

G2
PA 15
CWA
1885

567

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

CHATSWORTH CONGREGATION

—OF THE—

Canada Presbyterian Church,

For the Year ending Feb. 20, 1885.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

PASTOR:

REV. JOHN MCALPINE.

MEMBERS OF SESSION:

REV. JOHN MCALPINE, *Moderator*;

JOHN MCKENZIE,
JNO. EDGAR,
JOHN MCKISSOCK,

JAMES MITCHELL,
HUGH GORDON,
PETER CROMAR,

A. MCGILL,
ABEL WRIGHT,
JOHN A. WILSON.

DEACONS' COURT:

JAS. BEATTLE,
ROBERT SULDEN,
WILLIAM RANKIN,
WM. MCGREGOR,
WM. NISBET,

JOHN CAMERON,
ROBERT MCCLURE,
JOHN SUTHERLAND,
ROBERT HOGG,
DUNCAN MATHISON,

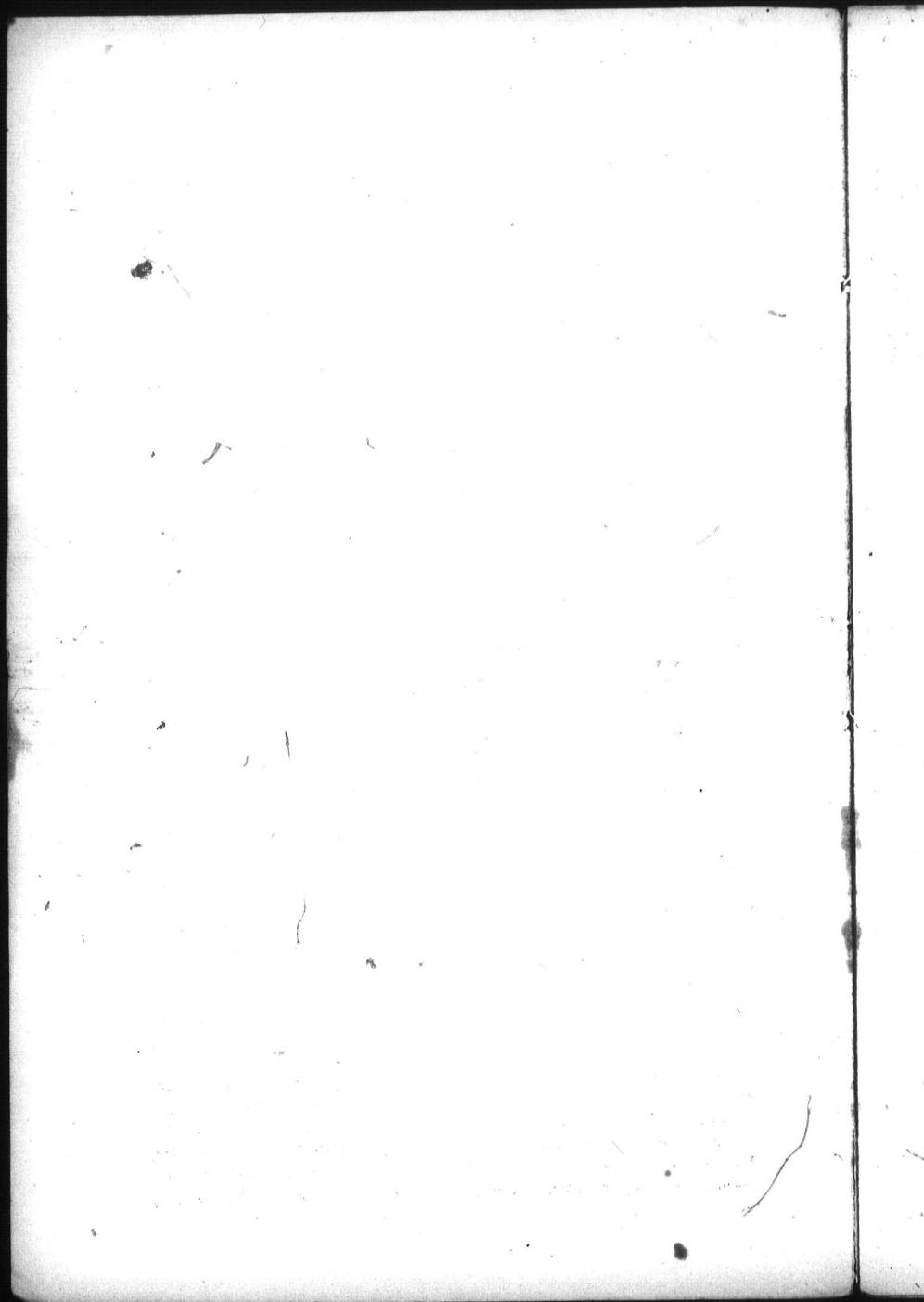
JOHN FERGUSON,
ROBERT MITCHELL,
ALEX. MCCAULEY,
THOS. WRIGHT,
JOSEPH PRINGLE.

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:

JNO. RUTHERFORD, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.

1885.



ADDRESS BY THE SESSION.

The Session has much pleasure in placing another Annual Report before the Congregation, and hopes that what is encouraging in it may cheer us to new efforts in that cause in which it is the privilege and responsibility of us all to be engaged, and that what is the reverse may stimulate us to amend the failures and outdo the achievements of the past.

Let us begin with the encouragements, and do so with thankfulness; for a readiness to recognize the goodness of God is a good preparation for further favours; while to receive without acknowledgement is to provoke and likely will ensure the withdrawal at least to some extent of those received. Naturally we begin with the Sabbath days, experiences of the past year for the new pastorate, and the financial year of the Congregation had nearly the same beginning. Upon these experiences we think there is reason for congratulation. The attendance and apparent interest both at the morning and evening services has been such as to afford some encouragement and give occasion for hoping that we have not been altogether without the Divine blessing. The prayer meetings come next, and with regard to them it has to be stated that whilst the weather permitted there were besides the village meeting, 6 prayer meetings maintained in as many districts of the Congregation, with upon the whole a very favorable attendance. Along with these meetings there was congregational visitation by the pastor; which, like the meetings, has been interrupted by the severity of the weather. The remaining agency to notice is that of the Sabbath Schools. Of these there have been maintained three, inclusive of the one in the Village. These have been conducted by a force of 19 teachers, inclusive of superintendents; with an average attendance of 112 pupils, divided into 24 in infant classes, 22 in bible classes, the remainder into what may be called the intermediate division. The untowardness of the weather prevented the holding of the annual examination, which would otherwise, no doubt, have shewn some good work done. It is hoped that the next time will afford a more favorable experience.

Having noticed the agencies at work amongst us, the mind turns naturally to the results. The Session entertains the hope that more results than they can show, have arisen from them. That more than is apparent, they have helped on the great work in which we are engaged—that of building up the cause of Christ among us, edifying his people, and saving souls. The only thing that in the way of result the Session can point to besides the encouragement derived from the attendance already noticed, is the addition to the Communion Roll of 14 names—5 at the June Communion, 9 at the Communion in December. Of these two were admitted by certificate, the remainder by profession; and the Session hopes that the names so added have a place in the Communion Roll of the Church above, and will be increasing ornaments to the Church below.

We turn now to our discouragements, and it seems appropriate to begin where we have just ended with our roll, and we immediately remember that death has been doing his work in our midst, repeating his solemn admonition "Be ye also ready." Lately he removed two, Robert McGregor and the mother of our Elder, Mr. Cromar; previously we lost Mrs. Telfer, and before that Mr. and Mrs. Bannerman—making 5 subtracted from our number, which with two dismissed by

certificate, makes 7 subtracted against 14 added; making a gain for the year of 7, which we hope is the promise of better things to come. The two dismissed by certificate are Alex. McAuley and his wife, whom we congratulate upon their worldly advancement and follow with our good wishes. Another discouragement belonging to this year is the cessation of some of the Sabbath Schools, which it is earnestly hoped may be resumed this coming season. We recommend them to the Christian men and women of each district, hoping that they will be found there amongst them, willing to carry out our Saviour's admonition: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

We may count among our discouragements that there has been no more marked indication of the presence with us of the great Head of the Church. This is a discouragement that prayer will remove. Let those amongst us who are the Lord's remembrancers, and who feel that their greatest delight would be to see Christ's name magnified, and their greatest privilege would be to aid in magnifying it, let them to be frequent and earnest in supplication for the manifested power of God. It will be ours to make this in our next annual report, one of its encouragements, which may God grant. It may be that there are other discouragements of which the Session knows nothing. It may be for instance, that there is the frightful discouragements of professing Christians, acting or even living inconsistently with their profession. Oh, Christian brethren, we entreat of you not to let Christ be wounded in the house of his friends! let it be our united aim to aid this year all we can in the advancement of His work. Let us recognize that that is what we as a Congregation exist for, and for the attainment of that end we are individually responsible, each in our own place—the Elders and the Deacons, the pulpit and the pew. Let each of us form the resolve that by the grace of God we will aim at fulfilling during the coming year our responsibility with regard to Him to whom we owe so much.

In bringing their report to a close, the Elders would express their regret that the shewing with regard to the schemes of the Church is this year behind what it has been in former years; and their hope that a better arrangement will prevent the recurrence of what is incompatible with a true interest in the Redeemer's cause; and at the same time the Session remembers with thankfulness that the Congregation has responded somewhat liberally to repeated calls of an extra kind.

REPORT OF DEACONS' COURT.

In submitting the Annual Report of the Deacons' Court this year, it is with pleasure we can say it is the most satisfactory Report of any in the past. Notwithstanding the large expenditure in repairing the Manse, making alterations about the Church, and building graveyard fence, we have been able to meet all bills from the ordinary collections, which has been unusually large, so that now there is not one dollar of debt against the Church. The contributions for Stipend have come in very well, so that the Pastor has been paid \$830.00, and quite a few dollars more will likely come in before long. We admit this has been a very hard year for farmers to make money, but hope next year to see the contributions for Stipend swell at least one hundred dollars.

CHURCH SCHEMES.

In this matter there has not been the usual amount collected. We do not blame the congregation, but ourselves, for instead of twice, as has always been the custom, we have only went out collecting once. We will try and do better next year.

All of which is respectfully submitted in name of Deacons' Court, by

ANDREW MCGILL, SEC.-TREAS.

Andrew McGill, Treas., in acc. with Chatsworth Presbyterian Church, from Feb. 20th, 1884, to Feb. 20th, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand from last account	\$76 10
Cash on Stipend acct. of 1883, and not reported in last acct.	19 50
On Stipend acct. to date	830 00
Sabbath School	22 71
Township Holland Council	10 00
Missionary Collectors ..	78 00
Augmentation Fund.....	19 08
Sale of burying plots ..	17 50
Ordinary and Special Collections.....	372 22
	\$1445 11

EXPENDITURE.

By paid Rev. Mrs. Cameron on Stipend acct of 1883.....	\$19 50
Rev. Mr. McAlpine, Stipend	830 00
Precentor	20 00
Beadle	40 00
	\$909 50

CHURCH SCHEMES.

College Fund	\$8 00
Home Mission	23 25
Foreign Mission.....	17 00
Widows' Fund	6 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	9 00
French Evangelization	15 00
Pointe Aux Trembles School (Sabbath School).....	10 00
Presbytery Fund	5 06
Synod Fund	2 50
Presbytery Clerk, Salary ..	4 00
Augmentation Fund.....	19 08
	118 89

BENEVOLENT PURPOSES.

Mrs. Sinclair	\$6 89
Mrs. Sinclair (Dr. Oldham)	40 00
Mrs. Thirte	12 50
Widows of Cumminsville....	8 00
	67 39
Robert McClure, account	\$89 44
Printing Reports	5 00
Robt. Green, account.....	4 00
Matthew Wilson, account ..	2 88
— Ross, account	5 50
J. Gilchrist, account	8 30
Plastering Manse and building cellar wall.....	48 50
Painting Manse	80 60
Wall paper	12 50
Stove, register and brick ..	18 89
Robt. Hogg, for building furnace	5 00
Scrubbing Manse	2 00
Cedar wood.....	1 88
	\$284 49
Carried forward.....	\$1095 78

CHURCH STATEMENT.

Brought forward	\$284 49	\$1095 78
Psalm Book and cover	1 00	
Chair for pulpit	9 00	
Sabbath School purposes	12 54	
Insurance on Mause'	1 50	
Mr. McAlpine, attending Church Courts	13 00	
Rev. Mr. Denhardt, supply of pulpit	8 00	
Rev. Mr. Straith, travelling expenses	5 00	
Communion Elements	4 08	
Delegates to Assembly	7 91	
Graveyard tools	2 55	
		349 07
To Balance on hand		0 26
		<u>\$1445 11</u>
To Balance on hand to next account		0 26

Contributions by the Members and Adherents of the Congregation.

No.	Stipend.	Church Schemes.	No.	Stipend.	Church Schemes.	
1	Peter Cromar	\$11 00	\$1 50	75	Andrew Bannerman	\$6 00
2	Andrew McGill	40 00	4 00	77	Robert McDowell	1 00
4	William Nesbet	8 00	1 50	78	Archibald Ferguson	4 00
5	Duncan Mathison	15 00	1 00	80	William Robertson	6 00
6	Joseph Whitley	8 00	.....	81	William Rankin	11 00
8	Hugh McGill	2 00	0 25	82	William Taylor	1 00
9	Mrs. D. McGregor	1 00	.....	83	Mrs. John Garratt	5 00
10	Robert McClure	5 00	0 25	84	Mrs. William Chambers	6 00
11	Alex. McAuley (Chat.)	4 00	.....	85	John Edgar sr.	6 00
12	William Bell	6 00	0 25	86	Joseph Edgar sr.	5 00
13	Robert Sudden	4 00	0 50	87	John McKissock	12 00
14	John Campbell (Chat.)	1 00	.....	88	James McKissock	4 00
15	David Rae	6 50	0 50	89	Mrs. John Telford	3 00
16	James Gilchrist	6 50	0 50	90	Margaret Jane McGregor	1 00
17	Mrs. McNab and Sons	15 00	.....	91	Dr. McCollough	12 00
18	Robert Hill	2 00	.....	93	William McFarlane	3 00
19	Miss McKay (Chat.)	3 00	0 50	94	John Gunn	1 00
20	Alex. McArthur	7 00	0 50	95	Donald Mathison	3 00
21	James Robertson	2 00	0 50	96	James Laird	10 00
25	Mrs. John McDonald	6 00	.....	97	John Murray	3 00
26	John A. Wilson	10 00	.....	100	James McArthur	10 00
27	John Burrie	15 00	0 50	101	George McInnis	5 00
29	Mrs. Thomas Mitchell	10 00	.....	102	William McKay (Arnott)	5 00
30	Thomas S. Mitchell	10 00	.....	103	Mrs. W. Little	2 00
31	Robert Mitchell	10 00	0 50	104	Angus McKay	3 00
32	Duncan Ferguson	5 00	0 50	105	George Sinclair	5 00
33	Robert McNally	5 00	.....	106	Abel Wright jr.	5 00
34	Joseph Dobie	20 00	1 00	107	Mrs. J. McBride	3 00
35	Mrs. Robert Lowery	7 00	1 00	108	John McKay (Arnott)	2 00
36	Mrs. William Dundas	3 00	.....	111	John Henderson	6 00
37	John McDonald	5 00	.....	112	Donald Elder (19)	9 00
38	Joseph Edgar (Chat.)	2 00	.....	113	Donald Elder (20)	12 00
39	William Mackie	3 00	0 25	114	John Galbraith	6 00
40	Marton McLean	3 00	.....	116	John Cameron	12 00
41	Donald McDonald (2nd line Sullivan)	5 00	0 50	117	William McClintock	6 00
42	Mrs. James Cameron	6 00	1 00	118	Thomas Chisholm	7 00
43	Charles Lundy	7 00	0 50	119	Able Wright sr.	10 00
44	Mrs. J. Dunnington	5 00	1 00	120	Thomas Wright	5 00
45	John Ferguson	15 00	0 50	121	Peter Kelly	5 00
46	James Mitchell (Elder)	33 00	3 00	122	William Ferguson	3 00
47	John McKenzie	35 00	1 50	123	Thomas T. Mitchell	3 00
48	Thomas Ramage	30 00	1 00	127	Henry Williams	3 00
49	Duncan McLeod (Chat)	2 00	.....	129	Thomas Pringle	15 00
50	George Hutchison	12 00	.....	130	Alex. Pringle	15 00
51	James Beattie	26 00	.....	132	Kennedy Minnis	6 00
52	Robert McGregor (Chat)	2 00	.....	133	Bella Mitchell	2 00
53	Mrs. J. Elliott	3 00	.....	136	William H. Kerr	4 00
54	Arch. McDonald	5 00	.....	138	Alexander Ferguson	3 00
56	Mrs. John McGregor	2 50	.....	139	Kenneth McDonald	6 00
57	Peter McGregor	6 00	.....	141	James Murray jr.	3 00
58	Mrs. George Yates	3 00	0 50	143	James Fraser	5 00
59	Sholdice & Hopkins	2 00	.....	159	Mrs. James Galbraith	4 00
60	Miss Cross (teacher)	4 00	.....	161	Thomas McDonald	5 00
61	Robert Hogg	5 00	.....	William Campbell	0 50	
62	James Duff	5 00	0 50	A. Chisholm	0 25	
63	James Halliday	5 00	.....	William Telford	0 25	
64	Joseph Pringle	5 00	1 00	David Ross	0 25	
65	William McGregor	2 50	0 50	Mrs. N. McDonald	0 25	
66	Miss Wilhemina McKay	2 00	0 50	George Holland	0 25	
67	John Sutherland	20 00	4 00	Dr. Oldham	1 00	
68	George A. Mitchell	1 00	0 50	Mrs. G. McKay	1 00	
70	Hugh Gordon	10 00	3 00	Rev. John McAlpine	20 00	
71	Alex. McAuley (Syd)	7 00	.....	John Mitchell	0 50	
72	Mrs. C. Legget	2 00	0 50	Mrs. Ross	0 50	
73	George Young (teacher)	2 00	.....	Mrs. James Mitchell	0 50	
74	Samuel Ingersoll	1 00	.....	John Mitchell	0 50	

\$890 00 \$78 00