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Trustees & Deacons' Court

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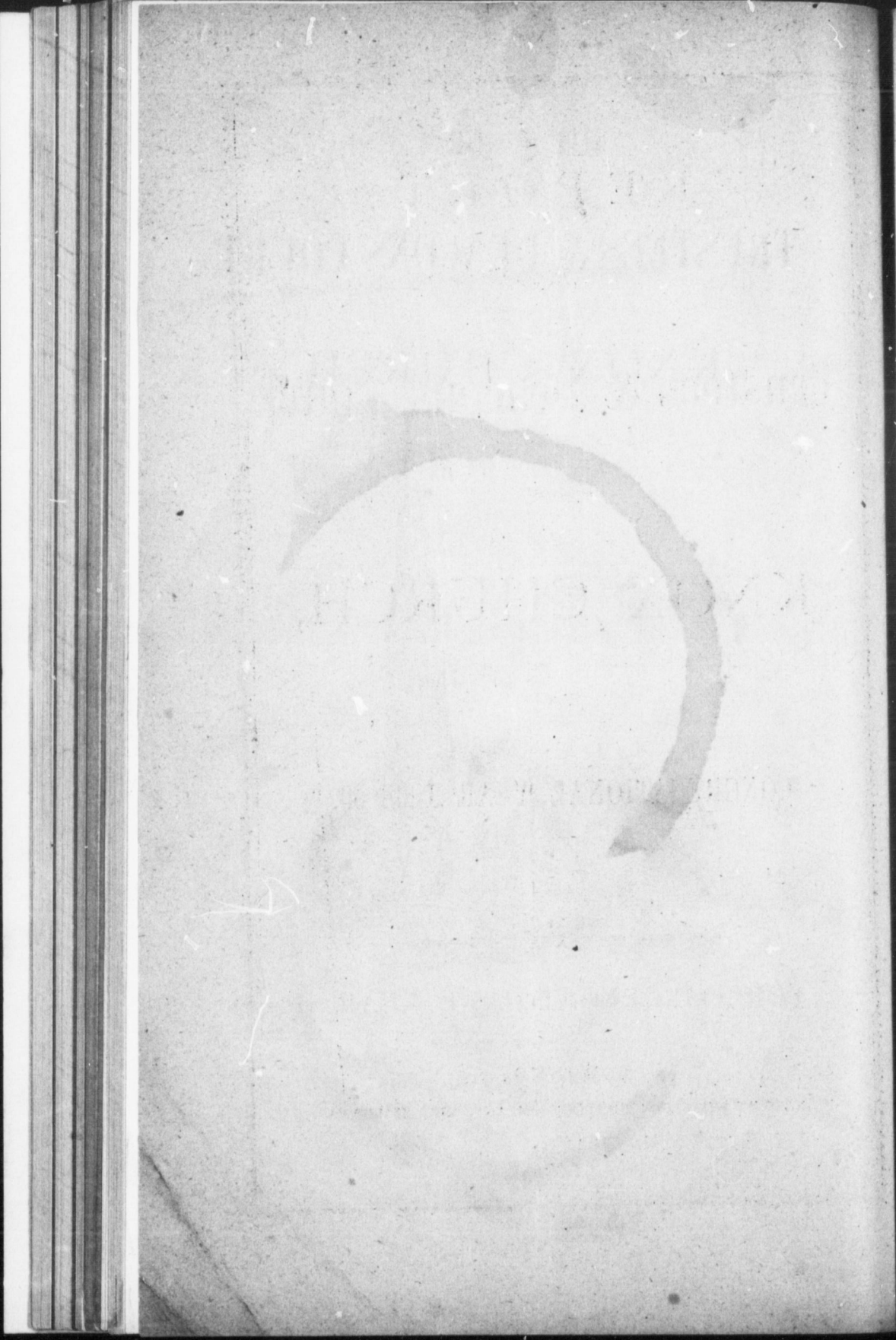
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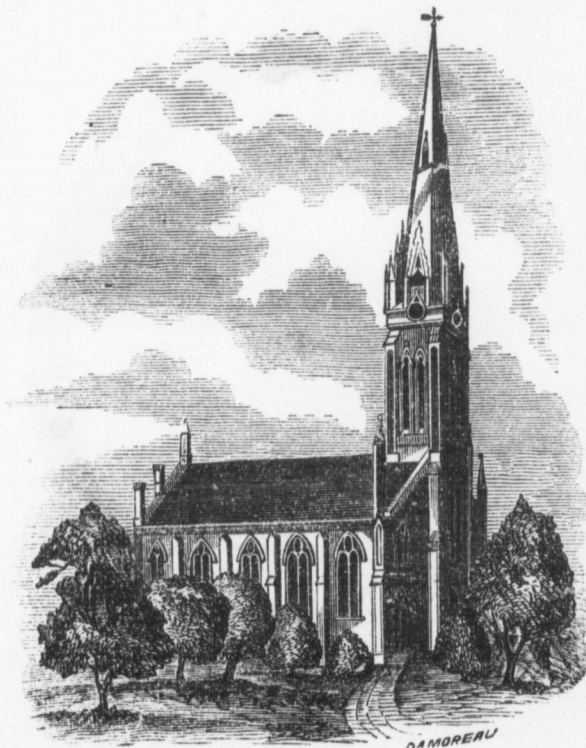
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# OFFICE BEARERS.

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PASTOR, - - - - - REV. ALEX. TOPP, M.A.

## Members of Session.

HON. J. McMURRICH.	WILLIAM TURNBULL.
ALEX. RATTRAY.	JOHN McBEAN.
JOHN THOM.	WILLIAM BELL.
JOHN L. BLAIKIE.	REV. J. HARRIS.

JAMES McDONALD.

CLERK OF SESSION, - - - - - HON. JOHN McMURRICH.

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W. MORTIMER CLARK.	W. CARLISLE.
A. T. CROMBIE.	GEORGE SMEAL.
D. C. BUTCHART.	JOHN FERGUSON.
JAMES BAIN.	JAMES MITCHELL.
THOMAS HAMILTON.	DONALD McKAY.
WILLIAM THOMSON.	GEORGE OAL.

W. BARCLAY McMURRICH, - - - - - CLERK OF THE COURT.

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## SERVICES.

MORNING SERVICE, - - ON SABBATH AT 11 A.M.  
EVENING SERVICE, - - ON SABBATH AT 6.30. A.M.  
SABBATH SCHOOL, - - ON SABBATH AT 3 P.M.  
BIBLE CLASS, - - - ON SABBATH AT 3 P.M.

Congregational Prayer Meeting every Wednesday Evening, at 7.30.  
Class for Congregational Singing every Thursday Evening, during  
the winter months, at 8 o'clock.

### DEACONS' DISTRICTS.

- District No. 1—Bloor Street North—Mr. Donald McKay.  
“ 2—Bloor Street to Carlton Street by Church Street—  
Mr. A. T. Crombie.  
“ 3—Carlton to Cruickshank St. by Yonge and Church  
Sts.—Mr. James Mitchell.  
“ 4—Cruickshank to Queen by Yonge and Church Sts.  
Mr. George Smeal.  
“ 5—Cruickshank North by Church Street East—Mr.  
John K. McDonald.  
“ 6—Cruickshank Street to Queen by Church and Sher-  
bourne Sts.—Mr. James Bain.  
“ 7—Queen St. to the Bay by Nelson and Yonge Sts.—  
Mr. D. C. Butchart.  
“ 8—Nelson and Sherbourne Sts. East by Beech St.  
and Bay—Mr. Wm. Carlisle.  
“ 9—College Av. North to Elm St. by Young and Col.  
Av. West—Mr. John Ferguson.  
“ 10—Elm St. to Louisa by Yonge and Avenue—Mr.  
George Oal.  
“ 11—Louisa St. to Queen by Yonge and Avenue.  
NOTE.—This District was under the late Mr. W. H. Burns, and is at present attached  
to No. 10, Mr. George Oal's, but will be otherwise provided for as soon as cir-  
cumstances will admit.  
“ 12—Queen Street to the Bay by Yonge and Yorks Sts.  
Mr. W. B. McMurrich.  
“ 13—Queen Street to the Bay by York and John Sts.—  
Mr. W. Mortimer Clark.  
“ 14—Queen St. to the Bay by John St. to the West—  
Mr. Thomas Hamilton.  
“ 15—College Avenue West by Queen St. North—Mr.  
Wm. Thomson.



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

*Presented March 10, 1869.*

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TO THE CONGREGATION OF KING CHURCH.

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The Trustees, in submitting their Report for last year, beg to congratulate the members on the continued prosperity with which, under Divine Providence, the temporal affairs of the Church have been blessed.

It will be observed from the Treasurer's Financial Statement, that the receipts for the year have been \$5,674 52, which, added to the balance on hand at commencement of the year, \$403 26, makes a total of \$6,077 78; the expenditure, per Statement, has been \$5,692 11, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$385 67.

A falling off in the ordinary collections was anticipated, in consequence of the increased amount paid by the Congregation for the special schemes of the Church; but the Trustees are happy to state that no such result has followed, the average being \$36 63 each Sabbath.

Although there has been a steady increase from year to year in the revenue of the Church, there has also been, from various causes, an increasing expenditure, so that when it becomes necessary to make any improvements or repairs involving a considerable outlay, it must be perfectly evident that they can only be effected by special subscription. The Trustees have to call your attention to the almost absolute necessity that has been becoming yearly more obvious for repainting and cleaning the Church, and at the same time it would be very desirable that the seats should be lined in a uniform manner. Samples of the material required have been obtained from English manufacturers; the cost and putting on of that approved by the Trustees would be from \$500 to \$600. They have also obtained an estimate of the approximate cost of cleaning and painting, amounting to about \$1,000. This would include repainting the roof and walls, varnishing all the wood work, and a thorough general cleaning of the Church, including the basement.

The Trustees have had under consideration the proposed iron railing in front of the Church, but the state of their funds has precluded any action being taken toward its erection. In view of other and more essential improvements, would it not be advisable, for the present, to put up a neat wooden railing such as that in front of the English Cathedral on King Street? It would cost a comparatively small sum, looks remarkably well, and would last for a good many years.

The Trustees have had their attention called to the unhealthiness of the basement as a place of worship and for Sabbath School purposes, and are taking steps to introduce a better system of ventilation, and which they trust will, to a great extent, remedy the evil complained of.

A porch, which was much needed in rear of the Church, has been erected at a cost of \$68.00. There has also been a gallery fitted up in the infant class room, and two new pews added in the body of the Church, which, with sundry repairs during the season, amount in all to about \$250.00.

The Trustees have to acknowledge the kind advice and assistance which they have received from those whose experience made both valuable; nor can they close this report without stating that the recent change in the government of the Congregation has not in any way interfered with the proper discharge of their duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KERR,  
*Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE DEACONS' COURT.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF KNOX CHURCH.

In presenting their Second Annual Report to the Congregation, the Deacons' Court would acknowledge with thankfulness the merciful providence of Him who has permitted them to meet again at the close of another congregational year without having to record, as

was their painful duty on a former occasion, the removal of any of their number by the hand of death.

The members of the Court would congratulate the Congregation on the success which has attended their efforts during the past year, and would earnestly hope that during the coming year their efforts may be even more warmly seconded, to the advancement not only of the temporal but the spiritual welfare of the Congregation.

During the past year twelve meetings of the Court have been held for the transaction of business; a meeting being held on the last Monday of each month.

The different districts have, as far as possible, been regularly visited by the several Deacons. The charge of one of the districts, left vacant by death more than a year ago, has since that time been undertaken by the Deacon in the neighbouring district along with his own. Several times during the year, the Court has lost the temporary services of several of the Deacons, owing to prolonged visits in Britain, but their places have, as far as possible, been supplied by other members of the Court, and also by members of the congregation, who have kindly given their aid. It is expected that arrangements will soon be made for having all the districts fully supplied and superintended.

#### SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

The scheme adopted by the Court for increasing the contributions of the Congregation for the various schemes of the Church referred to in the First Annual Report of the Court read before the Congregation at its last Annual Meeting, has met with success.

As most of the Congregation are aware, contribution cards were issued to the members and adherents of the Church, who were asked to fill them up, according to their inclinations and means; and the Deacons, in their respective districts, received the contributions, as set out in the cards respectively, during the year, according to the donor's wish to pay the same monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly. It was not, however, until the end of May last that the present system of systematic benevolence was thoroughly organized, and in the month of June last the first payments were received

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under the new system. Every meeting has since shown a steady increase in the contributions, and the final statement for the year shows the following amounts subscribed for the different schemes, and tabulated with the same is a statement showing the amounts contributed for the same schemes during the congregational year of 1867-68, for the purpose of comparison:

	1867-68.	1868-69.
Home Mission.....	\$165 00	\$220 02
Foreign Mission .....	122 00	231 38
Knox's College.....	356 00	240 82
Widow, Aged and Infirm M. F.....	62 00	169 87
Sabbath School.....	173 82	135 40
Synod Fund.....	28 00	92 46
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	\$906 82	\$1089 95

Besides these amounts specially contributed to the above schemes, the sum of \$449 01 has been given in bulk towards all these objects, and deducting from the same the sum of \$8 56, discount on silver received, there remains the sum of \$440 45 donations, as aforesaid, awaiting the action of the Congregation to say in what manner the said sum is to be distributed.

Although the Missionary Funds have thus been largely increased, it is pleasing to observe that the general funds, instead of decreasing have increased at the same time, and as contributions have only been received from about one-half of the members of the Congregation, it is expected that the contributions will be largely increased next year.

#### SPECIAL SCHEMES.

Besides the schemes adopted by the Court, as above, to be urged upon the Congregation for their support, this Church has, during the past year, contributed to four other schemes of usefulness brought under their notice, being—

1st. The East End Mission, for the establishment of a Presbyterian Church and Mission Sabbath School in the East End of the city.

The land has already been bought, and, with the contributions received from this and the other Presbyterian Churches in the city, it is expected that a church will be erected on the same this spring. The congregation subscribed \$410.47 towards this object.

2. The Yorkville Church has, during the year, received the sum of \$73.00, as contributed by this congregation for the supply of the pulpit before the settlement of a minister in that church,

3rd. The sum of \$215.00 has been subscribed on account of Mr. G. P. Young's salary as a Professor in Knox's College; and

4th. The Mission to the Jews receives the sum of \$1.25 from one member of the congregation, and were such a mission in connexion with this church, the Court has no doubt others would follow the example thus given.

#### FUND FOR THE POOR.

Hitherto this Fund has been under the control of the Session, but at the meeting held on the 26th day of May last, the following extract from the Minutes of the Session was brought before the Court:—

"The Session, considering that a Deacons' Court now exists in the congregation, and that the care of the Fund for the Poor belongs to it, resolves to bring the matter before the Court at its next meeting." The members of the Court recognized the duty devolving upon them, and on motion it was resolved that the Hon. John McMurrich be appointed special Treasurer for the Fund for the Poor of the congregation, and that the Deacons in each District distribute the same in the future. This has regularly been done.

The contributions for the past year for this Fund amount to the sum of \$361.33; being \$12.45 in excess of those of last year. The liberality of the congregation has been the means of lightening many a load of sorrow, and has brought joy into many a heart during the past year.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Superintendent of the Sabbath School, Mr. John L. Blaikie, has presented the following Report of the School to the Court:—

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"the past year, we submit a brief Report of the Sabbath School, "which has been blessed with a greater degree of prosperity than "ever before experienced.

"The number of Scholars on the roll is 400, and the average attendance for the last half-year has been 295.

"The attendance has been marked by a gradual increase, all the more gratifying that it has not been brought about by resorting to any special, exciting attractions, inconsistent with the great end sought to be accomplished through the instrumentality of the Sabbath School.

Of Teachers there are, Female,	- - - - -	24
and Male, (including Librarian and Secretary),	- - - - -	24
in all	- - - - -	<u>48</u>

The staff is large, and does a great work, yet there is employment for more; and it is hoped that others may feel called upon, under 'the constraining power of the love of Christ' to offer themselves as Teachers of 'the little ones,' and with the earnest and prayerful desire to lead them to 'the Good Shepherd,' whose message still is 'Feed my Lambs.'

"The Library contains about 1,000 volumes, and is much valued by the Scholars, as well as by many of the parents. To maintain it with efficiency, and to add to it so that it may keep pace with the increase of the School, entails of necessity considerable outlay, which it is hoped will not be forgotten by the congregation when making their contributions to the several schemes of the Church.

"The Revenue of the School for the past year has been...\$210.42 and the expenditure..... 89.94 leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of.....\$120.48

"The amount contributed by the scholars from the first Sabbath in April, 1868, till the last Sabbath in February, 1869, being 11 months, for Missionary and benevolent purposes is \$161.25, which has been appropriated by the Scholars as follows:—

French Canadian Mission.....	\$41.25
East End Mission School.....	34.00
Mission to Indians at Saskatchewan.....	35.00
Ontario Sabbath School Missionary Association....	34.00



"Some may regard two or three hundred dollars raised in this way as a very small and unimportant matter, but let it be remembered that the value of the offering should not be measured by the amount of it, but rather by the habit of giving for the cause of Christ, thereby fostered in the young, and by the duty assumed by them of taking their part in carrying out the Saviour's command, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"

We cannot conclude this Report without recording our sincere thanks to our much esteemed Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Topp, for his unwearied attention to the interests of both Teachers and Scholars; and we would take this opportunity of inviting the congregation to the monthly revisals conducted by Mr. Topp, on the last Sabbath of each month. The attendance of many would prove cheering to both Teachers and Scholars, and at the same time be interesting and instructive to the visitors.

Finally, "Brethren, pray for us." In the work we meet with very much to cheer and encourage, but also much to discourage and try the patience, and it is only when the Lord "hath opened our lips" that we can shew forth His praise.

#### BIBLE CLASS.

The meetings of this class for the year have been very well attended, and apparently with much interest on the part of the members of it. The scheme of lessons used is one specially prepared by the Pastor. The number on the roll is about 120, and the Court would hail with pleasure the attendance of all the young people in the congregation. The class meets in the Church from 3 to 4 every Sabbath afternoon.

#### CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY.

In accordance with the terms of a report presented to the Court on the 8th of December last, by the Committee having charge of this matter, the Court would recommend the formation of an association, to render the library useful, to be formed on the following plan:—

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Knox Church as shall contribute at least twenty-five cents per annum to its funds.

2. A Secretary-Treasurer and Librarian, to be appointed annually by the Court, to whom shall be committed the management of the library, subject to the control of the Court.

3. All purchases of new books, and regulations for the management of the library, to be made by the Deacons' Court alone.

The members of the Court trust that the congregation will enter heartily into this movement, and that many will avail themselves of so valuable a means of extending their knowledge of the principles of our Church, and storing their minds with sound knowledge and understanding.

#### PSALMODY.

The Court observes with pleasure continued efficiency in the congregational singing, under the leadership of the Precentor, and are happy to note that so many avail themselves of the class for instruction in sacred music, which meets for practice every Thursday evening, during the winter months. It is still to be desired, however, that in the Church services the people should join more generally and more heartily in praise, thus seconding the efforts of the Precentor. At the meeting of the Court, on the 26th of October last, the Committee on Psalmody reported to the Court a revised list of tunes which they recommended to the session to be adopted as the authorized list of tunes to be used by the congregation.—This report was adopted.

#### CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

The staff of office-bearers comprises nine elders, thirteen deacons, and five trustees. After careful revision, the Kirk Session reports that after the dispensation of last communion, the number of communicants on the roll was found to be 585.

The Moderator of the Session in the end of 1867, feeling the desirableness and necessity of having assistance in the discharge of his duties, and having reason to believe that the Rev. William Burns would be acceptable to the congregation in that capacity,

secured his services as a temporary assistant. At the Annual Meeting last year the congregation generously authorized a certain sum to be allocated for the purpose of providing such temporary assistance; and the Session would recommend that provision should be made in order that they, along with the other office-bearers, may take steps from time to time to secure such assistance as they have reason to believe will be acceptable and beneficial to the congregation.

During the past year, the Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to 50 infants, and while so many have in this manner been added to the church, death has removed from us no less than 25 members of the congregation during the same period.

54 new families have joined the congregation, and about the same number have left, some leaving the city, others attaching themselves to other churches.

The total number of members and adherents connected with the congregation is 1,215, but a great number are not included who worship stately with us, owing to their being neither members nor seat-holders. It is hoped that before another year passes, many of those to whom this remark is applicable will be found members or regular adherents of the Church.

In closing their Report, the Court would express the hope that, under the blessing of God, their efforts may be blessed, and that with the cordial co-operation of the members of the congregation, they may feel that their "labour is not in vain."

ALEXANDER TOPP, M. A.,

*Moderator.*

W. BARCLAY McMURRICH, M. A.,

*Clerk.*

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To Rev. A. T.  
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## KNOX CHURCH,

FOR YEARS 1868-9.

To Rev. A. Topp.....	\$2,000 00	By Balance .....	\$403 26
“ Arrears for Ministerial Assistance for 1868 .....	183 33	“ Seat Rents.....	2,787 05
“ Rev. J. Harris .....	400 00	“ Ground Rents.....	472 83
“ Rev. W. Burns .....	800 00	“ Ordinary Collections.....	1,915 17
“ George Oal .....	255 00	“ Extraordinary Collections	489 33
“ W. H. Jones .....	200 00	“ Interest.....	10 14
“ Bell Ringer .....	26 25		
“ Interest on Loan .....	480 00		
“ Insurance .....	100 60		
“ Gas Account.....	120 60		
“ Commission on Seat Rents	97 52		
“ Coal Account.....	66 90		
“ Wm. Bell, for sundry repairs and improvements	121 93		
“ Globe Printing Company	32 00		
“ Communion Expenses....	35 00		
“ Synod do .....	8 00		
“ Presbyterial do .....	24 00		
“ Discount on Silver .....	62 17		
“ Stationery, Music Books, &c.....	31 75		
“ Repairs to Heaters.....	78 68		
“ Keeping Church Grounds,	20 00		
“ Sundries .....	59 05		
“ Church Schemes.....	489 33		
“ Balance.....	385 67		
	<u>\$6,077 78</u>		<u>\$6,077 78</u>

*Disposition of Extraordinary Collections*

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 55 00
Poor's Fund .....	361 33
Yorkville Congregation.....	73 00
	<u>\$ 489 33</u>

By Amount Collected by the Deacons for the various Schemes of the Church.....	\$2,114 12
By Sabbath School Missionary Collections.....	161 25
Total.....	<u>\$3,353 15</u>
Contributed by the Congregation for all purposes.	

Examined and found correct.

JOHN BURNS.

WM. GALBRAITH,

Treasurer.

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## RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

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Pew rents and ordinary collections.....	\$5,185 19
Home Mission .....	371 02
Foreign Mission.....	231 38
Knox's College .....	400 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund .....	200 00
Sabbath School .....	197 54
Synod Fund.....	92 46
Yorkville Congregation .....	73 00
Prof. Young's Salary .....	215 00
East End Mission .....	410 47
Poors' Fund .....	361 33
Kankakee Mission.....	50 00
Sabbath School Mission Fund .....	161 25
Mission to the Jews .....	1 25
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Total.....	\$7,949 89
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Increase over 1867-68.....	\$2,200 00