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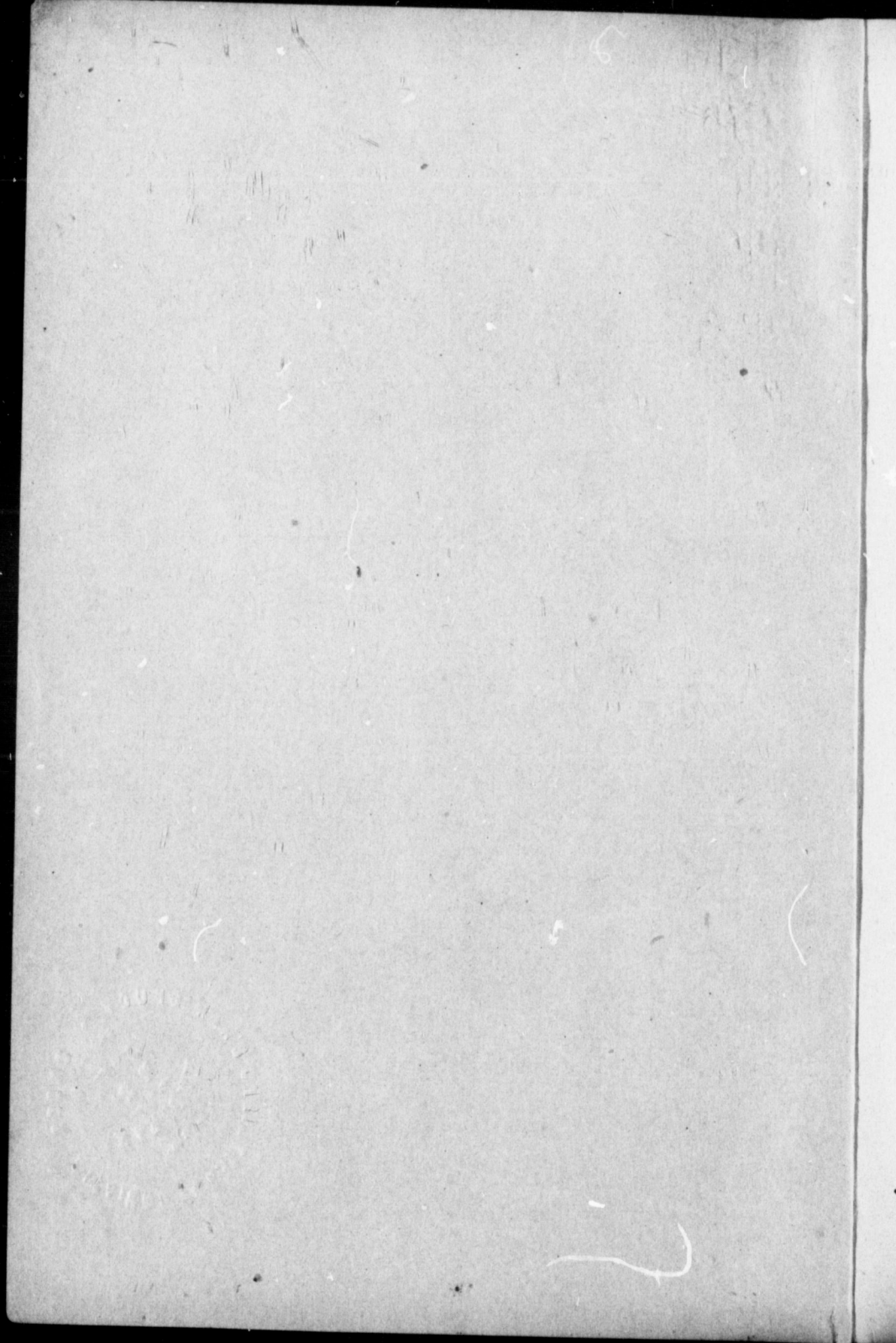
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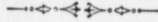
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# Office-Bearers of the Congregation, 1891.

## THE KIRK SESSION.

### MINISTER:

REV. JOHN McMILLAN, B. D ..... 1 Fawson Street.  
Ordained 26th March, 1866. | Inducted 29th April, 1884.

### ELDERS:

JAMES HUTTON.....Elected 26th April, 1857....130 Spring Garden Rd.  
JAMES CRAWFORD....." 16th Oct., 1862.... 53 Gerrish St.  
ROBERT MURRAY....." 16th Oct., 1862.... Studley.  
GEORGE CUNNINGHAM.. " 20th Nov., 1872.... 201 South Park St.  
SAMUEL CRAWFORD.... " 19th Oct., 1875.... 32½ Spring Garden Rd.  
JAMES McINTOSH..... " 13th Oct., 1875.... 20 Gottingen St.

*Session Clerk*.....ROBERT MURRAY.  
*Treasurer of Session*.....JAMES CRAWFORD.  
*Treasurer for Mission Funds*.....JAMES McINTOSH.  
*Representative Elder*.....ROBERT MURRAY.

### TRUSTEES.

JAMES CRAWFORD, *Chairman*.

JAMES McINTOSH,	JAMES HUTTON,
RICHARD CURRIE,	JOHN GRIERSON,
ARCHIBALD MILLAR,	WILLIAM RHIND.

### MANAGERS.

HUGH GUNN, <i>Chairman</i> .	A. MCKENZIE, <i>Secretary</i> .
JAMES CRAWFORD,	JAMES HILL,
THOMAS FORBES,	ARCHIBALD MILLAR,
EWEN MORRISON,	A. McDOUGALL,
	S. CRAWFORD, JR.

*Treasurer*: JAMES CRAWFORD.

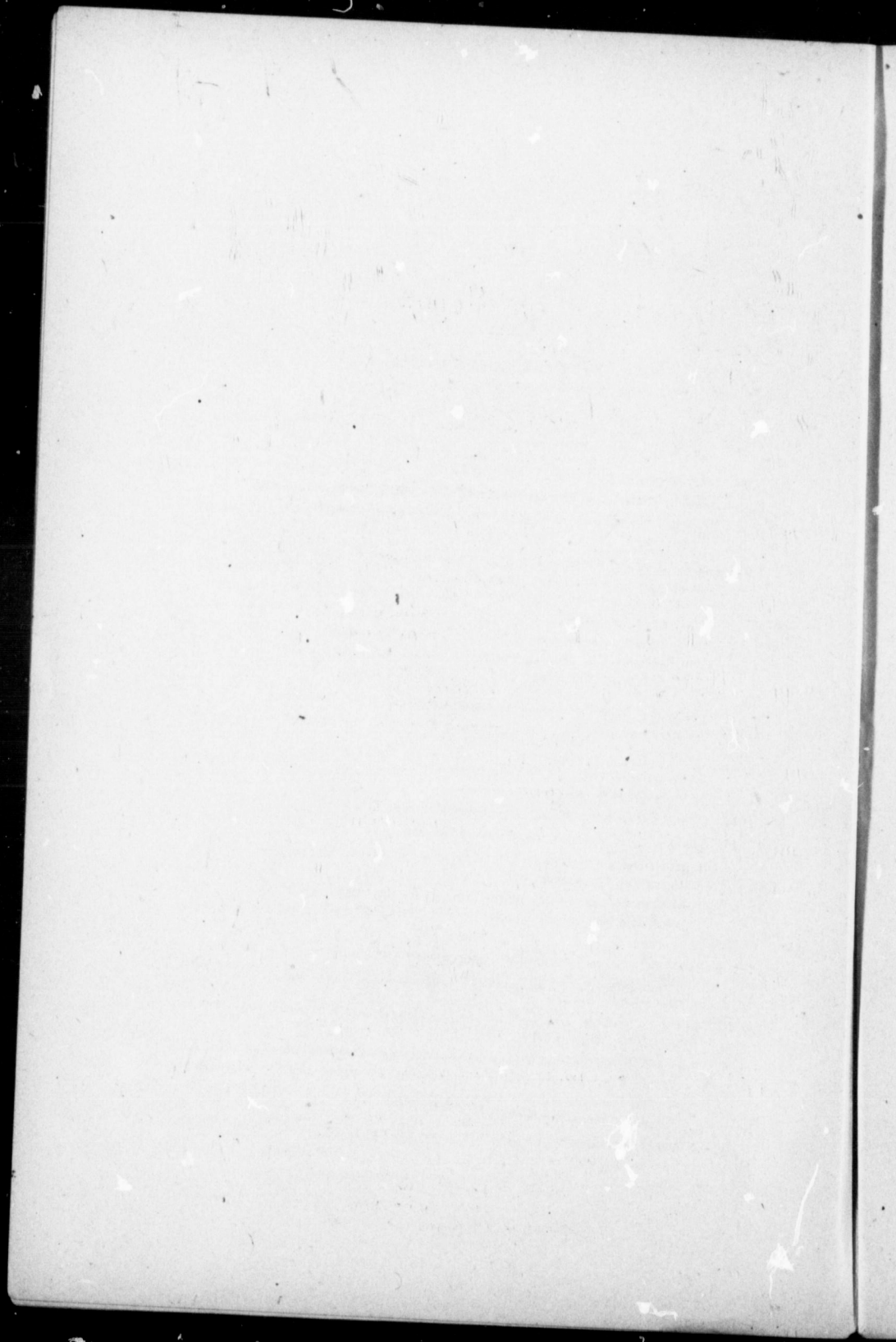
*Pew Committee*: The CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, and TREASURER.

### SABBATH SCHOOL.

*Superintendent*.....GEORGE CUNNINGHAM.  
*Secretary*.....MISS MAGGIE McCURDY.

### OTHER OFFICERS.

*Choir Leader* .....SAMUEL CRAWFORD.  
*Church Officer*.....DAVID SAVAGE, Whitehall.  
*Ushers*.....The Managers, and others appointed by them.



## Memoranda.

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- 1.—PUBLIC WORSHIP every Lord's day, at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M.
- 2.—PRAYER MEETING at the close of Sabbath evening service, as announced.
- 3.—SOCIAL PRAYER MEETING in Chalmers Hall every Wednesday at 7.45 P.M. The subject to be considered each evening will be announced the previous Sabbath.
- 4.—SABBATH SCHOOL in the Hall every Sabbath at 3 P.M.
- 5.—PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS every Sabbath at 3 P.M. in the Class Room of Hall.
- 6.—TEACHERS' MEETING at the close of Prayer Meeting, on Wednesday evening, as announced.
- 7.—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be dispensed on the Second Sabbath of the months of March, June, September, and December, at the Morning Service. The PREPARATORY SERVICE, at which new communicants will be received, will be held on the Friday preceding the days mentioned at 7.30 P.M.
- 8.—THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY meets on every Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.
- 9.—THE MISSION BAND meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
- 10.—Pastor's "At Home" on Friday evening, as announced.
- 11.—The SESSION will meet from time to time on the call of the Moderator.
- 12.—The TRUSTEES and BOARD OF MANAGERS will meet on the call of their respective Chairmen.
- 13.—The ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation will be held on the third Wednesday of January in each year, at 8 P.M.
- 14.—The LADIES' AID SOCIETY will meet every Thursday at 2.30 o'clock.
- 15.—The CHOIR will meet for practice every Saturday evening at 7.30.
- 16.—APPLICATIONS FOR SITTINGS in the Church, ALL OF WHICH ARE FREE, may be made to the PEW COMMITTEE.
- 17.—THE CHURCH IS SUPPORTED BY THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS of members and adherents, and all are expected to give every Lord's Day according to their ability.
- 18.—CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS and other Schemes of the Church may be placed in the plate at the door on Wednesday evenings; or in *marked* envelopes with the ordinary Sabbath collections.
- 19.—CASES OF SICKNESS and CHANGES OF RESIDENCE should be reported to the Pastor and Elders without delay.
- 20.—STRANGERS are requested to make themselves known at once to the Pastor and Elders, and members of the congregation are urged to show uniform and kindly attention to all strangers, accommodating them with seats, and supplying them with books.
- 21.—MEMBERS are requested not to leave the city without a certificate.

## List of Pastors of Chalmers Church.

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- REV. RALPH ROBB (Oct. 5, 1843—March, 1847).  
REV. A. FORRESTER (Nov. 16, 1848—June 18, 1855).  
REV. JOHN HUNTER (1856—1861).  
REV. W. MAXWELL (Sept. 4, 1863—Oct., 1869).  
REV. E. ANNAND (June, 1870—April 4th, 1872).  
REV. C. B. PITBLADO (July 11, 1872—Nov. 3, 1881).  
REV. W. S. WHITTIER (June 12, 1881—Oct. 15, 1883).  
REV. JOHN McMILLAN, April 29, 1884.
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## List of Elders.

*In the order of Seniority.*

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A. CARSON,       | 2. G. G. GRAY,         |
| 3. ANGUS FRASER,    | 4. ARCH. McCULLOCH,    |
| 5. JOHN LIDDELL,    | 6. GEORGE MACLEOD,     |
| 7. JOHN SMITH,      | 8. W. S. STIRLING,     |
| 9. GEORGE BUIST,    | 10. JAMES FORMAN,      |
| 11. JAMES HUTTON,   | 12. ANDREW MCKINLAY,   |
| 13. F. W. GEORGE,   | 14. JAMES CRAWFORD,    |
| 15. WILLIAM GARVIE, | 16. JOSEPH TODD,       |
| 17. JOHN WATSON,    | 18. ROBERT MURRAY,     |
| 19. S. G. MATHESON, | 20. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, |
| 21. A. MACKENZIE,   | 22. S. CRAWFORD,       |
| 23. JAMES McINTOSH. |                        |

## Congregational Meeting.

CHALMERS HALL, *Wednesday, January 21, 1891.*

THE Annual Cengregational Meeting of Chalmers Church was held this evening at 8 p. m.

After devotional service conducted by the Pastor, Mr. R. Murray was called to the Chair.

The Minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Report of Session was read by the Pastor, and on motion of Messrs. Kennedy and Forbes, was heartily received and approved.

In the absence of Mr. G. Cunningham, Superintendent of Sabbath School, the Chairman read abstract from Sabbath School Report, which was also unanimously received and approved.

The Ladies' Aid Society Report was read by Rev. J. McMillan, after which Mr. Jas. Crawford spoke briefly complimenting the Ladies on their good work. The report was cordially received and adopted.

Report of Trustees was read by Mr. James Crawford, which was very satisfactory, and on motion was received and approved.

On motion of Messrs. Forbes and Gunn, the cordial thanks of the Congregation were tendered to Mr. Crawford for his untiring labors in connection with the Church property. It was also moved and seconded that Mr. Crawford be re-appointed as manager of the Whitehall property. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Hugh Gunn, Chairman of Managing Committee, read the Financial Report, which was received and approved.

Nomination and balloting to elect six members to fill the vacancies on the Board of Managers were then proceeded with.

During the counting of ballots the following reports were read, viz : Christian Endeavor Society, by Miss Logan ; Mission Band, by Miss M. McCurdy ; and Young People's Association, by John McIntosh. All of which were unanimously received.



The ballots being counted the following were declared elected :  
 Jas. S. Hill, Thos. Forbes, Jas. Crawford, E. Morrison, Saml.  
 Crawford, jr., and A. McDougall. The new Committee being in  
 the following order : For 3 years—J. S. Hill, Thos. Forbes, Jas.  
 Crawford ; for 2 years—A. Mackenzie, Hugh Gunn, E. Morrison ;  
 for one year—A. Miller, S. Crawford, A. McDougall.

It was then moved by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mr. Jas.  
 Crawford, that Mr. Geo. Cunningham be elected Treasurer for the  
 Congregation. Passed unanimously. It was, however, agreed  
 that in the event of Mr. Cunningham being unable to act, the  
 Managing Committee be empowered to appoint a Treasurer.

The Pastor and Messrs Murray and Kennedy were appointed  
 to attend to the printing of the Reports as usual.

ROBERT MURRAY, *Chairman.*

ALEX. MCKENZIE, *Secretary.*





## Report of Session.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF CHALMERS CHURCH :

*Dear Brethren,*—The Session have much pleasure in submitting their Sixth Annual Report. They do so with deep humiliation of spirit because of many shortcomings, and with lively gratitude to Almighty God because of manifold mercies: Nothing extraordinary occurred in the history of the congregation during the year. The services and work of the Church were steadily and well sustained, and the present condition of the congregation, financially and spiritually, is, on the whole, gratifying. The Session earnestly request every member and adherent to study carefully the following facts and figures, which, with a few necessary comments, will fully explain the *Composition*, the *Services*, and the *Work* of the Church.

### A. COMPOSITION OF THE CHURCH.

#### I. Families.

1.	No. of Families at the beginning of 1890	....	128
2.	“ “ removed during	“ ....	10
3.	“ “ received	“ ....	15
4.	“ “ 1st January, 1891	.....	133

We regret the removal of so many families. Most of the ten were connected with Church only for a few years. Richard Currie, however, is one of the oldest living members of the Church, and he and his family are much missed. The General Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion last year, asked several questions which the Session found it difficult to answer, viz. :—“Do parents instruct their children in Scripture truth? Is the Shorter Catechism used in the family? Is family worship observed in the home? If not, what reason is given for its non-observance? Are the solemn vows parents take upon them at the baptism of their children, conscientiously fulfilled?” Parents, what answers can you give to these questions? Remember that as is the family, so will be the church; that if there is not piety in the home, there will not be prosperity in the Church, and that if instruction and prayer

are neglected by parents, *public* teaching and prayer will be greatly hindered. At the close of the year the pastor distributed McCheyne's plan of daily Bible readings for the family and the closet. It is hoped that this will lead to regular and systematic Bible reading in every home. There should be good *air* and good *food* in every home!

II. *Young people*.—We have about 120 young men and women, not connected with families, who regularly attend our services. Of these, over 50 attend one or other of the colleges of the city. Away from their friends and homes, let us all be their friends and make them at home here. We hear occasionally of persons leaving Chalmers Church because of the coldness and unsociability of its members. We believe that the fault is largely their own. Let us, however, as a church, be more attentive than ever to strangers, welcoming them to our seats, to our homes, and to our hearts. Young people are reminded of the pastor's informal "At Home" every week.

III. *Deaths*.—Several of those who composed the congregation at the beginning of last year, have gone home. Since the settlement of the present pastor, less than seven years ago, there have been 70 deaths in the congregation. During the past year there were the following *eight*:—

1. ELLA MAY INNES.  
Died 5th January ..... 185½ Lower Water St... Infant.
2. DAN. HOWARD SMITH.  
Died 6th January ..... 31 Blowers St ..... Infant.
3. PETER D. A. BERRINGER.  
Died 20th January..... 28 Dresden Row..... Child.
4. ADAM LOGAN.  
Died 3rd April ..... 250 Gottingen St ..... Communicant.
5. GEO. CRAWFORD SUTTIS.  
Died 27th August ..... 25 Gottingen St ..... Infant.
6. ALEX. DAVID SUTHERLAND.  
Died 21st September.... 10½ Lower Water St ... Youth.
7. ROBERT ALEX. INNES.  
Died 8th December.... 185½ Lower Water St ... Infant.
8. MRS JAMES FRASER.  
Died 11th December.... 135 Lockman St ..... Communicant.

Only two of these were adults. Adam Logan was for many years a devoted member of our Church. He will be long remembered as a faithful and successful city missionary. Mrs. Fraser, who was with us but a few years, was called away suddenly from her family to the presence of her Saviour. We tenderly sympathize with all the bereaved. Let those who remain, work diligently while it is called to-day!

## B. SERVICES OF THE CHURCH.

I. *Sabbath Services.*—Public worship has been conducted twice every Lord's Day during the year. The *attendance* and *attention* have been encouraging. There is, however, room for improvement. Every member of the Church should endeavour to attend public worship, both in the morning and evening of the Lord's Day, and to induce some of the many careless ones in the city to attend also. We shall not turn the Church into a theatre, a lecture hall, a concert room, or a social club room to attract the multitude. Our services shall be plain and simple, but earnest and practical, and we hope that by God's blessing they will be enjoyed by and prove helpful to a growing congregation. *Special* reference must be made to the only part of the service in which the congregation take part audibly, viz. :—

II. *The Service of Praise.*—This is led by an efficient choir, composed of the following members :

SAMUEL CRAWFORD, <i>Leader.</i>	S. CRAWFORD, JR.
J. H. SUTHERLAND,	MRS. JOHN MCNEIL,
W. T. KENNEDY,	MISS LILY MCCURDY,
W. R. MCCURDY,	“ FANNY GRIERSON,
W. C. MORRISON,	“ ANNIE GUILD,
EDMUND HALL,	“ ANNIE McMILLAN,
SAMUEL THOMPSON,	“ MINA CRAWFORD,
T. G. CURRIE,	“ JEAN POTTER,
ROBERT GRIERSON,	“ JANET MCINTOSH,
J. A. MCINTOSH,	“ BESSIE RYAN, <i>Organist.</i>

The return of Mr. Crawford with renewed health, after an absence of over five months, was heartily welcomed by the whole congregation. May he be long spared to occupy his present important position! The service of praise was well conducted in his absence. Thanks are due to all the members of the Choir, including Miss Ryan, for their faithful and zealous services.

Since last report, a cabinet organ was purchased at a cost of \$200. It has given general satisfaction.

The choir finances for the year are as follows :—

RECEIPTS.

1. On hand at beginning of the year . . . . .	\$ 58 38
2. Received from two Concerts . . . . .	99 50
3. Subscriptions for Organ . . . . .	100 50
Total . . . . .	<u>\$258 38</u>

EXPENDITURE.

1. Paid for Carpet for platform, &c . . . . .	\$114 07
2. " on Organ . . . . .	100 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$214 07</u>

Leaving a balance on hand of . . . . . \$44 31

III. *Mid-week Service*.—The Wednesday evening services have been interesting. Many take part every night, both by leading in prayer and giving short addresses. The attendance has been good, the average being about 120. There are, however, communicants enough to make the average much higher if they only *would*, as they certainly *should*, attend.

IV. *Communion Services*.—These were observed four times during the year, and were seasons of precious refreshing. The attendance was generally encouraging. The Communion Roll has been carefully purged. The figures for the year are as follows :

1. On Roll 1st January, 1890 . . . . .	286
2. <i>Received</i> during the year :—	
(1.) At March Communion . . . . .	8
(2.) " June " . . . . .	7
(3.) " September " . . . . .	7
(4.) " December " . . . . .	18
Total . . . . .	40
3. <i>Removed</i> during the year :—	
1. By Death . . . . .	2
2. By Certificate . . . . .	20
3. By purging Roll . . . . .	13
Total . . . . .	35
4. No. on Roll 1st January, 1891 . . . . .	291

Thank God for this noble army! But why do so many still refuse to join our ranks?

V. *Baptismal Services*.—There were 14 baptisms during the year. One of these was an adult. The Session earnestly urge parents to bring their children to the House of God for baptism, when at all possible.

### C. WORK OF THE CHURCH.

I. *Pastoral work*.—The pastor has tried to perform his varied duties faithfully as unto the Lord. The work of visitation has been heavy but pleasant. Much more has been done in this way than ever before. The total number of pastoral visits for the year was 2159. If any have been neglected, the fault is their own. The pastor needs and craves the earnest daily prayers of the whole Church.

II. *Elders' work*.—The elders have districts allotted to them. They cannot *visit* the families in their districts as regularly as they wish, but they take an oversight of them, and will be glad to visit them and render any assistance possible when notified.

III. *Sabbath School work*.—The past year has been a trying one for the Sabbath School. The prolonged illness of the superintendent, and the closing of the School for four weeks at the request of the city authorities, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria, seriously affected the work of the year. The Session rejoice that the superintendent has been spared and that he is able to continue in office. The teachers and officers are deserving of the hearty thanks and affection of the congregation.

IV. *Other departments of work*.—The Christian Endeavor Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Mission Band, the Young People's Association, the Managers and Trustees, will all present reports of much good work done during the year. The Session rejoice that so many in connection with the Church, are actively engaged in Christian work. They hope that every department mentioned will be sustained with increased energy this year, and they earnestly urge every member of the Church to come to the work of the Lord. Some are wanted to sow, others to water, others to gather in the sheaves. There should be no idlers in the vineyard.



V. *Missions and Benevolence.*

For the *Schemes* of the Church the receipts were :

1. At 50 Prayer Meetings .....	\$ 45 43
2. Collection in March .....	131 00
3. " " December .....	237 00
4. From Session Fund .....	8 00
5. Special for Rev. Mr. Grant, Trinidad....	30 00
6. " " Bursary Fund .....	1 00
Total .....	<u>\$452 43</u>

This amount was distributed as follows :—

1. Foreign Mission Fund .....	\$100 00
2. " " Rev. Mr. Grant .....	30 00
3. Home Mission Fund .....	100 00
4. " " North West .....	10 00
5. Augmentation Fund .....	95 00
6. College Fund .....	40 00
7. Bursary Fund .....	21 00
8. French Evangelization Fund .....	18 00
9. Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund .....	10 00
10. Presbytery, Synod and Assembly Funds.	18 00
11. Widow's and Orphan's Fund .....	5 00
12. Manitoba College .....	5 00
Total .....	<u>\$452 00</u>

Leaving a balance on hand .....	43
Amount received last year .....	<u>438 00</u>

Increase for 1890..... \$14 00

The Session regret to notice a large falling off in the receipts at the Prayer Meetings. Let there be improvement this year.

Mr. James Crawford is treasurer of the SESSION FUND, and has charge of the poor of the congregation. He reports as follows :—

## RECEIPTS.

1. Balance last year .....	\$ 4 69
2. Receipts four Communion Collections. . .	187 06
Total .....	<u>\$191 75</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

1. Paid Presbytery Fund .....	\$ 8 00
2. " Printing .....	32 20
3. " Communion Expenses .....	12 00
4. " Conference .....	2 00
5. " Poor of Congregation .....	131 98
Total .....	<u>\$186 18</u>

Balance on hand.....\$ 5 57



The THANKSGIVING Collection in November amounted to \$185, a decrease of \$21 as compared with 1889. It was distributed as follows :—

1. Infant's Home .....	\$ 45 00
2. McAll Mission, France .....	25 00
3. S. S. Library .....	20 00
4. Seamen's Home .....	20 00
5. Dispensary .....	20 00
6. Association for Relief of Poor .....	10 00
7. Orphan's Home .....	10 00
8. Industrial School.....	10 00
9. S. P. C .....	10 00
10. Women's Home.....	10 00
11. Home Missions.....	5 00
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	\$185 00

For various other Missionary and Benevolent purposes, the following amounts were received :—

1. Coburg Road Mission.....	\$ 68 00
2. Record .....	25 00
3. Special for poor.....	32 00
4. Other objects .....	171 00
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Total .....	\$296 00

Thus the total *givings* of the congregation for these purposes amounted to :—

1. For Schemes of Church .....	\$ 452 00
2. Session Fund .....	179 06
3. General Benevolence ...	185 00
4. Various purposes.....	296 00
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Grand total raised by Session, 1890....	\$1112 06
“ “ “ 1889....	1065 36
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Increase.....\$ 46 70

The Session pray that the Church may be endued with power from on high, so that its life may be greatly quickened, and its work greatly increased and prospered during this year.

JOHN MCMILLAN, *Moderator.*

ROBERT MURRAY, *Clerk.*

## ELDERS' DISTRICTS.

- No. I. Bounded on the North by Salter Street and Spring Garden Road, and on the West by South Park Street. Samuel Crawford, Elder in charge.
- II. Bounded on the North by Sackville Street and Jubilee Road, and on the South and East by No. I. James Hutton, Elder in charge.
- III. Bounded on the South by Sackville Street, and on the North by Jacob Street. Robert Murray, Elder in charge.
- IV. Bounded on the South by Jacob and Cogswell Streets, on the West by North Park and Gottingen Streets, and on the North by Cunard and Gerrish Streets. James McIntosh, Elder in charge.
- V. Bounded on the West by Agricola Street, on the South by Cunard and Gerrish Streets, on the North by Young Street. Also Dartmouth. George Cunningham, Elder in charge.
- VI. Bounded on the East by Agricola and North Park Streets, and on the South by Sackville Street and Jubilee Road. James Crawford, Elder in charge.



# Sabbath School Report.

## OFFICE-BEARERS AND TEACHERS FOR 1890.

### OFFICERS.

<i>The Pastor</i> .....	Rev. JOHN McMILLAN.
<i>Superintendent</i> .....	GEORGE CUNNINGHAM.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	WILLIAM T. KENNEDY.
<i>Secretary</i> .....	MISS M. McCURDY.
<i>Recorder</i> .....	ROBERT GRIERSON.
<i>Librarians</i> .....	{ SAMUEL THOMPSON. WILLIAM DORMAN.

### TEACHERS.

THE PASTOR.....	<i>Senior Bible Class.</i>
WM. T. KENNEDY,	THOMAS FORBES,
GEORGE CUNNINGHAM,	JAMES McCURDY,
HUGH GUNN,	W. C. MORRISON,
MISS MAGGIE McCURDY,	MISS ROSS,
MISS H. MCG. FRASER,	MISS BESSIE RYAN,
MISS GRACE THOMSON,	JAMES McINTOSH,
MISS HELENA POISON,	JOHN McINTOSH,
JAMES THOMPSON,	MISS LILY McCURDY,
MISS S. McLELLAN,	MISS JEAN POTTER,
	MISS F. GRIERSON.

<i>Organist</i> .....	MISS GRACE THOMPSON.
<i>Leader of Praise</i> .....	THOMAS FORBES.

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE :

GEO. CUNNINGHAM, WM. T. KENNEDY, S. THOMPSON.

OUR Sabbath School Report must show less favorably this year than in previous years, owing to various circumstances which are familiar to you all ; the diphtheria scare, the unusual number of changes in the teaching staff, and the prolonged illness

of the Superintendent may be mentioned as the principal drawbacks. One large and interesting class, that taught for many years by Mr. James Thomson, has become nearly extinct, owing mainly, no doubt, to Mr. Thomson's necessary absence from the city for the greater part of the time, and the fact that we have not been able to fill his place.

Many of these pupils have permanently left the city. Yet we are not without hopes of having their places filled by others of whom we have still a goodly number coming to church. These we ought to be able to attract to our school. Just here I would ask what steps can we take to get hold of the very large number of young men whom every Sabbath we see worshipping with us? There is plenty room in our bible classes for them, and they would be sure of a hearty welcome.

Certain changes in the teaching staff have taken place during the year. Mrs. Ryan has not been with us, Miss Scott has left the city, Mr. McLeod has also failed us, all at a time when we could ill spare such good workers. Miss Potter takes the place of Miss Scott and we gladly welcome her to the work. As a consequence, partly of the scarcity of teachers, and partly of the method adopted by the civic authorities at mid-summer, to stay the scourge of diphtheria, our attendance averaged during the year 139, while the number of teachers and scholars on the roll stand at 222. We have lost, mainly from the causes previously enumerated, about 39 scholars.

Touching the order of the school I beg of you to judge of this for yourselves. Is it not somewhat strange that while the children are as bright and plenty as flowers in summer, parents should be so wofully scarce. Let me make a suggestion to the congregation. During summer, when many of our teachers go to the country for a well earned holiday, let those in the congregation who are well qualified come to our aid and help tide over the time of their absence. We believe the morals of the school would be much improved could we persuade you to adopt this suggestion. What sort of condition of things can be expected where the teacher's work is not properly supported by encouragement of the parents or where we are compelled to work along for nearly two months every summer with from seven to eight teachers short?

On the part of some scholars the attendance has been very

good. We have two who attended every day school was open ; nine who only missed one Sabbath, and five who missed three.

As regards the lesson work, our examinations bring that out clearly. It is with no small feeling of satisfaction we note that good work has been done in this regard. The work of the examiners has been attended with excellent results, the marks attained by some scholars giving ample proof that they profited by the teaching they enjoyed. While we rejoice that this is so, will you not join us in gratitude to our gracious Heavenly Father who has put it into the hearts of 16 of our number to say, " Come let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant ?" May God in His grace strengthen this covenant with cords of love more surely as the years go by.

We note concerning Miss M. McCurdy's class that three of her scholars recited the shorter catechism without missing a word, a most creditable showing.

We cannot but express appreciation of Mr. S. Thomson's valuable and painstaking work among our little folks in teaching them singing. His teaching is already bearing good fruit ; we wish him God speed.

During the year there has been started in connection with the School a Mission Band, under the presidency of Miss Ryan, which is also doing good work. Long may it continue to sow seeds of faith and love !

We trust to be able to report a better state of matters in our library next year. The teachers have decided to attempt its renewal, and they earnestly claim the assistance of the congregation to enable them to do this. We will require \$150.00 at least.

The money collected for Missions has been distributed as follows :

1. Point-aux-Trembles School . . . . .	\$ 50 00
2. Mission Vessel and Schools . . . . .	50 00
2. North-West Home Mission Fund . . . . .	35 00
4. Higher Religious Instruction Scheme . . . . .	6 00

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\$141 00

The S. S. Convention, held at Bridgewater in October last, was attended by the Pastor and Messrs. J. A. McIntosh and James



Thompson. A very interesting report of the Convention has been given by Mr. McIntosh.

Our little friend Miss Nellie Guild again emptied her mission box of \$1.50 as a New Year offering for the mission cause. The Lord bless the loving heart with richest treasures from His full storehouse.

To the dear friends and substitutes who have stood fast with us and borne the heat and burden of the day we say, in due season you shall reap if you faint not. Remember always the work is the Lord's, who will say: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto Me." Let us in unity of spirit combine to hold up the hands of him whom the Lord rich in mercy hath placed over us as our pastor, encouraging his heart by our continued desire to aid in every way in furthering the good work of this special vineyard.

Appended are the names of the various prize winners in the School for efficiency in lessons and punctuality in attendance:—  
 Jessie Forbes, Maggie Ewing, Florrie Wilkie, Helen Howe, Lilla Davison, Hector Forbes, Charlotte Thompson, Maggie Henry, Lizzie Kennedy, Sadie Potter, Purvis Morrison, Bertie Sutherland, Neil Morrison, Robert Miller, Maggie Ewing, Jas. Dorman, Stanley Miller, George Thompson, John McLeod, Sadie McMillan, Mary J. McLeod, Henrietta McIntosh, Robert Potter, Maggie Letson, Frances Thompson, Eddie Nunn, Maggie Matheson, Maggie Kennedy, Horace Kennedy, Irene Henry, Mabel Wilkie, Elsie Henley, Frank McDonald, Sophie Sutherland, Maud McKay, Beatrice Lloy, Chas. Gray, Jas. McDougall, Annie Guild —40.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, *Superintendent.*

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1890.

*Receipts.*

Balance from 1889 .....	\$ 30 47
Contributed for prizes .....	19 00
By monthly collections .....	47 12
Service of Song collection for S. S. Library .....	17 50
Thanksgiving " " " .....	20 00
Proceeds picnic .....	126 00
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	\$260 09



*Expenditure.*

Paid B. & T. Society for books, papers, &c.....	\$ 70 75
“ Expense of delegate to Provincial Convention...	2 75
“ For Children's New Year's treat.....	12 50
“ Printing .....	5 25
“ Expenses of Picnic.....	100 00
“ Trustees for Chalmers Hall.....	50 00
Balance with Treasurer.....	18 84
	\$260 09

## FOR MISSIONS, 1890.

First Quarter.....	\$ 36 27
Second “.....	35 38
Third “.....	38 42
Fourth “.....	29 44
Nellie Guild's Mission Box....	1 50
	\$141 00

W. T. KENNEDY, *Treasurer.*


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## Report of Ladies' Aid Society.

## OFFICERS FOR 1891.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. JOHN McMILLAN.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i> ..	{ MRS. JAMES CRAWFORD.
	{ MRS. THOMAS FORBES.
	{ MRS. SAMUEL CRAWFORD.
<i>Secretary</i> .....	MISS H. MCG. FRASER.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM.
<i>Buyers</i> .....	{ MRS. C. MOTT.
	{ MRS. JOHN RYAN.
<i>Mite Collectors</i> ..	{ MISS MINA CRAWFORD.
	{ MISS ANNIE McMILLAN.

THE Society has had no meetings since last summer. It has since its formation raised over \$2000 for the church. Had it not been for its existence the congregation would probably have no Hall to-day. Notwithstanding this undoubted fact, it is not favoured and supported by the ladies of the congregation as it

should be. Some of the most zealous members have withdrawn for various reasons, and others have not taken their places. This is discouraging—but the Society has done so much good already that its continuance in increased efficiency should be assured.

The Mite Collectors—Misses Millie McMillan and Maggie McIntosh deserve the sincere thanks of the congregation for their unwearied labours. In five years they raised \$413.87. They have done a noble work, and it is hoped that they will be able to continue in this way of well-doing. They should, however, have assistants. Who will undertake this good work? If the congregation will carefully examine the following figures, they cannot fail to support the Aid Society.

I. Account for the year 1890—

<i>Receipts.</i>	
1. On hand, 1st Jan., 1890.....	\$273 27
2. Received Mite Society.....	76 97
3. “ proceeds Sale in July.....	112 12
4. “ interest.....	8 51
	\$470 87
<i>Expenditure.</i>	
1. Printing as per bills.....	\$2 67
	\$468 20

Leaving balance to credit of Society .....

Of this amount there is in the Savings' Bank \$467.78 and 42 cents on hand.

II. Account since formation of the Society—

1. Received up to January, 1890.....	\$1813 48
2. “ during 1890.....	197 60
	\$2011 09
Of this amount there has been paid—	
1. To Mr. Crawford for Hall.....	\$1540 21
2. Bills as above.....	2 67
	1542 88
Leaving the balance as above.....	\$468 20

Respectfully submitted by

ELIZABETH McMILLAN, *President.*  
H. MCG. FRASER, *Secretary.*

## Report of the Young People's Association.

CONTRARY to the object for which this Association was originally intended, the work done has been *solely* in the line of arranging for musical and literary entertainments. The mere mentioning of the lecture given by Rev. Mr. Robertson on "Scottish Characteristics," and the Burns' and Prince Charlie Concerts,—at which most of the singers were members of the church choir—will be sufficient to show that the Association has been successful in what it has undertaken. The apparent indifference of the members with regard to the other phases of the work may be explained by the fact that many of them are doing this work in connection with the "Christian Endeavor Society." The financial state of the Association may be seen from the report of the treasurer, which is appended.

S. CRAWFORD, *President.*

J. A. MACINTOSH, *Secretary.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

	<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance .....		\$ 9 01
Received Lecture, &c.....		21 30
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	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Advertising, &c.....		\$12 25
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Balance on hand.....		\$18 06

A. McDOUGALL, *Treasurer.*

## Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

THE object of "Christian Endeavor" is thus defined in the "Model Constitution of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor":—"Its object shall be to promote an earnest christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in the service of God."

A brief synopsis of the work of the past year and statement of the relative position of the Society now and at the first of 1890, as regards membership, etc., will help to show how far *our* Society is accomplishing the end for which it is organized.

For the first year and a half of our history we had to comfort ourselves with the reflection that the growth of our Society, though slow, was sure; but this year it is very gratifying to be able to report that our numbers have nearly doubled. Our total membership at the beginning of the year was 30,—21 active, 7 associate, and 2 honorary members. Our total membership at present is 54,—38 active, 11 associate, and 5 honorary. From our associate list 7 have become active members, and what is still better,—6 have joined the church. We have met regularly *every* Monday evening throughout the year, each of the active members occupying the Chair in succession. The attendance for the most part has been excellent. Although the doors are open to all, we regret that more outsiders do not drop in on us and give us a word of exhortation, or even rebuke.

We have at present six committees, viz., Prayer Meeting, Lookout, Social, Music, Flower and Visiting, and Missionary. This year we have undertaken the support of one of the native students in Mr. Grant's school who is preparing for work among the Coolies of Trinidad. For this purpose a collection is taken each month at the close of the consecration meeting. Each member contributing eight cents per month, making a total of \$50 a year. By way of promoting friendly intercourse, and a better

acquaintance among the young people of the congregation, two socials have been held during the year, one in April and the other in May. The last was under the combined auspices of the "Young People's Association" and the Christian Endeavor Society.

The Prayer Meeting Committee suggested a few months ago a systematic plan for bible reading, which, so far as I know, has been carried out by the majority of the members. Our Visiting, Sick, and Flower Committees have made numerous visits at the Hospital, Poor House, and such places as they thought a visit from them would be welcome. It is scarcely necessary to say that these visits have always been welcomed. In connection with Christian Endeavor work a Convention was held in Pictou in July. That 13 of our members (the largest delegation from any Society in the Province) attended that Convention, goes to show that some considerable interest is taken in the work among us.

Believing with all our hearts that the Christian Endeavor Society has been, and is calculated still to be, a means of much good among the young people of the church, we ask you to help us by your interest, your influence, and your prayers, to increase our numbers and usefulness. Our prayer is that we may ever strive to do all the good we can, and that God will bless our humble endeavours, and that before long *all* the young people of our church will be active working Christian Endeavorers.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE LOGAN, *President.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts.*

On hand, January, 1890 .....	\$ 3 84
Received dues, &c. ....	25 76
Received for Missions .....	4 90
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	\$34 50
Expenditure .....	23 57
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On hand .....	\$10 93



# Report of the Mission Band.

## OFFICERS.

*President* . . . . . MISS BESSIE RYAN.  
*Secretary* . . . . . MISS FANNIE GRIERSON.  
*Treasurer* . . . . . MISS NETTIE McCURDY.

THE Mission Band in connection with Chalmers Church, was organized on the 24th of February last, and received the name of "Chalmers Mission Band."

The Bands started with 58 names on the Roll, several of whom did not attend after the first or second meeting. Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria the Band did not meet for over two months, and only 17 meetings have been held. The average attendance since organization is 25. The meetings are always opened with a hymn and the Lord's prayer, taken part in by all, and closed with a hymn. Efforts have been made to interest the children in Missions by reading letters from our Missionaries, and by teaching the children their names and the places where they are laboring, from the Missionary Chart. Garments are also being made to be sent to Trinidad for the Coolie children. Altogether \$19.10 have been raised :

For Dues . . . . .	\$12 25
Children's Mite Boxes . . . . .	6 85
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	\$19 10
Paid to W. F. M. S. . . . .	\$11 65
" for dry goods . . . . .	3 22
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	14 87
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Balance on hand . . . . .	\$4 23

With the help of Mr. Samuel Thompson we hope soon to have an entertainment in order to raise more money.

NETTIE McCURDY, *Secretary*.



# Report of Trustees,

THE Trustees beg to submit a brief Report of their work during the past year. The property of the congregation is in good condition. The subjoined figures will show the exact state of the finances :—

## I. TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

(1).	Cash on hand . . . . .	\$153 52
(2).	From Sunday School . . . . .	50 00
(3).	“ Managers . . . . .	50 00
(4).	“ Rents . . . . .	824 97
(5).	“ Tenants for taxes, etc . . . . .	120 15
	Total . . . . .	\$1198 64

## II. TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR.

(1).	Paid interest account . . . . .	\$665 00
(2).	“ Insurance . . . . .	100 00
(3).	“ Repairs . . . . .	104 80
(4).	“ Sundries . . . . .	8 50
(5).	“ Taxes and water rates . . . . .	120 15
	Total . . . . .	\$998 45
	Balance to credit . . . . .	\$200 19

## I. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1891.

### *Interest to be paid.*

\$13,000	bearing interest @ 5 % . . . . .	\$650 00
250	“ “ @ 6 % . . . . .	15 00
	Total amount of Interest . . . . .	\$665 00
	Insurance Account . . . . .	100 00
		\$765 00

## II. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1891.

Rents from Property . . . . .		\$825 00
Grant from Sabbath School . . . . .		50 00
Amount from Managers . . . . .		50 00
	Balance to credit . . . . .	\$925 00
		\$160 00

From which is to be deducted the cost of any repairs necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CRAWFORD, *Chairman of Trustees.*

*January 1st, 1891.*

## Report of the Managing Committee, 1890.

ANOTHER year has just closed and the Managing Committee in presenting their annual financial report, express their deep gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of success and prosperity that has attended their labors throughout.

Much of the success is due under Providence to our beloved Pastor, whose zeal is untiring in the promotion of every good work. His faithfulness in the pulpit, and his ministrations in the sick room, are a blessing to the congregation and fruitful in the best results.

Towards the latter part of the first quarter, finding the weekly receipts falling much below our requirements, a special meeting of the congregation was held in Chalmers Hall, on the 2nd day of April, when it was unanimously agreed to adopt the envelope system to obtain the necessary amount for the support of ordinances. Envelopes were distributed to members and adherents of the congregation to be returned every Lord's day with the sum subscribed by each. This new plan came into effect on the first Sabbath of May, and while it has proved much more satisfactory than the former one, your Committee have no hesitation in saying that had all acted on the unanimous resolution of the congregation we would instead of meeting you with a deficit as shown by the Treasurer's statement annexed herewith, have a balance to our credit. We hope however as the system is now fairly established our successors in office may have a better record to show at end of another year.

In conclusion we tender our hearty thanks to those who have so liberally subscribed and would earnestly ask any who may have neglected it to lose no time in aiding this work, that the blessing of Him "who maketh rich and addeth no sorrow" may be theirs.

On behalf of the Managing Committee we subscribe ourselves.

HUGH GUNN, *Chairman.*

A. MACKENZIE, *Secretary.*

CHALMERS CHURCH *in account with* JAMES CRAWFORD,  
*Treasurer.*

1890.	DR.	
Dec. 31.	To paid Minister's Stipend.....	\$1500 00
"	Leader of Choir.....	200 00
"	Janitor.....	244 94
"	Fire Insurance Account.....	115 00
"	Trustees for Interest.....	50 00
"	Coal Account.....	41 00
"	City Water Rates.....	36 50
"	Gas, Church \$34.00, Hall \$27.20.....	61 20
"	Session Fund.....	25 00
"	Printing \$14.00, Cleaning \$25.70.....	39 70
"	Repairing Stoves in Church.....	40 95
"	" " Hall.....	24 11
"	Unpaid Subscription Special Coll'n. ..	5 00
"	Sundry Accounts.....	25 77
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		\$2409 17

1890.	CR.	
January 1.	By Balance in Hand.....	\$ 25 00
March 32.	" Collection for Quarter.....	438 10
June 30.	" " Envelopes.....	649 28
Sept. 30.	" " ".....	601 15
Dec. 31.	" " ".....	617 44
	Received on Account Hall.....	16 00
	To Balance Account.....	62 13

1891.	DR.	
January 1.	By Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 62 13

*Note.* Since the above account was closed, the sum of \$6.85 was collected from last year's envelopes leaving balance \$55.28.

Examined and found correct,

ROBERT GRIERSON.

GEO. CUNNINGHAM.

## TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1890.

1.	Raised by Session.....		\$1112 06
2.	“ Sunday School for Missions.....		141 00
3.	“ “ “ Expenses .....		260 09
4.	“ Ladies' Aid Society .....		197 60
5.	“ Young People's Association.....		21 30
6.	“ Christian Endeavor Society.....		30 66
7.	“ Choir.....		200 00
8.	“ Mission Band.....		19 10
9.	“ Trustees.....		1045 12
10.	“ Managers.....		2353 89
			\$5380 82

## ACCOUNTS BALANCED, 1890.

<i>In debt:</i>	
Managing Committee.....	\$ 55 28
Choir for Organ.....	55 69
	\$110 97
<i>In fund:</i>	
Trustees .....	\$200 19
Ladies' Aid Society.....	468 20
Young People's Association.....	18 06
Christian Endeavor Society.....	10 93
Sunday School.....	18 84
	\$716 32
Deduct amount above.....	110 97
Balance on all accounts.....	\$605 35

