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HALIFAX, N. S., 1897.

Church Officers and Standing Committees.

REV. A. C. CHUTE, B. D., Pastor.

Deacons.

L. S. Payzant,	A. L. Wood,	J. Burgoyne,
E. S. Hubley,	B. H. Eaton,	R. M. King.

Supervisors of Church Building. R. M. King and A. L. Wood.

Trustees of Church Property.

C. E. Puttner,	E. S. Hubley,	A. J. Cooney,
E. D. King,	H. H. Read,	L. S. Payzant,
Hon. Dr. Parker,	B. H. Eaton,	R. N. Beckwith.

Treasurer—R. N. Beckwith. Clerk—B. H. Eaton. Chorister—J. Herbert Logan. Sexton—Joseph Spencer.

Finance Committee.

E. D. King,	W. W. Kenney,	H. H. Read,
C. E. Puttner,	James W. Moir,	J. L. Archibald,
C. S. Barss,		The Treasurer.

Collectors of Sabbath Offerings.

James Halliday,	alternate	John Burgoyne,
Thos. A. Hubley,	**	John Toale,
C. E. Puttner,	"	H. L. Beckwith,
Richmond Kennedy,	"	Stuart Hubley,
James Wood, (Gallery). "	Frank Dunlap.

Pew Committee.

John Durgoyne, Juneo Lundady,	. Beckwith, am Holloway.
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Ushers.

James Halliday, Frank Dunlap, B. H. Eaton, H. S. Freeman, William Holloway,

Allison Payzant, James Wood, H. P. Bezanson.

Music Committee.

H. L. Beckwith, H. H. Read, R. M. King,

John Burgoyne, Fred. J. Reed.

District Committee.

Rev. A. C. Chute, R. N. Beckwith, B. H. Eaton, A. L. Wood.

Auditors.

T. G. Dunlap, A. L. Wood.

Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Mrs. R. N. Beckwith,	Mrs. Blackadar,	Mrs. A. Smith,
Mrs. Holloway,	Mrs. Blair,	Mrs. Freeman.
Mrs. R. M. King,	Mrs. Wood,	Miss Fanny Parker.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

President—Miss Martha Philp. Vice-President—Frederick Reed. Treasurer—Miss Minnie McColough. Recording Secretary—Miss Hattie Spencer. Corresponding Secretary—MissMary Philp. Organist—Miss Minnie Richardson.

Deacous' Report.

It is our purpose to call attention more particularly to the spiritual life of the church during the past year. The state of this life may be gauged in part by the membership and financial statistics. At our reunion a year ago our number was 303; we have since received 8 by baptism, 18 by letter and 1 by experience, in all 27; and our roll has been diminished by 10 dismissions and two deaths, and fellowship has been withdrawn from 4, the total removals from the list being 16, leaving our numerical strength at the present moment 314. These figures show some advance though small. Our financial record for the year indicated a strong and steady purpose to maintain the cause of Christ in our own community and to assist the various objects promote by our denomination. As a full statement of our finances will



be printed herewith, it is not necessary to go into detail in this report. As further indicating our religious condition, reference may be made to the spirit of harmony and unity which has constantly shown itself between pastor and people, and between the members in general. The loving esteem in which our pastor is held by members of church and congregation is as gratifying as it is manifest and may largely account for the abundant measure of Christian fellowship that shows itself among the membership of the church. Love multiplies itself. A loving pastor begets a loving people. And when true Christian love exists and manifests itself between shepherd and flock and between members of the flock itself, we possess God's best gift. Some branches of our work call for special mention. There is the Sisters' Visiting Committee, for example. In a membership of over three hundred there are always poor and afflicted who need the warm, loving, practical sympathy of their fellow members. Our Sisters have devoted themselves nobly to this work and have greatly aided the pastor and helped those who were in need or laid aside by illness. The Young People's Union has continued to flourish and gather strength and affords an opportunity and means of growth and development in Christian graces which probably could not otherwise be obtained.

Having thus briefly mentioned several features of a gratifying character, we may refer to one which has long caused great regret and is a source of much weakness to the church. We have on our roll quite a considerable number of worthy and esteemed members who very rarely attend any of our religious services except those on the Lord's day. We hold our stated: meetings for praise and prayer. We hold a conference meeting once a month, in which members are given a special opportunity and are expected to relate their own personal Christian experience. And these week evening meetings are those most highly valued by the most sincere and devout Christians. Now, two things seem very certain in this connection, namely, that those who continually absent themselves from these meetings lose the principal opportunities given in a church for the enjoyment of religion and, for growth and development in the Christian life. Not only that, but they throw on others the entire work of carrying forward and maintaining these services. They themselves suffer by their nonattendance, and others suffer for want of their co-operation. There is urgent need for amendment here. We have no list of " associate " members in the church. God expects every member to do his duty, and He waits to be gracious and to bestow His richest blessings upon all who give themselves freely to His service.

Turning for a moment, in conclusion, to ourselves as deacons of the church, we have had occasion during the year to deeply regret the long protracted illness of our Brother William F. Parker, and his resignation ont hat account of the office of deacon. Through this resignation and the retirement of another deacon, in accordance with the resolution of the church, you will be shortly called upon to select two brethren to fill their places, and we expect you to use your diligence in a prayerful spirit to make the wisest choice. Our work as deacons has included the superintendency of the church buildings, and we have to congratulate ourselves and the church upon the acquisition of a most efficient and faithful sexton. The care of the poor who are among us has been entrusted to us, and we have endeavored to distribute your bounty in such a way as to afford the greatest relief possible. By meeting together once a month regularly, and at other times as occasion required, we have at least endeavored to discharge with some degree of faithfulness the important duties allotted to us. We request your prayers for our guidance and your co-operation in all the work of the church. And let us all pray that the Word preached so faithfully from our pulpit and at our week evening services may be blessed, and that we may be greatly revived and built up and strengthened to the glory of God.

Annual Report of Finance Committee.

HALIFAX, Dec. 31st, 1896.

Your committee submit the following report :

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GENERAL ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.

ember 31.	To paid	Pastor's salary	\$1500	00	
	11	Pulpit supplies			
	**	Conducting the Music		75	
	"	Sexton		00	
	"	Interest	422	65	
	66	Water Rates (half year)	22	00	
	**	Sewerage	19	50	
	**	Gas	100	50	
	**	Fuel	110	51	
	"	Telephcne	25	00	
	"	Insurance Premium on \$10,000		00	
	**	Miscellaneous	289	47	
		Balance	43	67	
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RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1st. Dec. 31st.	By balance on hand	\$ 51 55 . 3098 05	
			\$3149 60
. 44	" balance		43 67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

То	loan on General Account, 1895\$	255	00
68	accrued interest	3	83
"	unpaid bills	100	-71

\$359 54

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It will be seen that the deficit on General Account, which at the close of 1895, amounted to \$203.45, has increased somewhat during the year. This has been occasioned by extra demand for repairs to the Church building. Our Weekly Offerings, however, have been well sustained, and show a slight increase when compared with 1895, but yet somewhat below both 1873 and 1894—our two best years As a rule weekly offerings of regular contributors, omitted through absence from the city are made up, promptly, on their return. This practice should be observed by all. But for some failures in this regard our deficit of 1895 would have suffered no increase, and could have been considerably reduced, during the year. We cherish the hope that the deficit shall be entirely wiped out during 1897. Ordinary effort, well sustained, will accomplish this without difficulty.

BUILDING FUND.

	\$745	0
Jan. 1, 1896.	By balance on hand\$ 31 " quarterly collections	8
	" quarterly collections 285	6,
	" special donations 232	2
	" special donations	2
	" Mite Society 57	7
	" balance 3	9

The condition of this fund may well inspire courage for continued effort. We opened the New Church on Spring Garden Road, burdened with a debt of \$15,000. Year by year the amount has gradually diminished, and now we can gratefully announce the debt half paid. It is proposed to pay off an additional \$1000 in October next.

DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS.

Dec. 31, 1896.	By Monthly	Collections	on Convention	Plan	\$372	30
	" Sabbath-S	school for]	Foreign Missions		25	00
	" Special D	onations	" "		31	
	" B. Y. P. U	J. for Missi	ionaries' Outfit .		50	06
	" Capt. J. V	Vinn, R. E.	, for Foreign Mis	ssions	100	-
	" Special Of	ferings for	North-West		79	
	" "	"	British Columb	ia	25	20
	" "	"	Grand Ligne		1	00
				-	684	30
To Cash remit	ted A. Cohoor			450 56	004	00
4	Rev. J. W.	Manning		100 00		
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Poors' Fund, 1896.		
To paid needy poorBalance	\$150 53	55 89
	\$204	44
By received, balance on hand, January 1, 1896 "Interest Naylor Mortgage "Collections	04	30
By balance on hand January 1, 1897	\$204 \$53	
Received from Woman's Aid Society :		
Foreign Missions		70 50
	\$153	20

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MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

By	Month	ly Collectio	ons for West-end Church\$	36	60
	Special	donations	for B. and F. Bible Society	27	55
**	"	"	Halifax District Committee	3	19
. 64	**	**	Miss McNeil for S. School	3	00
	16	Collection		12	79
**	"	"	for Infants' Home	19	69
			8	102	82

To pa	id J. E. Dicketts, treasurer West-end Church	\$36 60	
-0 0	S. H. Black, Treas. B. & F. Society	27 55	
	B. H. Eaton, for District Com	3 19	
: .	J. Burgoyne, for S. School	3 00	
		12 79	
	Mrs. J. C. Mackintosh, for Infants' Home	19 69	
			\$102 82

SUMMARY.

Received from all sources :

Weekly Offerings	\$3098	05
Denominational Funds	623	10
For work in British Columbia		20
" Building Fund		90
" West-end Church	36	~~
" Halifax District Committee	3	19
" British and Foreign Bible Society	27	
" Sabbath School	3	00
" Halifax Dispensary	12	79
" Infants' Home	19	69
" Poors' Fund	160	
" Missionary Aid Society	153	20
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ESTIMATES FOR 1897.

Pastor's Salary \$1500	00
Pulpit Supplies	00
Conducting the Music 400	00
Sexton 150	00
Interest on \$7,500 at 5 p. c. and \$255 at 6 p. c	00
Water Rates 44	00
Sewerage for '95, \$20.36; for '94, \$21.22 19	00
Telephone 25	00
Fuel 110	00
Gas 100	00
Miscellaneous 200	00
Unpaid Bills 100	71
Return of Loan 255	00
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Respectfully submitted,

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W. W. KENNEY, Chairman Finance Committee.

Membership Boll.

FEBRUARY 10TH, 1897.

Ackhurst, Mrs. Maria L 57 Victoria Road.
Ackhurst, Miss Annie Maria "
Ackhurst, Miss Emily Flowers "
Ackhurst, William 212 Morris Street.
Ackhurst, Mrs. William "
Ackhurs', Miss Clarice
Ackhurst, Miss Marion
Ainsley, Mrs. Robert
Archibald, J. L 27 ¹ / ₂ Spring Garden Road.
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Baker, Mrs. Geo 1 Fenwick Street.
Barnstead, Miss Agnes
Baristead, John H 170 Tower Road.
Barnstead, Mrs. William 121 Spring Garden Road. Barratt, Miss Elvira
Barratt, Miss Elvira 110 Hollis Street.
Barss, Charles S 99 South Park Street.
Beattie, Miss Alice 212 Hollis Street.
Beckwith, R. N
Beckwith, Mrs. R. N "
Beckwith, Miss Estelle "
Beckwith, Miss Mary U
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Beckwith, Mrs. H. L "
Bezanson, H. P
Bezanson, Mrs H. P "
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Blackadar, Mrs H W
Blackadar, Miss Amy
Blair, C. D
Diair, Mrs. C. D
Blair, Louise
Diair, Frank
Boggs, Mrs. W. E India.
Bonn, Mrs. Welsford Musquodoboit Harbor.
Bool, George

Brunt, Miss Ida. 16 Burgoyne, Mrs. John Cooney, Mrs. A. Judson Cooney, Miss Jessie Cooney, Miss Janet 66 46

 Eaton, B. H
 Dartmouth.

 Eaton, Mrs. B. H
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 Eaton, Miss Isobel
 Acadia University.

 Elliott, Mrs. Freeman
 Dartmouth.

 Ellis, Mrs. David
 17 Bauer Street.

 Ellis, Mrs. William
 20 Henry Street.

 Faulkner, Mrs. Lydia Ann
 26 Brunswick Street.

 Fielding, Mrs. B. A
 197 South Street.

 Fisher, Mrs. Richard
 Victoria Hospital.

 Flett, James
 Herald Office.

 Flowers, Henry.
 222 Morris Street.

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Holloway, Miss Eva "

 Holloway, Mrs. William, Jr......
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 Hornish, Miss Eva
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 Hubley, Ebenezer S.
 Cor. Cob'g Rd. & LeMarc't St.

 Hubley, Miss Maud B.
 "

 Hubley, Stewart.
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 Hubley, Stewart.
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 Hubley, Peter T
 12 William Street.

 Hubley, Thomas A.
 69 Lockman Street.

 Hubley, Thomas A.
 10 Kent Street.

 Jack, Mrs. James.
 10 Kent Street.

 Jack, Mrs. A. M.
 Bedford.

 Jones. Vernor.
 School for the Blind.

McKenna. Elijah McKenna, Mrs. Elijah McLatchy, Mrs. Harriet McLatchy, Miss Bessie

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 43 Berkley Av., Orange, N. J.

 McNeil, Miss Mary Ann
 43 Berkley Av., Orange, N. J.

 Neily, M. G
 402 McDonough St., Brooklyn.

 Newcomb, Clarence A
 12 Grafton Street.

 Noonan, Mark A
 22 Starr Street.

 Norton, Miss Sarah L
 177 Barrington Street.

 Nunn, Mrs. William
 3 Dundonald Street.

 O'Donnell, Miss Hattie
 70 Morris Street.

Parker, Miss Fanny

 Parker, William F
 18 Coburg Road.

 Parker, Mrs. William F
 "

 Patten, Miss Annie
 10 Kent Street.

 Patten, Miss Charlotte
 "

 Patten, Mrs. Mary Ann
 "

 Payne, Mrs. Alice
 West Harvey Street.

 Payzant, Allison
 Dartmouth.

 Payzant, Lewis S
 "

 Payzant, Mrs. Samuel
 251 Spring Garden Road.

 Philp, Rev. R. R
 90 Agricola Street.

 Philp, Miss Martha
 "

 Philp, Miss Kate
 "

 Pickles, William
 Fredericton, N. B.

 Porter, Miss Clara
 "

 Puttner, Miss Florence
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 Puttner, Miss Florence
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 Puttner, Miss Lillian
 "

 Porter, Miss Florence
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Parker, William F 18 Coburg Road. .. Read, Miss Louise Saunders, Miss Grace Saunders, Miss Marshall Saunders, Miss Maria

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Stewart, Mrs. Charles E 3 Dundonald Street.	
Street, B. G 25 Blowers Street.	
Street Mrs. B. G	
Street Miss Elizabeth	
Street Miss Lilly "	
Taylor Mrs Lottie 70 Morris Street.	
Stnart Mrs Albert	y
Stnart Miss Lillian	
Thompson, David M 128 South Street.	
The second Mar David M	
Toale, John	
Togle Mrs John	
Twining Mrs. C. F	
Tyler Mrs Jessie	
Unham James	
Vidito, Mrs. I. W	
Wilson Miss Elsie	
Wilson Miss Sarah Language	
Wilson Mrs. Samuel Y 161 Pleasant Street.	
Wood, Andrew L Willow Street.	
Wood, Mrs Andrew L	
Wood, Miss Edith	
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Wood, James	
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Wright Miss Henrietta Unicacole, India.	
Yates, Miss Annie 10 Brenton Street.	
Votes Mrs. George S.	
Vorke, Miss Mary Blowers Street.	