service of praise. We have enjoyed in all respects unbroken harmony during the year and have realized the pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity.

In conclusion we recognize the good hand of God upon us in shielding the congregation from sickness and death to an unusual degree, yet there have been both amongst us, and to all who have been thus visited, we trust and pray that the God of consolation may minister grace to and bind up the wounds He has been pleased to inflict.

May we all with one heart strive for the furtherance of the Gospel during the New Year upon which we have entered, and at last hear the gracious welcome and commendation "well done."

ROBERT SABISTON,

R. P. MACKAY, B.A.,

Session Clerk,

Moderator of Session.

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SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

IN Presenting this report it is pleasant to be able to testify to the energy and devotion with which all the teachers have applied themselves to their work and to the gratifying results of their labors. The Bible-Class and School have steadily grown in numbers and interest during the year, and what is more important, souls have been enlightened through the truth.

A Mission Sabbath School has been started on Ruth Street which is also in the care of the Sabbath School Association. Although of recent origin it has already over forty scholars on the roll who were not hitherto enjoying school advantages. Under the Superintendence of Miss Hughes and her faithful fellow-teachers, we believe much fruit will be gathered for the Master's glory.

ATTENDANCE.—Highest attendance 255, increase 33; Average attendance 202, increase 8; Number of classes 22; Officers and Teachers 27; Scholars who became members of the church 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Collections for Missions, \$95.34; Collections for General Purposes, \$81.65; Collections for Ornamental Window in new church (still going on), \$28.45; for Missions to the Jews, \$20.00; Total, \$225.44.

LIBRARY.—New books added during year, 128; Number of volumes now in library, 400; Weekly exchanges about 60; A new catalogue prepared by the Librarian has been printed.

R. SABISTON,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS ASSOCIATION.

ON THE 8th of November, 1886, a number of the members of the congregation desiring to engage in systematic work, met in the church, the pastor, Rev. R. P. Mackay, in the chair, and formed themselves into an Association under the name of the "CHRISTIAN WORKERS ASSOCIATION" of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church, their object being "to encourage and concentrate Christian effort in this congregation."

At a subsequent meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected:—

President—REV. R. P. MACKAY, B.A.

Vice-President—MR. J. JOLLY.

Secretary-Treasurer—MISS A. ELLIOT.

Standing Committees were appointed for the different departments of the work.

1. *The Devotional Committee*, MR. SWARTOUT, chairman, has charge of the devotional meetings of the association. Cottage meetings are held in three different districts every Thursday evening. The chairman reports that the attendance is encouraging and it is hoped that through these meetings much good may be accomplished.

2. *The Reception Committee*, MR. JOLLY, chairman of this committee, has pleasure in reporting that a large number of strangers have been received and made welcome, and that a growing spirit of friendliness is shown in the congregation.

3. *Young Mens Committee*, MR. MCKILLOP, chairman of this committee, reports that the young men's prayer meetings have been well attended and special interest been taken in them. Printed invitation cards are distributed by members of the committee at the church door, on the street cars, etc., and a good deal of personal work with young men has been done.

4. *The Boys Committee*. Meetings are held every Friday evening. A Boys Association is organized with a staff of officers. Membership cards are furnished and invitation cards for distribution. The chairman of the committee, MR. MCKILLOP, reports that the meetings are well kept up, the average number present being twenty-five. Two lines of study are brought out: Bible characters and Missionary intelligence. All who have taken part in conducting these meetings report deep interest, especially in missionary work, among the boys.

5. *The Visiting and Tract-Distributing Committee*. MR. HENDRY, chairman, reports twenty-four tract-distributors now at work. They visit about 400 houses, leave tracts, and endeavor to exchange weekly. The district visited embraces that of Parkdale north of Queen street and also a portion of the city east of Dufferin street. As this work has been but recently commenced, definite results cannot yet be given, but the visits have been appreciated by many and there is much cause for encouragement.

The Association meets on the first Monday of each month.

The roll now numbers forty-nine members.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE ELLIOT, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE PARKDALE AUXILIARY OF THE W. F. M. SOCIETY.

ON the 11th of February, 1886, The Parkdale Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. was formed by Mrs. Harvie, Mrs. Campbell being present and assisting. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Hunter; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Briggs; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Duff; Treasurer, Miss Leamen; Secretary, Mrs. Maitland. It was agreed to hold the monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The Auxiliary started with twenty-five members, since then five have been added, making a total of thirty members, eight being dollar members, with an average attendance of fifteen. But the interest and attendance is steadily increasing. In April the question of sending clothing to the North-West was brought up and fully discussed; a committee was formed to call on the members of the congregation and ask for clothing or money and quite a lot was collected and sent to Knox Church to be packed for the North-West, the money collected was used to buy yarn which some of the members knit into socks and stockings and five dollars to help pay the freight on boxes of clothing. The meetings are more interesting when there is work to be done and it has been proposed to start work with the new year so as to be ready in good time for sending in September. Mr. McKay comes to the meetings quite often and helps greatly by his encouraging words. Although we feel that a great deal more might have been done and we hope great things for the future, yet in this our first year, we feel thankful that we have been able to do a little for the promotion of the Master's Kingdom.

KATE MAITLAND, Secretary.

The new officers elected for 1887, are as follows:—

President—Mrs. Bryce.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. Hunter.
2nd " —Mrs. Maitland.
Secretary—Miss Leamen.
Treasurer—Miss Craigie.

PARKDALE, Jan. 12th, 1887.

First Annual Treasurer's Report of the Parkdale Auxiliary of the
"Women's Foreign Missionary Society."

RECEIVED.		PAID.	
For Members Fees.....	\$19 00	For Expenses of Sec. & Treas.	\$ 70
From Mite Boxes.....	8 40	" Leaflets	97
" Missionary Box.....	3 10	" Yarn and Expenses of	
		North-West goods... 2	50
" Sale of Leaflets & Mite		To Treasurer of Presby-	
Boxes.....	61	terian Society.....	67 42
" Special collection and		Balance in hand.....	4 76
contribution for North			
West.....	7 50		
" Envelopes.....	37 74		
Total.....	\$76 35	Total.....	\$76 35

MARY E. LEAMEN, Treasurer.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. A. Duff.

Vice-President—Mrs. Fenwick.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss E. Martin.

In the early part of the year the Society devoted itself to district visitation, with satisfactory results. Two Parlor Socials and one Sacred Concert, that were well attended, and enjoyed, added considerably to the funds of the Society. As the "Christian Workers' Association"—to which the ladies of this Society belong—has undertaken visitation and tract distribution, it has been decided to make an effort to secure as much as possible, of the amount required to put an organ in the New Church. The method adopted, is that of asking weekly contributions from the ladies of the congregation thereby developing systematic giving, and it is believed that by small amounts such a total sum will be realized as will very materially assist the Building Committee in furnishing the New Church in the course of erection.

Amount in the Treasury during the year..... \$112 80

Amount Expended..... 61 00

Balance in hand..... \$ 51 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. DUFF,

President.

EMILY MARTIN,

Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF MISSION FUND.

It is gratifying to be able to report that notwithstanding the exceptional demands made upon the congregation for church building purposes the contributions for the schemes of the Church have been fairly well sustained. As the financial year for the Schemes does not close at the same time as the financial year of the congregation, but includes January, February and March of the current year, we cannot yet report the total amount the congregation will be able to contribute, but it is believed that it will not fall below the Presbytery's estimate of what might be reached, which will be an agreeable result. In that, however, there are included the amounts contributed by the Sabbath School and the Women's Foreign Mission Association.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To Cash on hand from 1885	\$165 32	By Envelopes	\$11 00
" Jan. collection, (1886)	38 95	" Home Missions	60 00
" Feby. "	36 20	" Foreign "	60 00
" March "	32 95	" Augmentation Fund	75 00
" April "	55 20	" French Evangelization	55 00
" Amt. from Sabbath Sch'l	25 00	" Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	22 00
" Interest	2 60	" College Fund	35 00
" May collection	28 80	" Manitoba College	25 00
" June "	32 10	" Assembly Expense Fund	5 00
" July "	32 45	" Widows & Orphans "	5 00
" August "	22 25	" Balance on hand	256 97
" Sept. "	34 90		
" October "	32 95		
" Nov. "	37 25		
" Dec. "	30 05		
" Interest	3 00		
	<u>\$609 97</u>		<u>\$609 97</u>

J. CRICHTON, Treasurer.

MANAGERS' REPORT.

THE Managers, in presenting their eighth annual report, have great pleasure in thanking the members of the Congregation who have contributed so liberally during the year as to enable them to present one so highly satisfactory. In the coming year the congregational expenses will be materially increased and more effort will be required on the part of all the members. Judging, however, from the heartiness of the past year, it is believed that the Congregation is prepared to carry the additional burden without incurring a floating debt.

1886. Dr.		CASH.	
Jany.,	To Balance from statement made up to 31st Dec., 1885,	\$141	66
Mar.,	" Collections first quarter	\$522	40
June,	" " second "	574	49
Sept.,	" " third "	508	89
Dec.,	" " fourth "	607	83
Memo.:			2,213 61
Four quarters' collections in year 1885,		\$1,897	93
" " " " 1886,		2,213	61
An increase		\$315	68
" Collections due by subscription to old Building Fund		35	75
" " paid for Pew Rents		31	00
" Thanksgiving service collection, on 18th November		21	54
Memo.:			
Open collections year 1886		\$438	50
Envelope " " 1886		1,762	83
		<u>\$2,443</u>	<u>56</u>

CONTRA.

		CR. 1886.	
By Minister's stipend for year		\$1,400	00
" Caretaker's salary "		100	00
" Organist's " "		50	00
" Pulpit supply in March and April		\$30	00
" " July and August		50	00
" Gas acct., four quarters		80	00
" The Times, for printing		33	00
" R. S. Williams, cover for organ		20	35
" Rev. J. M. Cameron, Presbytery Synod Fund, per receipts		5	00
" Mr. Taylor, hymn books for choir		17	15
" The Session, Thanksgiving collection, as per statement ..		5	75
" John Wanless & Son, per acct		21	54
" John Wanless & Son, per acct		3	05
" Wm. Davidson, six month's interest on his mortgage			
of \$2,200.00, due 2nd April		\$77	00
" Wm. Davidson, six month's interest on his mortgage			
of \$2,200.00, due 2nd October		77	00
" Dr. Reid, six months interest on his mortgage of			
\$1,200.00, due last April (mortgage discharged)		42	00
" James Hunter, for taxes, local improvement, etc.		196	00
" Major Carlaw, Treasurer Building Fund new church		19	49
" Stationery, stamps, etc		250	00
" Balance forwarded to year 1887		1	75
		240	48
		<u>\$2,443</u>	<u>56</u>

* The latter mortgage has been paid off, and that due to Wm. Davidson has been assumed by the Building Committee and will also be discharged on April next.

Annual Meeting Tuesday, January 25th.

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We have examined the Treasurer's books, compared them with the vouchers, and found them correct.

(Signed) J. CRICHTON. }
D. MCKINLAY. } Auditors.

Amount received by the various schemes of the Church
during the year 1886.....\$3,069 15
Amount received by the Building Fund to Dec.
31st, 1886.....\$2,965 21
Less amount from Board of Managers.. 250 00
-----\$2,715 21

Total amount from all sources.....\$5,784 36

A. CLARK,
Treasurer.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1887.

Receipts.
Amount subscribed by
envelopes.....\$1,765 00
Open collections.... 440 00
Pew rent..... 30 00
Amount of increase
required to meet
expenses..... 1,150 00

\$3,385 00

Expenditure.
Minister's stipend\$1,500 00
Interest on mortgage.. 990 00
Caretaker's salary..... 100 00
Fuel and gas..... 250 00
Pulpit supply..... 50 00
Printing 100 00
Organist's salary..... 50 00
Taxes..... 20 00
Presbytery fund..... 15 00
Water 10 00
Sundry unforeseen exps. 300 00

\$3,385 00

JOS. NORWICH,
Chairman.

A. CLARK,
Treasurer.

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APPENDIX.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

THE Building Committee have much pleasure in informing the congregation of the steady progress that is being made in all Departments of the Church Building, and have to warmly thank the members of the congregation and others for their liberal support and the readiness with which all calls upon their subscriptions have been paid, and the continued harmony that exists among all classes of God's people in this most desirable and necessary undertaking, is a source of great joy and thankfulness to all concerned and we may hope to see the opening of this Beautiful Edifice, fully and becomingly equipped for the work of our great Redeemer, on about the 15th of June next.

As it will no doubt be interesting to every member to know how much money has been received, and how it is being expended:—A statement is here given of the *Receipts* and *Expenditures*, up to the 31st of December 1886.

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Received from Subscribers :

July	\$1,341 50
August	97 50
September	592 92
October	295 00
November	484 50
December	129 75

Interest on money in hands of Bankers. 24 04

\$2,965 21

Received from Mortgagees :

October	\$4,000 00
November	2,750 00

6,750 00

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\$9,715 21

PAID ON PROGRESS OF BUILDING.

EXCAVATION, BRICK AND STONE WORK : (Amount of Contract, \$7,100.)

Paid September	\$1,200 00
" October	3,100 00
" November	1,100 00
" December	475 00

\$5,875 00

CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' WORK : (Amount of Contract \$6,300.)

Paid October	\$600 00
" November	900 00
" December	600 00

2,100 00

PLASTERING: (Amount of Contract, \$1,025). Nothing paid yet.

PAINTING & GLAZING: " 751 " "

SLATE ROOFING: " 469 " "

IRON WORK, CASTINGS: " 397

Paid November 100 00

GALVANIZED IRON WORK: (Amount of Contract \$393.)

Paid December 100 00

PLUMBING, ETC.: (Amount of Contract \$186.) Nothing paid yet.

GAS FIXTURES: approximately 500 Contract not yet awarded.

ARCHITECT'S FEES: " 800

Paid September 200 00

FURNACES : (approximately \$500.) Contract not yet awarded.

UPHOLSTERING: " 1,200 " "

ORGAN : (Amount of Contract, \$2,000.) Nothing paid yet.

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS :

Paid Parkdale Times, printing, \$10 45

" Kent Bros. half cost of silver trowel 15 00

" A. Taylor, stationery, 3 53

28 98

By Balance in Bank 31st Dec., 1886 1,311 23

(Over \$800 of which has been paid out since 1st January.)

\$9,715 21

Any further information whether as to Finances, Contracts, or Progress of Works, will be cheerfully rendered by any member of the committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C PATTERSON, Chairman. JNO. A. CARLAW, Treasurer.

Building Committee Rooms, Jan. 15th, 1887.

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PARKDALE **Presbyterian Church**

DUNN AVENUE.

PASTOR.

REV. R. P. MACKAY, B.A., 166 Dunn Avenue.

ELDERS.

Messrs. J. RANKIN, J. WANLESS, A. DUFF, R. SABISTON,
M. SWARTOUT, A. HENDRY.

MANAGERS.

Messrs. J. NORWICH, Chairman; A. G. GOWANLOCK, Secretary;
A. CLARK, Treasurer; J. STEWART, J. MCKENZIE,
J. WANLESS, JR., J. W. FENWICK,
G. TAIT, J. MCHARDY.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Messrs. W. C. PATTERSON, Chairman; A. HENDRY, Secretary;
J. A. CARLAW, Treasurer; J. INGLIS, J. HUNTER,
W. RANKIN, S. R. BRIGGS, J. NORWICH.

ASSOCIATIONS.

1. WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.
2. LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.
3. CHRISTIAN WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.
For Distribution of Tracts, Devotional Meetings, Reception of
Strangers, and Taking an interest in Young People.
4. SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

SABBATH SERVICES.

ELEVEN A.M. and SEVEN P.M.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

SABBATH MORNING, 10 A.M.; SABBATH EVENING, 6.15, P.M., (Young
Men); WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 P.M.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

THREE P.M., G. TAIT, Superintendent.

MISSION SABBATH SCHOOL, (Ruth Street).

MISS HUGHES, Superintendent.

BIBLE CLASS.

THREE P.M., S. R. BRIGGS, Teacher.