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ANNUAL REPORT  
—OF THE—  
CHATSWORTH CONGREGATION  
—OF THE—  
CANADA  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 16, 1883.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

PASTOR—REV. JAMES CAMERON.

MEMBERS OF SESSION—REV. JAS. CAMERON, *Moderator*; JOHN MCKENZIE, JAS. MITCHELL, ANDREW MCGILL, JOHN EDGAR, HUGH GORDON, ABEL WRIGHT, JOHN MCKISSOCK, DAVID DUNN, PETER CROMAR, AND JOHN A. WILSON.

DEACONS' COURT—JAMES BEATTIE, JOHN CAMERON, JOHN FERGUSON, ROBERT SIDDEN, ROBERT MCCLURE, ROBERT MITCHELL, WILLIAM RANKIN, AND JOHN SUTHERLAND.

SECRETARY-TREASURER—ANDREW MCGILL.

BEADLE—ROBERT SIDDEN.

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The Quarterly Meetings of DEACONS' COURT are as follows:—The first Tuesday in October, the first Tuesday in January—hour of meeting, Two o'clock p.m.; the first Tuesday in April and the first Tuesday in June—hour of meeting, Five o'clock p.m.

OWEN SOUND:

J. RUTHERFORD, BOOK & JOB PRINTER, BOOK-BINDER, &C.

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## REPORT OF KIRK SESSION.

It is not considered necessary that the Session should, this year, take up, as it did last year, all the items of congregational work. It ought to be sufficient to touch only on such matters of leading importance as come under the eye of the Session.

Considerable attention and hard work were given last year to the *training of the young at home and in the Sabbath Schools*. We give here a list of the Sabbath Schools, names of Superintendents, with the number of teachers in each school and the scholars on roll.

School.	Superintendent.	No. of Teachers.	Scholars on Roll.
Arnott	G. McInnis	4	31
N. Holland	John Wilson	3	20
S. Sydenham	John Sutherland	3	18
Rockford	Hugh Gordon	5	44
N. Sullivan	John Mitchell	3	32
M. Sullivan	Jas. Mitchell	2	12
Dunn's Mill	D. Dunn	2	11
Chatsworth	A. McGill	8	61
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Total.....		30	229

The work done in the Sabbath School consisted in making the children acquainted with the History of Christ as recorded in the Gospel by Mark, and getting them to commit to memory the golden text along with the Shorter Catechism. Over and above this, a good few children volunteered to commit to memory whole chapters in Mark. Several days of testing examination were held, and with the following results. Twelve of the Scholars repeated the whole gospel of Mark with admirable correctness. Their names deserve to be recorded and are here given: Janet Ferguson, Marion Ferguson, Jessie McGregor, Lizzie Gordon, Matthew Halcrow, Wm. Halcrow, Thos. Frost, Francis P. Beattie, Euphemia Cromar, John Cromar, Jeannie Gordon, and Mary Montgomery. Besides these there were twenty-two who repeated eight chapters, and thirty-five who repeated from one to four chapters. To the first group of twelve the Pastor, in name of the congregation, presented Bibles; to the second group of 22, New Testaments; and to the third group of 35, Hymn Books and Reward Cards.

It has been arranged that the work for this year (1883) shall be a thorough study of the lessons in Acts, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I and II Samuel, as given in *Westminster Question Book*, on which examinations shall be held in June and December, when 1st, 2nd and 3rd class certificates shall be issued to those answering 75, 50 and 25 per cent of the questions asked, no question to be asked which is not found in the Text-Book—the *Westminster Question Book*. In connection with our Sabbath School there is a Band of Hope of three Noes, pledged against tobacco, liquor and profane swearing. The Band is well nigh one hundred strong, and shall, we trust, ere long include all our young people. We commend to the congregation the care of its young as a matter of the weightiest importance in every aspect.

Three elders have been added to the Session, to fill the place of those made vacant by death. These elders are David Dunn, Peter Cromar, John Wilson. They were all taken from the Deacons' Court, which by this change and by losses from death and removal, is reduced from 14, its original number, to 8 its present number. For this reason the Deacons' Court has taken into consideration the necessity of seeking an addition to its numbers and have asked the Session to call a congregational meeting whereat a list of names may be furnished, from which

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list a fit number of new deacons may be chosen. The Session agreed that this matter come before the annual meeting of the congregation, called for the 14th of March.

Since our last annual meeting no fewer than six of our communicants have been removed by death: Mr. John Dobie, for many years an esteemed elder in the congregation; Mrs. Mitchell, wife of the presentor; Mrs. McGill, mother of one of our elders; Mrs. Mitchell, wife of one of the deacons; Widow H. MacDonald, and Mr. George MacKay. Two of these were mothers of large families; cut down in their prime; but all the others had arrived at a good old age—all of the four indeed, being beyond 80 or bordering on this age. There have been seven of our communicants who have removed to other parts, and whose names are no longer on the roll. During the past year thirteen new names have been added to the roll, so that our losses and gains are equally balanced, leaving the number of communicants 243, the same as last year, while nine were added to the church by baptism, all infants.

In name of the Session,

JAMES CAMERON, MODERATOR AND CLERK.

BURSARY, FUND.

The Committee report state of Fund as follows:—

Stock in Building and Loan Association, par value.....	\$300 00
Notes bearing interest at 5 per cent. ....	120 00
Note bearing interest at 8 per cent.....	49 76
In Savings Bank .....	18 35

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The usual collection was taken up on the first Sabbath of January. According to rule Mr. Thos. Mitchell retires this year. All of which is respectfully submitted in name of committee.

JAMES CAMERON.

LIBRARY.

The congregational library is doing good service in connection with the Bible Class and Teachers of Chatsworth Sabbath School; but so far no additions have been made to the books since last year

REPORT OF DEACONS' COURT.

In submitting the annual report of the Deacons' Court this year, though most of the accounts are paid up, yet we cannot say our report is satisfactory. At the last Annual Congregational meeting, it was agreed that Mr. Cameron should receive all that could be collected on Stipend account over Eight hundred dollars. An effort was made by the Deacons to bring up the subscription toward stipend fund, which met with some measure of success, one Deacon alone getting the promise of an additional \$32.00 in his district, others getting the promise of more or less, when all put together it amounted up to about \$100.00, and yet we have been able only to collect \$7.00 on stipend account more than last year. Another thing we cannot but speak about with regret, notwithstanding that God has blessed our country and especially this neighborhood with a bountiful harvest, so that times are good and money plenty, yet our Congregation is paying interest at the rate of Eight per cent. on about \$200.00 on land, while about 75 cents from each member would wipe it all off.

All of which is respectfully submitted in the name of the Deacons' Court,  
ANDREW MCGILL, SEC.-TREASURER.

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**Andrew McGill, Treasurer, in account with Chatsworth  
Presbyterian Church, from Feb. 16, 1882, to Feb. 16, 1883.**

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand at last acc. ....	\$71 58½
Contributions to Stipend Fund .....	804 05
Collections .....	276 61
Sabbath School .....	6 36
Sale of burying plots .....	43 30
Mr. Crawford, use of driving shed .....	50
Missionary Collections .....	170 65
Balance due the Treasurer .....	11 58½
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EXPENDITURE.

By Rev. Mr. Cameron, Stipend .....	\$800 00
Precentor .....	20 00
Beadle .....	40 00
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	\$860 00

CHURCH SCHEMES.

By College Fund .....	\$30 00
Home Mission .....	45 00
Foreign Mission .....	25 00
Widows' Fund .....	16 50
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund .....	16 50
French Evangelization .....	25 00
Manitoba College .....	9 04
National Bible Society of Scotland .....	13 10
Presbytery's Home Mission .....	3 85
Assembly Fund .....	12 15
Synod Fund .....	2 43
Sabbath School Foreign Mission & French Evangelization .....	6 36
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	204 93
Financial Statements .....	7 00
Robert McClure, last year's acc. ....	31 25
Robert McClure, on note .....	30 00
Robert McClure, Fencing .....	86 25
Abel Wright, for Cedar posts .....	8 00
Fence pickets .....	5 00
Painting Manse .....	33 24
Whitewashing .....	10 00
Insurance .....	10 26
Wood .....	7 00
Bank Discount on \$250, six months .....	10 50
Delegates to Assembly .....	6 00
Sabbath School purposes .....	25 20
Presbytery Clerk, salary .....	4 00
Help at Communion .....	16 00
Communion Elements .....	4 12
James Gilchrist, acc. ....	13 49
Hardware acc. ....	1 10
Wm. Flavel, digging post holes .....	10 30
Bursery Fund .....	1 00
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	\$1384 64

## Contributions by the Members and Adherents of the Congregation.

No.	Names.	Stipend Account.	Church Schemes.	Total.	No.	Names.	Stipend Account.	Church Schemes.	Total.
1	Peter Cromar	\$13 00	\$2 50	\$15 50	85	John Edgar	\$9 00	\$1 00	\$10 00
2	Andrew McGill	40 00	10 00	50 00	86	Joseph Edgar, sr.	10 00	1 00	11 00
3	Eliza Frost	4 50		4 50	87	John McKissock	12 00	1 25	13 25
4	Wm. Nisbet	7 00	2 00	9 00	88	James McKissock	4 00	0 50	4 50
5	Duncan Mathison	15 00	0 50	15 50	89	Mrs. John Telfer	3 00	0 75	3 75
6	Joseph Whiteley	10 00		10 00	90	Charles J. Scagel	4 00	0 50	4 50
7	Arch. Campbell	4 00		4 00	91	Wm. Brown	5 00	0 25	5 25
8	Hugh McGill	2 00	0 25	2 25	92	Wm. McFarlane	2 00	0 50	2 50
9	Mrs. D. McGregor	5 00		5 00	95	Donald Mathison	4 00		4 00
10	Robert McClure	6 00	1 00	7 00	96	James Laird	10 00	1 50	11 50
11	A. McCauley (Chatsworth)	6 00	2 00	8 00	97	Mrs. Bolton	10 00	0 50	10 50
12	Wm. Bell	6 00	25	6 25	99	John Murray	3 00	0 50	3 50
13	Robert Sudden	6 00	1 00	7 00	100	James McArthur	10 00	2 25	12 25
15	David Rae	6 50	1 00	7 50	101	George McInnes	6 00	0 50	6 50
16	James Gilchrist	6 50	1 00	7 50	102	Wm. McKay, jr.	3 00	0 25	3 25
18	Robert Hill	2 00		2 00	103	Mrs. Wm. Little	2 00		2 00
20	Alex. McArthur	5 45	2 00	7 45	104	Angus McKay	3 00	0 26	3 26
24	George Little	8 00	1 00	9 00	105	George Sinclair	5 00	0 50	5 50
25	Mrs. Jno. McDonald	6 00	0 50	6 50	106	Abel Wright, jr.	5 00		5 00
26	John A. Wilson	11 00	2 00	13 00	107	Mrs. McBride	3 00		3 00
27	John Currie	15 00	1 50	16 50	108	J. McKay (Arnott)	3 00	0 25	3 25
29	Mrs. T. Mitchell, sr.	4 75	1 00	5 75	111	John Henderson	6 00		6 00
30	Thos. S. Mitchell	8 00	1 50	9 50	112	Donald Elder (19)	9 00	1 00	10 00
31	Robert Mitchell	10 00	1 00	11 00	113	Donald Elder (21)	10 00		10 00
34	Mrs. John Dobie	20 00	4 00	24 00	115	Mrs. Ross	1 00	0 75	1 75
35	Mrs. Robert Lowery	7 00	3 00	10 00	116	John Cameron	12 00	1 00	13 00
36	Mrs. Dundas	3 00	1 00	4 00	117	Wm. McClintock	6 00	1 25	7 25
37	J. McDonald (Chats)	5 00	1 50	6 50	118	Thos. Chisholm	6 00	0 75	6 75
38	David Dunn	14 00	2 00	16 00	119	Abel Wright, sr.	10 00	3 00	13 00
39	Wm. Mackie	4 00	0 50	4 50	120	Thos. Wright	3 00	1 00	4 00
40	Martin McLean	3 00		3 00	122	Wm. Ferguson	3 00	1 00	4 00
42	Peter Kelly	5 00	1 00	6 00	123	Thos. T. Mitchell	2 00		2 00
43	Chas. Lundy	4 00	1 00	5 00	125	Mary Ann McBride	2 00		2 00
44	Mrs. Wm. Mitchell	10 00	2 00	12 00	127	Henry Williams	2 00	1 00	3 00
45	John Ferguson	20 00	2 50	22 50	129	Thomas Pringle	10 00	2 00	12 00
46	J. Mitchell (Elder)	37 00	6 00	43 00	132	Kennedy Minnis	6 00	1 00	7 00
47	John McKenzie	35 00	3 00	38 00	133	Bella Mitchell	2 00		2 00
50	George Hutchison	12 00	2 00	14 00	134	John McKay (Sull.)	6 00		6 00
51	James Beattie	20 00	1 00	21 00	135	Annie Mitchell	2 00		2 00
53	James Hempstock	5 00		5 00	136	Wm. H. Kerr	4 00	2 00	6 00
54	Arch. McDonald	5 00		5 00	138	Alex. Ferguson	3 00		3 00
56	Mrs. Jno. McGregor	6 00	0 75	6 75	139	Kenneth McDonald	6 00	0 25	6 25
57	Peter McGregor	6 00	0 25	6 25	141	James Murray, jr.	4 00	0 50	4 50
58	Mrs. George Yates	3 00	0 50	3 50	143	James Fraser	6 00	1 00	7 00
62	James Duff	5 00	0 50	5 50	147	Angus McDonald	5 00		5 00
63	James Halliday	4 00		4 00	159	Mrs. Jas. Galbraith	2 00	0 25	2 25
64	Joseph Pringle	5 00		5 00	161	Thomas McDonald	5 00	1 00	6 00
66	Wilhemina McKay	4 00	0 75	4 75		Mrs. N. Merriam	0 25	0 25	0 50
67	John Sutherland	22 00	5 00	27 00		Rev. Jas. Cameron	30 00	30 00	60 00
68	Innes McKay	3 00	2 00	5 00		Mrs. McMurphy	0 25	0 25	0 50
68	George McKay	9 50	2 25	11 75		Friends	0 20	0 20	0 40
70	Hugh Gordon	11 60	3 00	14 60		Eliza Garrett	0 65	0 65	1 30
71	Alex. McCauley	7 00	2 00	9 00		James Garrett	0 40	0 40	0 80
72	S. C. Scagel	6 00	1 00	7 00		Jane Garrett	0 25	0 25	0 50
73	Robert McGregor	3 00		3 00		John Galbraith	0 75	0 75	1 50
75	Alex. Bannerman	5 00		5 00		Hugh McKay	0 75	0 75	1 50
76	Wm. Campbell	1 00	1 00	2 00		R. H. Findley	4 50	4 50	9 00
77	Wm. Garrett	3 00		3 00		Mrs. James Bell	0 25	0 25	0 50
78	Arch. Ferguson	6 00	1 00	7 00		Mrs. H. J. Whiteley	0 25	0 25	0 50
80	Wm. Robertson	5 25	1 00	6 25		Mrs. Elliott	0 50	0 50	1 00
81	Wm. Rankin	11 00	1 25	12 25		John Campbell	0 50	0 50	1 00
83	Mrs. John Garrett	2 00	0 25	2 25		Samuel Roberts	1 00	1 00	2 00
84	Mrs. W. Chambers	10 00	1 50	11 50		Mrs. Ingers Telford	0 25	0 25	0 50
						Joseph Edgar, jr.	1 00	1 00	2 00

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No.	Names.	Stipend Account.	Church Schemes.	Total.	No.	Names.	Stipend Account.	Church Schemes.	Total.
	Wm. Taylor .....	\$0 50		\$0 50		Alexander Gordon.....	\$0 50		\$0 50
	Wm. Telford .....	0 35		0 35		George Smith.....	2 25		2 25
	Mary Ann McBride .....	1 00		1 00		Charles Currie.....	0 50		0 50
	Rob. McBride.....	0 75		0 75		Neil Currie .....	0 50		0 50
	John Fraser.....	0 25		0 25		John Mitchell .....	0 50		0 50
	Daniel Telford .....	0 50		0 50		Duncan Ferguson.....	0 50		0 50
	George Elder.....	0 75		0 75		Mrs. Hec. McDonald .....	0 25		0 25
	John Gunn.....	0 50		0 50		Sarah Ann Munro.....	0 25		0 25
	Joan McInnes.....	0 25		0 25		Donald McDonald.....	0 50		0 50
	Samuel Gamble.....	0 25		0 25		Robt. Hogg .....	0 50		0 50
	W. J. Laird .....	0 25		0 25		Rachel McDonald.....	0 20		0 20
	Mrs. J. Laird .....	0 50		0 50					
	Charles Gordon.....	0 50		0 50					
							\$804 05	\$172 00	\$976 05

The undersigned certify that the foregoing Financial Statement is correct.

Feb. 16, 1883.

PETER CROMAR,  
ALEX. McARTHUR, } AUDITORS.