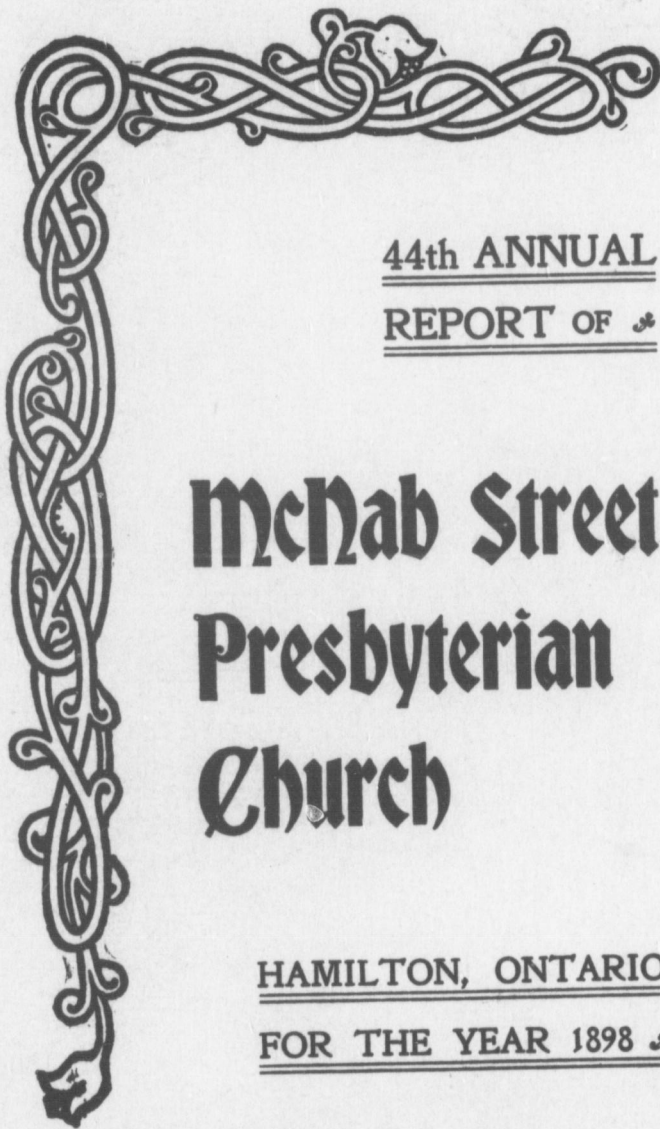
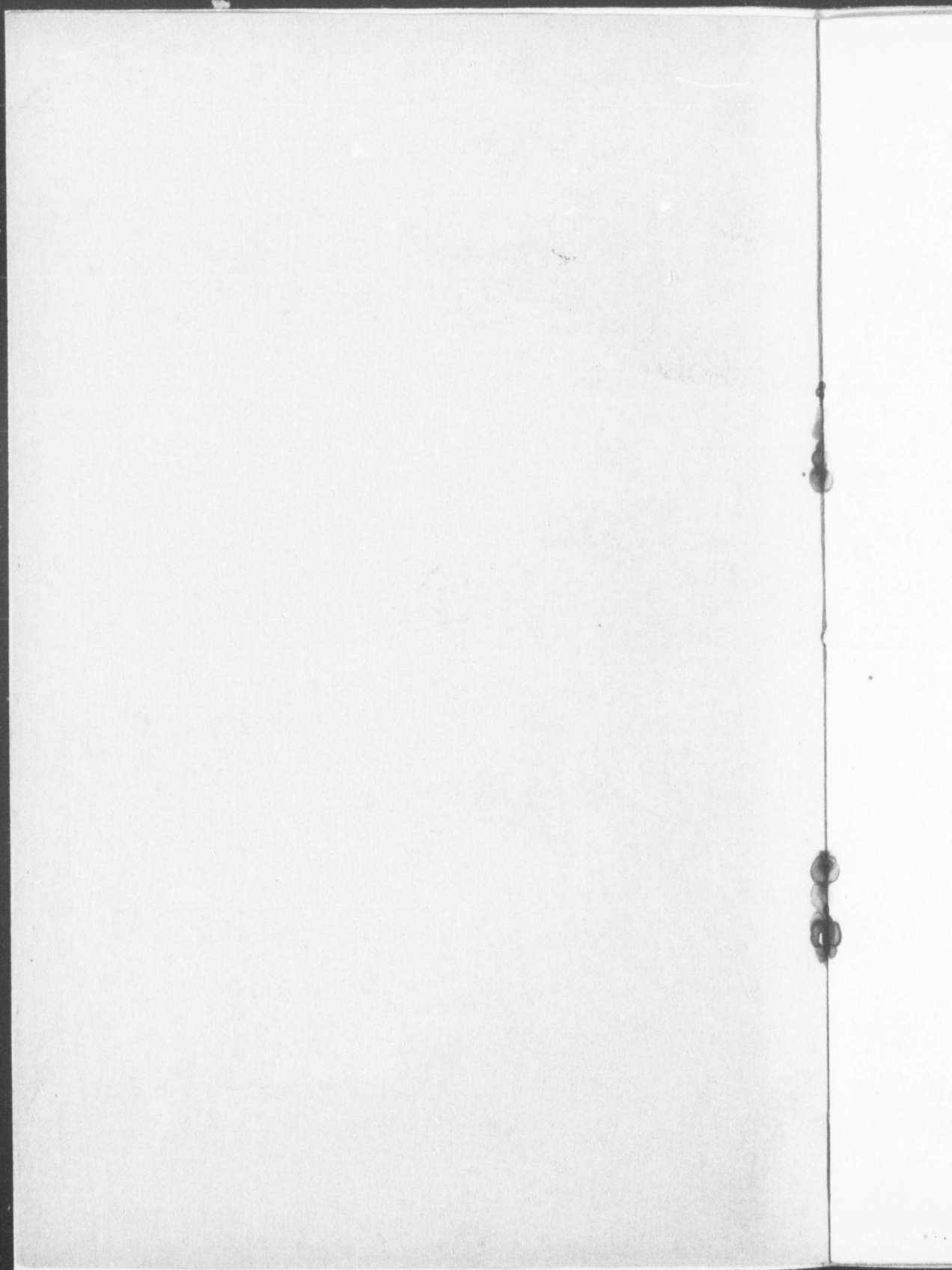




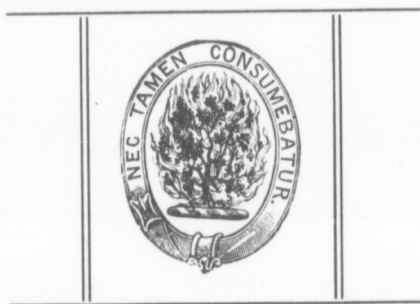
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CALENDAR OF Church Services and Stated Meetings

PUBLIC WORSHIP—Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
 ELDERS' PRAYER MEETING—Sabbath at 10.30 a. m.
 SABBATH SCHOOL—Sabbath at 3 p. m.
 CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING—Wednesday at 8 p. m.
 ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—First Sabbaths of March, June, September and December.
 SESSION MEETING—Second Tuesday of each month.
 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR—At the Manse, every Friday afternoon and evening, and in the Vestry every Sabbath after the evening service.
 ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH—First Sabbath in May.
 S. S. ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING—In January.
 S. S. ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING—First Thursday of each month at 8 p. m.
 SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY—In January.
 MANAGERS' MEETING—Second Monday of each month at 8 p. m.
 PEWS AND SITTINGS—May be secured from the Pew Committee after morning service, or at 7.30 p. m. on evening of Managers' Meetings.
 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION—Third Wednesday in January.
 AUXILIARY OF W. F. M. SOCIETY—First Tuesday of each month at 3.30 p. m.
 SENIOR MISSION BAND—Meets in the Manse every Tuesday at 8 p. m.
 JUVENILE MISSION BAND—Meets every Monday at 4.30 p. m.
 Y. P. S. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—Meets every Monday at 8 p. m.
 LADIES' AID SOCIETY—Second Thursday of each month at 3 p. m.

ELDERS' DISTRICTS

- No. 1—North of King and west of Caroline—MR. J. M. DINGWALL.
 “ 2—North of King and from Caroline to Catharine—MR. JOHN TAYLOR.
 “ 3—North of King and east of Catharine—MR. G. H. MILNE.
 “ 4—South of King and east of Ferguson Ave.—MR. JAMES PATERSON.
 “ 5—South of King and from Ferguson Ave. to John—MR. A. W. LEITCH.
 “ 6—South of King and from John to Park—DR. J. D. MACDONALD.
 “ 7—South of King and from Park to Caroline—REV. JAMES BLACK.
 “ 8—South of King and from Caroline to Queen—MR. J. G. MCILWRAITH.
 “ 9—South of King and west of Queen—REV. JOHN GAULD.

Cases of sickness, change of residence, &c., to be reported to the Elder of the District or to the Pastor.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of McNab Street Presbyterian Church congregation was held in the Church on Wednesday evening, 18th January, 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, having been duly summoned from the pulpit.

In the absence, through illness, of Rev. Dr. Fletcher, the Pastor, the Rev. James Black opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and thereupon requested the meeting to appoint a Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. C. W. Graham, seconded by Mr. Donald McPhie, that Mr. W. H. Wardrope be elected Chairman.—Carried.

Mr. Wardrope took the chair and asked the meeting to appoint a Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. A Sutherland, seconded by Mr. D. McPhie, that Mr. James Chisholm act as Secretary.—Carried.

The Chairman having called for reports from the various organizations, Mr. J. G. McIlwraith, Session Clerk, presented the report of the Session, and moved, seconded by Rev. John Gauld, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. D. McPhie, Chairman of the Board of Management, presented the report of the Board, and moved, seconded by Mr. A. Ballentine, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. James Chisholm, Treasurer, presented his report, and moved, seconded by Mr. C. S. Murray, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. A. W. Leitch, Superintendent, presented the report of the Sabbath School, and moved, seconded by Mr. J. C. McKeand, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. W. T. Miller, Treasurer of the Sabbath School, presented his report of the S. S. finances, and moved, seconded by Mr. Thos. Cook, its adoption.—Carried.

Miss Rose Sell presented the report of the Y. P. S. C. E., and moved, seconded by Mr. Thos. Cook, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. E. Skedden presented the report of the Choir, and in moving its adoption made some explanations and suggestions as to its present and future management. The report was unanimously adopted, having been seconded by Mr. A. W. Leitch.

Mr. Geo. H. Milne moved, seconded by Mr. Jas. M. Dingwall, that the collections for missionary purposes for the year 1899 be taken up in envelopes, to be placed in the pews quarterly instead of as previously by lady collectors. Considerable discussion ensued, participated in by Messrs. A. W. Leitch and Angus Sutherland and Mrs. McQuesten, and the sense of the meeting being evidently opposed to the change, the mover and seconder asked leave to withdraw the motion, which was granted.

Moved by Mr. James Chisholm, seconded by Mr. D. McPhie, that Mr. J. J. C. Thomson be elected a Trustee of the Church and Manse properties to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of his late father Robert Thomson.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. D. McPhie, seconded by Mr. G. H. Milne, that Mr. Alex. Davidson be elected a Trustee of the Church and Manse properties to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of the late Walter R. Macdonald.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. S. Murray, seconded by Mr. A. Ballentine, that Messrs. C. W. Graham, C. Ferrie and Angus Sutherland, the retiring Managers, be re-elected.—Carried.

On motion duly made and seconded, Messrs. A. H. Hope and R. A. Robertson were appointed Auditors.

On motion of Mr. J. C. McKeand, seconded by Mr. C. W. Graham, the following were appointed Ushers, viz.:—S. T. McPhie, W. T. Miller, J. M. Stuart, Wallace Murphy, J. Y. Taylor, N. D. McPhie, Jas. Black, Jr., George James and Samuel Sarkisyan.

The Missionary Committee appointed at the annual meeting in 1898 was re-appointed with the exception of Messrs. D. Macgillivray and Lyle Reid, who have removed from the city.

The usual votes of thanks were then passed in favor of the lady collectors of the Missionary Association, the Choir leader, Choir and organist, the Sabbath School officers and teachers, and the ushers.

A resolution of regret at the enforced absence from the meeting through illness of both Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher, was on motion of Rev. J. Black, seconded by Mr. W. Symington, unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. A. Sutherland the Chairman vacated the chair which was resumed by Rev. Mr. Black. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was then passed and tendered to Mr. Wardrope, who suitably acknowledged the same. After the meeting was closed by the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Mr. Black, the Congregation adjourned to the school room to partake of the hospitality of the Y. P. S. C. E.

JAS. CHISHOLM,
Secretary



Report of Session

The Session in presenting their annual statement desire to thank God for all the tokens of his favor granted to the Congregation during the past year.

The services of the Sanctuary on the Lord's Day were carried on without any interruption and were well attended, especially in the morning.

While impressing upon all the duty and privilege of honoring God in the public services of the Gospel, we would kindly remind the heads of families of the vital importance of religious instruction in the home and of the precious promise attached to earnest and careful training of the young in the truth.

It is reasonable and proper that there should be family worship in every Christian household and that the young should be carefully and systematically instructed in the Holy Scriptures.

As in former years we commend the Sabbath School to the warm sympathy and generous support of all. We would enjoin upon parents to have their children attend the school regularly, for regularity will not only encourage the teachers in their labor of love, but will greatly facilitate the work of the class.

We regret that the number of male teachers in the School is so small, and would affectionately urge more of the young men in the Congregation to identify themselves with it and share in its work. In so doing they would greatly benefit themselves, while rendering good service to the Sabbath School.

The Society of Christian Endeavor held regularly its weekly meeting, which was well attended. The plan of study prepared by the General Assembly's Committee was carried out. The Society is cordially commended to the sympathy and prayers of the congregation.

The claims of the Mission Schemes of the Church are very urgent. The Session regret to find that a considerable number

in the congregation fail to contribute. The Session are under the impression that the adoption of the envelope system is preferable to the present plan.

There were fourteen meetings of Session during the year. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed four times.

The following members were removed by death :

THOMAS MESTON, died January 10th, aged 44.
THOMAS COOK, died February 3rd, aged 79.
MRS. ALFRED McKEAND, died April 18th, aged 50.
JOHN PATTERSON, died May 5th, aged 69.
MRS. WILLIAMSON, died August 1st, aged 84.
MARY HARPER, died September 1st, aged 44.
MRS. WM. FOULIS, died November 22nd, aged 52.
ROBERT THOMSON, died December 6th, aged 65.
ARTHUR McBRIAR, died December 11th, aged 29.

Some of these beloved friends were long connected with the congregation ; their presence and help will be greatly missed.

Mr. Robert Thomson was one of the Trustees of the Church, as was Walter Ross Macdonald, who died this year.

We bow in humble resignation to the Divine will, knowing that good is the will of the Lord.

There were 27 names added to the communion roll during the year. There were 37 removals, 16 by certificate, 9 by death, and 12 names were removed from the roll.

There were 10 baptized.

With sincere thankfulness to God for all His past mercies, the Session earnestly prays for a continuance of the Divine favor, and would impress on the congregation the duty of laboring by prayer and active Christian work to secure increased spiritual prosperity during the year.

J. G. McILWRAITH,
Session Clerk

Managers' Report

The Board of Management begs to present their report for the past year and in doing so returns thanks to the congregation or rather to those individuals of the congregation whose generous response to the call of the Board has enabled the Treasurer to bring forward a balance on the right side.

In order that every member and adherent of the congregation may understand and appreciate the task that is imposed upon your Board it has been thought advisable to insert in this report a synopsis of the fixed revenue and expenditure of the congregation so that each may consider his and her responsibility in relation thereto. It will be noticed by reference to the report of the Treasurer that the receipts contain two items, as follows :

Special contributions.....	\$ 315 75
Ladies' Aid Society.....	100 00
Making a total of.....	\$ 415 75

which has been received outside of the fixed sources of revenue and the receipt of which has alone enabled the Treasurer to avoid a deficit.

Great difficulty has been experienced in raising this sum and the burden has fallen on the shoulders of the willing few who had already contributed liberally in the ordinary way.

Our fixed expenditure for salaries, taxes, water-rates, insurance, interest on mortgages, gas, fuel, printing and incidentals, is about \$4,250.00, and for the year just closed our income from envelope collections was \$57.90 per Sabbath, made up as follows :

2 contributors of \$2 00.....	\$ 4 00
2 " 1 50.....	3 00
16 " 1 00.....	16 00
1 " 80.....	80
2 " 75.....	1 50
1 " 70.....	70
2 " 60.....	1 20

23	contributors of \$o	50.....	\$11 50
2	"	40.....	80
3	"	35.....	1 05
10	"	30.....	3 00
40	"	25.....	10 00
5	"	20.....	1 00
8	"	15.....	1 20
21	"	10.....	2 10
1	"	5.....	05
			\$57 90

In addition to this the open or plate collections averaged \$12.00 per Sabbath, and we received pew rent under the old system equivalent to \$2.00 per Sabbath more, making a total of say \$72.00 per Sabbath, whereas \$82.00 per Sabbath is required to meet the fixed expenditure, leaving the anniversary collections free to meet repairs and upkeep of the buildings. Your Board asks the congregation to assist them in devising means whereby the income can be increased by \$10.00 per Sabbath for the future if the present expenditure is to be maintained. The income from the weekly collections has fallen off \$150.00 as compared with 1897. This no doubt results from the fact that losses by death and removal are not made up by new or increased subscriptions.

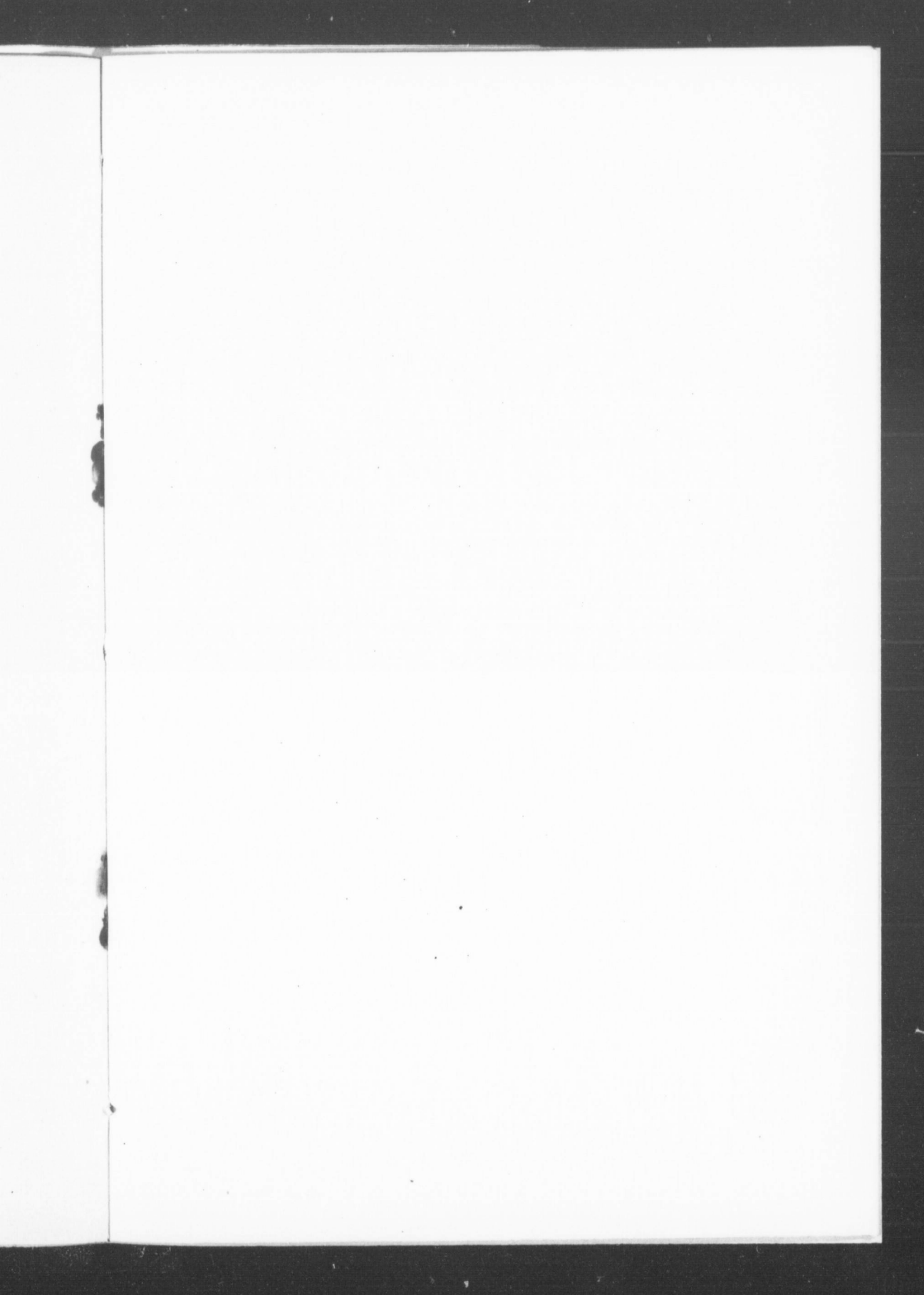
Your Board regrets to have to inform the congregation that the award of \$5,000 obtained in 1897 against the T. H. & B. Ry. was reduced on the railway's appeal to \$1,000 and that the railway has still further delayed a settlement of this protracted litigation by a second appeal.

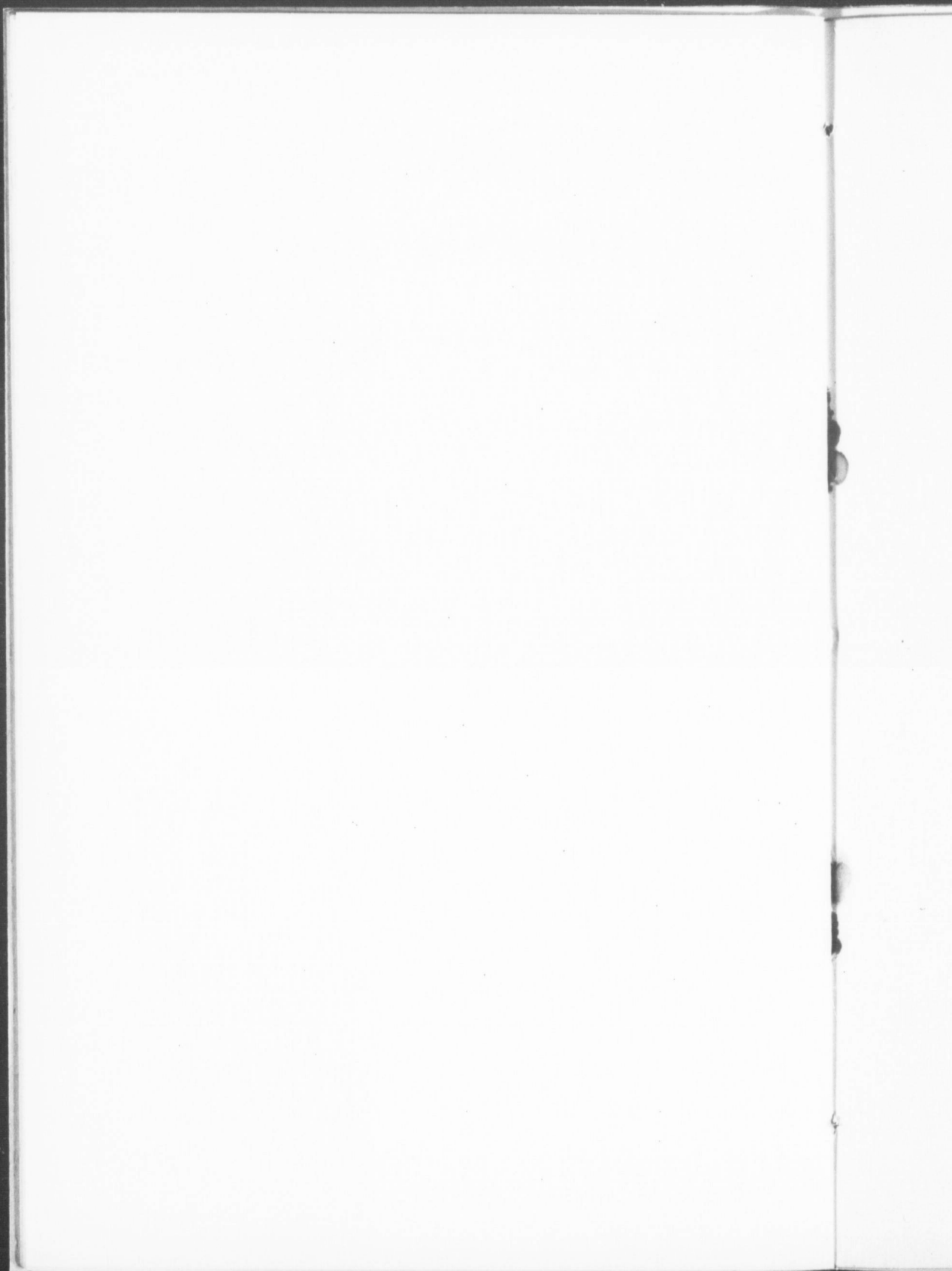
Owing to the recent lamented deaths within a few weeks of each other of two highly esteemed members of the Board of Trustees, viz: Robt. Thomson and Walter R. Macdonald, you will be called upon to elect two of your number to fill the vacancies thus created.

The members of your Board who retire by rotation are Messrs. Graham, Ferrie, and Sutherland, who are eligible for re-election. You are also requested to elect a body of Ushers to attend to the duties pertaining to that office.

Respectfully submitted,

D. McPHIE,
Chairman





TREASURER'S STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1897.....	\$ 1 98
Weekly collections	3,713 38
Sabbath School, special.....	60 00
Anniversary collection.....	98 60
Pew rents, \$148.00; and rent, L. T. Mewburn, \$1.00..	149 00
Augmentation Fund	82 45
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	47 75
Klondike Mission.....	59 25
Charitable Fund	31 08
Special contributions.....	315 75
Contribution, Ladies' Aid Society.....	100 00
	\$4,659 24

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries :—	
Dr. Fletcher.....	\$2,400 00
Organist	250 00
Sexton.....	360 00
Choir Leader	175 00
Miss Frazer.....	50 00
	\$3,235 00
Incidentals, \$60.38; Music, \$6.52	66 90
Printing and Stationery.....	94 09
Taxes.....	100 50
Insurance	91 00
Water rates	84 00
Gas	135 01
Wood and coal.....	167 49
Assembly S. & P. Fund.....	37 52
Communion elements.....	5 25
Interest, \$290.00; arbitration note, \$68.15.....	358 15
Klondike Mission.....	59 25
Sabbath School.....	60 00
Charitable Fund	31 08
Augmentation Fund.....	82 45
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	47 75
Amount to balance	3 80
	\$4,659 24

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. CHISHOLM,
Treasurer

I certify that the receipts and disbursements as set forth are correct as per the vouchers submitted.

A. H. HOPE,
Auditor

Hamilton, 18th January, 1899.

Sabbath School Report

In making our report for another year the first thought to which we give expression is thankfulness that God has spared us all and granted to us health and many blessings. The Sabbath School is without doubt a sphere of usefulness in our midst and as our methods are simple and unostentatious it is an apparent fact that the attractions in it are the opportunities of rendering loving service and of receiving necessary and valuable instruction. Teachers and scholars both have been loyal to duty and to one another. To this much of our success and progress are attributable. The state of the school numerically differs but little from last year, but there is a gain.

The picnic in July to Niagara Falls was a decided success, largely due to the presence and interest of many of the members of the Church.

The congregation increased their grant to us this year for which we return them our hearty thanks.

The Treasurer's statement shows how we have allocated our money.

Our library we find a valuable auxiliary in our work and considered that to it we owed a duty. The musical portion of our service is much improved and we look for still more assistance from that source when the arrangements of the coming year have been completed by our Board of Managers. The school loses a good and perhaps unrecognized friend in the late Robt. Thomson who always had a kindly interest in us all, especially the children, and was ever willing to help us when called upon.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. W. LEITCH,
Superintendent

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

SABBATH SCHOOL

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year.....	\$ 25 00
Collections, 1898.....	167 74
	<u>—————\$192 74</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Home Missions.....	\$ 15 00
Klondike	10 00
Children's day collection for Sabbath School Committee	12 00
Apportioned to	
Home Missions.....	50 00
Foreign Missions	25 00
Bursary for French Students.....	40 00
Library Fund.....	40 74
	<u>—————\$192 74</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Balance from last year.....	\$ 38 46
Received from Managers.....	60 00
	<u>—————\$ 98 46</u>
Supplies, R. Duncan & Co	\$ 75 09
Balance on hand.....	23 37
	<u>—————\$ 98 46</u>
Library Fund on hand from last year.....	<u>\$ 5 71</u>
Balance on hand from pic-nic.....	<u>\$ 13 75</u>

WM. THOS. MILLER,
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE Auxiliary Women's Foreign Missionary Society

In presenting the eleventh annual report of this society, we would express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the measure of success that has attended our work during the past year. Several new members have been added to the roll, and ten meetings have been held with an average attendance of 22. It is most encouraging to note the increased interest manifested by the members and their willingness to assist at the monthly meeting.

While we have only a membership of 40, 80 copies of the "Foreign Missionary Tidings" are distributed monthly, showing that there are others in the congregation, who, although unable to attend our meetings are taking an interest in the work. We hope and trust that all obstacles may be removed that now prevent them from taking a more active part in this branch of the Lord's work.

Money and clothing to the value of \$59.87 were forwarded by our Auxiliary to the Crow Stand Reserve in the North West. Our contributions for the past year amount to \$164.32, a decrease, we are sorry to report, on that of last year. No life members have been added during the year.

In April we had the pleasure of listening to an address from the Rev. D. McGillivray, of Honan, China.

Mrs. Norman Russell, of Central India, addressed our annual Thank-Offering meeting, which was largely attended, notwithstanding the bad weather.

It is with sorrow we record the death of one of our members. We would also tender our sincerest sympathy to two of our esteemed members who are laid aside through illness. We commend them to the gracious care of our Heavenly Father.

B. McKEAN,
Secretary

Ladies' Aid Society

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year, cash on hand.....	\$ 61 77
Fees and Collections	\$24 40
Net proceeds of Mr. McMillan's lecture.....	67 75
Interest.....	1 12
	<u>93 27</u>
	\$155 04

DISBURSEMENTS

Carpet.....	\$ 46 87
Piano tuning	3 00
Stove for poor woman	2 00
To Managers.....	100 00
Balance on hand as per bank book	3 17
	<u>\$155 04</u>

A. GRAHAM,
Treasurer Pro Tem

REPORT OF THE Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor

In presenting this our annual report it is with great pleasure we note an increase of thirteen new members during the year, who we trust will be of great service in our work in this congregation. One of our members, Mr. Thos. Meston, was removed by death. Although not enjoying good health he did much for the good of our society and the Church.

We are pleased to report a very prosperous year in mission work, both home and foreign. In city work we have spent \$50.00 including a donation of \$10.00 in cash from the Sabbath School Association, and \$15.00 worth of groceries collected at last Children's Anniversary, which, with various articles of clothing donated by different members of the congregation, helped to relieve about 60 families.

At Christmas we made a special effort to give cheer to the poor, which resulted in eleven orders for groceries and a number of games and toys for children, which were very gladly received. Besides this we have collected \$12.00, of which \$7.00 went to the Klondike Mission Fund, and \$5.00 to Foreign Missions.

We have also to report a good year's work in collecting and distributing books and papers for outlying districts:—A number of books were sent to the North West to assist in forming a S. S. library, besides which we subscribe for a children's paper for another school, and a religious paper for one of our city hotels, also a number of periodicals are regularly sent out to lumber camps at Hastings, Huntsville, and to the Aberdeen Association.

Flowers have been placed upon the pulpit during the year and afterwards distributed to the sick in the congregation, by whom they have been very much appreciated.

Our weekly prayer meetings have been, we are assured, a means of strength and blessing to all who attend.

General Collections during 1898	\$47 93
Missionary " "	62 00
Total	\$109 93
General disbursements	\$40 75
Missionary " "	61 30
	102 05
Balance on hand	\$ 7 88

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. G. McMILLAN,
President

MARY McNAB,
Secretary

Mission Band Report

The Senior Mission Band of McNab Street Church is able to report a successful year's work. Much general interest has been shown in the work. Two lectures and a concert were held during the year, and with the annual sale of work in November, and contributions from "scattered helpers," we were enabled to send the General Treasurer \$135.00.

During the year more of our members have subscribed to the Letter Leaflet.

H. MACDONALD,
Secretary

Juvenile Mission Band Report

Our Band met weekly during six months of the year to work for the annual sale under Miss Mackay.

The younger children sewed on a quilt for the North West, while the older ones superintended. Miss Mackay being absent at the beginning of the year, Mrs. McQuesten kindly took charge of the meetings and read aloud notes on missionary work, which were very interesting.

Out of a membership of 31 the average attendance was 14. The annual sale of work took place in November; the amount received was \$48.09. Contributions from concert and mite boxes amounted to \$11.60. We spent \$3.69 of the mite box money on materials for the sale. We gave our yearly contribution of \$50.00 to the W. F. M. S. and put the remainder in the bank to buy materials for the sale next year. We value the quilt made for the North West at \$3.00.

EFFIE McFARLANE,
Secretary

Choir Report

In making this my first report of the work of the Choir during the past year, it gives me great pleasure to say that the attendance at choir practices and also the regular Church services has been very good. This regular attendance has greatly improved the singing of the choir, and given the members much more confidence in themselves. The choir has been strengthened during the year by the addition of a leading soprano, also alto and tenor, which has had a very beneficial effect on the younger members.

The concert given by the choir in December last proved a success musically and financially, and we thank the members of the Church for the interest shown in the choir on that occasion.

The greatest harmony prevails amongst our members which makes the duties of Choir Master a pleasure to perform.

During the year we were entertained at the Manse by our Pastor and his wife and very pleasant memories linger with us of their kindness on that and other occasions.

We have in our library 29 anthems and part songs, 9 of which were added during the year.

I cannot close my report without thanking our esteemed organist and all the members for their co-operation at all times in advancing the interests of the choir.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN SKEDDEN,
Choir Master

Schemes of the Church

RECEIPTS

Contributed through Missionary Association	\$567 40
“ by Sabbath School	115 00
“ W. F. M. Auxiliary ..	164 50
“ Senior Mission Band	135 00
“ Juvenile “	50 00
	\$ 1,031 90

DISBURSEMENTS

Knox College.....	\$ 69 00
Manitoba College.....	20 00
	\$ 89 00
Home Missions, Congregation.....	\$219 00
“ S. School.....	50 00
	269 00
Foreign Missions, Congregation	\$110 00
“ S. School.....	25 00
“ W. F. M. Auxiliary.....	164 50
“ two Mission Bands.....	185 00
	484 50
French Evangelization.....	80 00
Bursary for French students	40 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	30 00
120 copies <i>Presbyterian Record</i> for 1899	30 00
600 mission scheme circulars	2 75
Balance in hand, Missionary Association.....	6 65
	\$1,031 90
Contributed to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	47 75
“ Augmentation Fund.....	82 20
“ Colleges, special.....	140 00
“ sundry missionary objects.....	147 00
	\$1,448 85

COLLECTED BY THE

Missionary Association

District 1

MISS MCLAUGHLIN

Miss Bayne.....	\$ 1 00
Mrs. Gaston.....	1 00
J. M. Dingwall.....	3 00
Miss Dingwall.....	1 00
Miss B. Dingwall.....	1 00
	\$ 7 00

District 2

MISS JAMES

John Taylor.....	\$ 2 00
W. D. Taylor.....	1 00
John Y. Taylor.....	1 00
R. B. Ballentine.....	1 00
Misses Johnstone.....	75
Mrs. Geo. Henderson.....	2 00
John Smellie.....	10 00
David Ross.....	75
	\$18 50

District 3

MISS SMITH

Miss MacKay.....	\$ 2 00
Miss B. Quarrier.....	1 50
Gilbert Quarrier.....	1 50
G. H. Milne.....	4 00
Mrs. Milne.....	4 00
Miss Milne.....	2 00
Wm. Fairley.....	2 00
Thomas Smith.....	2 00
K. McKenzie.....	1 00
Mrs. Wakeley.....	1 00
	\$21 00

District 4

MRS. MCLELLAN-SCOTT

A friend for North West...	\$50 00
A. Finlayson.....	5 00
W. Addison.....	50
Miss Warrack.....	25
Mrs. Patterson.....	1 00
Mrs. James Stuart.....	1 00
Alex. Davidson.....	5 00
A. J. Davidson.....	3 00
Miss Elizabeth Still.....	75
Mrs. Scott.....	30 00
	\$96 50

District 5

MISS TURNER AND MISS GILLIES

Alex. Turner.....	\$25 00
Mrs. Turner.....	25 00
John McKean.....	3 00
Mrs. Vincent.....	2 00
Duncan Lavrock.....	5 00
Mrs. Malcolm.....	3 00
Mrs. R. Thomson.....	25 00
Miss Harvey.....	1 00
Miss A. Stewart.....	50
	\$89 50

District 6

MISS MCQUESTEN

D. H. Fletcher.....	\$40 00
Dr. Macdonald.....	10 00
Mrs. McQuesten.....	15 00
Miss H. E. J. Buchanan...	3 00
Mrs. Osborne.....	10 00
T. H. Macpherson.....	5 00
Mrs. Leitch.....	6 00
Miss Holmes.....	1 00
Robert Murray.....	50
	\$100 50

District 7

MISS MACKAY

Wm. Murray	\$20 00
James Paterson	1 50
Miss Dow	3 00
Miss MacKay	2 00
Mrs. Nicholson	3 00
C. W. Graham	5 00
R. A. Robertson	3 00
Mrs. Campbell Ferrie	2 00
Miss McIlwraith	2 00
Rev. J. Black	5 00
Miss Isa Black	3 00
Miss Jean Black	3 00
Mrs. Foulis	50
James Martin	1 00
Mrs. D. Macdonald	95
Mrs. Dewart	50
J. V. Osborne	6 00
Mrs. A. H. Hope	1 00
Mrs. McNab	1 50
John McDougall	50
Mrs. McLellan	2 00
James Brown	1 50
Mrs. John Ferrie	3 00
	\$70 95

District 8

MRS. SYMINGTON

Mrs. Ewing	\$12 00
Mrs. Hunter	30 00
Mrs. Gillies	5 00
Mrs. Jos. Henderson	1 00
Mrs. Kennedy	6 00
Mr. Castell	3 00
Rev. J. Gauld	2 00
David Graham	5 00
Mrs. Ferrie	3 00
	\$67 00

District 9

MISS MONCUR AND MISS THOMSON

Wm. Harvey	\$ 2 00
John Thomson	1 00
James Thomson	3 00
Mrs. C. Robertson	6 00
John Moodie, Jr	1 00
Mrs. McFarlane	3 00
J. D. Ogg	1 00
Henry Dow	1 00
Wm. Dow	1 00
Mrs. James	1 00
	\$20 00

District 10

MISS MURPHY

Mrs. Proctor	\$ 2 00
Mrs. Leith	1 00
Alex. Leith	2 00
Robert Stewart	25
Mrs. Fyles	50
Mrs. Will	25
Mrs. Waters	1 00
James Chisholm	5 00
Mrs. Davidson	6 00
Miss McPhie	1 00
	\$19 00

ADDITIONAL

Collections at Prayer Meet-	
tings	\$15 75
Thank Offering for Church	
Schemes	20 00
Mrs. Haslett	1 00
Mr. Murray Gollan	1 00
A friend of Missions	12 00
“ “	25
“ “	25
	\$50 25