

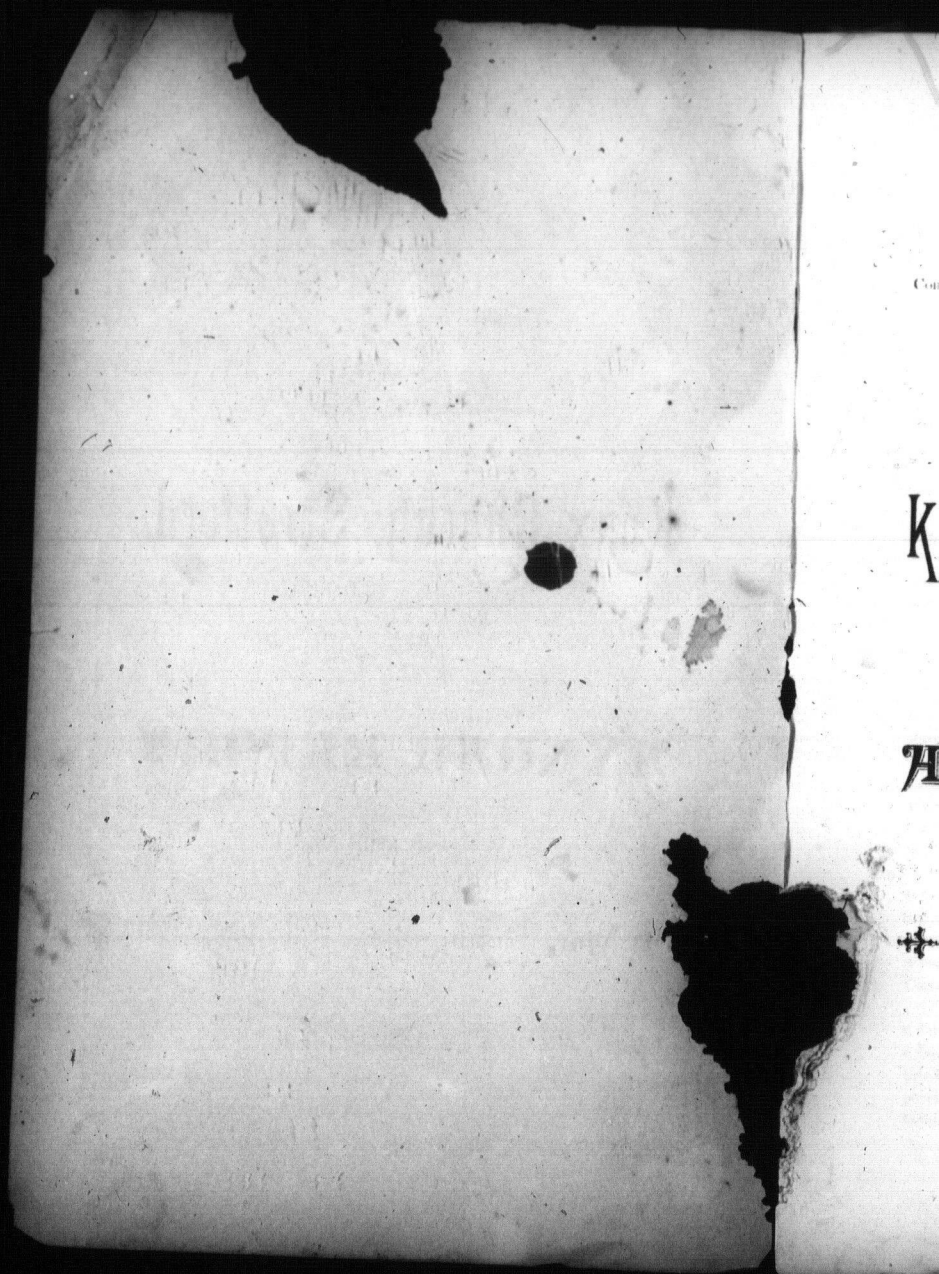
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REPORT OF SESSION.

The Session, in presenting their annual report, feel sorry that we are still without a settled pastor, but we pray God that he soon will send us one after His own heart, who will go in and out among us breaking the Bread of Life.

It is a matter of deep thankfulness to us all, that the Sabbath attendance during the year has been so good. It is, however, a matter of deep concern to us that the weekly prayer meeting has not been so well attended as we would desire. We trust, therefore, that in the future members will feel it to be their duty to participate in this hour of prayer.

We would again express our heartfelt sympathy with three of our members who are still, by reason of bodily infirmities, prevented from meeting and joining with us in the duties of the session. We refer to Messrs Dunn, McDermid and Donaldson. We would recommend that each member would consider it his duty and privilege to extend a cordial welcome to all strangers in the congregation, and especially to any new members uniting with us. We also wish that the services of the choir, under the excellent leadership of Mr Freeland, be not forgotten. We sometimes forget what a source of help they are in leading praise to God in the services of the sanctuary. But their love of the work causes them to give their assistance willingly and cheerfully.

We would remember with thanks the zeal and untiring efforts of the superintendent and those associated with him in the work of the Sabbath School. Their work is prompted by love, and should receive the kind co-operation of parents in this great work of feeding the lambs. We are also pleased to note the deep interest and increasing attendance in the Bible Class under the able teaching of Mr Malcolm.

The Session cannot speak too highly of Y.P.S.C.E.; the meetings show a decided increase of attendance, and the young people seem to be taking a deeper interest in the spiritual work of the congregation. We believe this organization is destined at no distant day to be of the greatest importance, in advancing the best interests of the cause of Christ, both at home and abroad. Our earnest prayer is that they may go on and prosper.

There is now on our communion roll 682 members. Since our last report there have been 24 added, viz., by profession of faith 7, and by certificate 17. During the year 8 have been removed by death, and 18 by certificate. Also during the year 23 infants and two adults have been baptised.

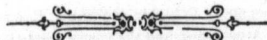
The Session would express its deep sense of the kindness shown to it by the late moderator *pro tem.*, Rev J. A. Turnbull, by his many kind acts and deep interest in the welfare of our congregation, and in bidding him farewell would wish him God speed in his new and chosen field; and earnestly pray for abundant success there to be given him. We also extend to Rev Mr Tully a most cordial welcome as our new moderator.

The accompanying list of deaths during the year will strike a mournful chord in many hearts and to each of us may it be a call to "prepare to meet thy God."

In Memoriam.

	Died.	Age.
Mr R. Ballantyne	Jan. 7	90 years.
Miss Martha Orr	" 23	33 "
Mr A. Scrimgeour	" 28	55 "
Miss Byers	Feb. 15	37 "
Mr R. Myers	" 21	64 "
Mr James Dewar	" 27	68 "
Mr Robt Smart	" 27	58 "
Miss Annie McDonald	April 18	19 "
Mrs E. Gunn	" 21	89 "
Mrs R. Ross	July 18	45 "
Maggie May Hodgins	Aug 15	6 "
Mr B. Dawson	" 23	77 "
Mrs Thos McPherson	Sept 5	76 "
Mr A. D. McTavish's child	Oct 19	2 " 9 mo
Mr Robt Gibb's child	Nov 18	7 mo

A. STEWART, Sess. Clerk.



KNOX CHURCH MANAGERS' ANNUAL
REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1890.

The managers in submitting their annual financial report are pleased to be able to congratulate the congregation upon its general prosperity.

We think it unnecessary to give in a written report either the receipts or expenditures in detail, as these are itemized in the financial statement which has already been published. The total receipts amount to \$3,992, being \$259.47 less than last year. We regret to find this decrease, chiefly in pew rents, for which we think no satisfactory reason can be assigned, and we hope that the present year may be fruitful in better results from this very important source of church resources. The Sabbath collections have been about the same as last year. The managers have to depend largely upon this source of revenue to meet the obligations of the congregation and hope that in future these weekly offerings will be characterized by greater liberality. Unless this is done the price of sittings will have to be increased beyond the present rental.

A brief reference to the larger amounts of expenditure will perhaps enable the congregation to more fully realize the large amounts of money necessary to meet the obligations involved in maintaining and carrying on church work.

During the last year pulpit supply cost \$1,166.13; salaries, \$800; contribution to the McPherson fund, \$500.32; interest on the mortgage, \$456.75; bank account, \$151; gas account, \$127.20; fuel account \$161.01; poor fund, \$73.55. These alone foot up the sum of \$3,435.96, leaving only \$247.40 expended to cover repairs, printing, organ rent and all incidental expenses which will be found in detail in the financial statement.

The managers are, however, able to show a cash balance on hand at the end of the year of \$308.64, without a single liability against the congregation excepting the mortgage debt of \$7,500.

We regret again to have to report so large an amount of arrears on

the treasurer's books and hope that all pew holders will endeavor to meet their obligations in this respect quarterly, and promptly in advance.

It is customary in many of our best churches to publish in their annual reports the names of all contributors to the church funds, with the amount promised, amount paid, and arrears (if any). The attention of the congregation has been called to this matter in former reports, but no action has, so far, been taken and no instructions have been given to the managers in reference thereto.

The managers felt it their duty last year to draw the attention of the congregation to necessary improvements that would have to be made in the near future which would involve considerable outlay.

The erection of a vestibule in front of the church is almost an absolute necessity, as the present structure is in a very dilapidated condition.

Although upwards of a year and a half without a settled pastor the Sabbath attendance has been remarkably good. Sabbath collections are in advance of last year and pew rents are not much less than in past years.

The managers cannot close their report without an expression of their satisfaction at the financial prosperity of the congregation and also their gratification at the unity and harmonious feeling existing particularly in view of the eventful period of *disquiet* and *unrest* through which the congregation has successfully passed without seriously disturbing friendly feeling or perceptibly injuring the general prosperity.

The retiring members of the board are James Bennoch, R. Donaldson and J. P. Macdonald.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

J. P. MACDONALD,

Chairman.



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Knox Church Financial Statement,

FOR 1890.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand January 1st, 1890	\$ 61 95
" Pew Rents.....	2,100 77
" Collected on Arrears, 1888 and 1889	332 03
" Sabbath Collections.....	1,438 79
" Preparatory Services.....	14 51
" Poor Fund Collecton.....	43 95
	<u>\$3,992 00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Pulpit Supply	\$1,166 13
" Synod Fund.....	8 00
" Delegates to Synod.....	30 20
" Paid Note and Interest in Bank.....	151 00
" Mr. Freeland's Salary.....	300 00
" Mr. Donaldson's Salary.....	500 00
" Property Repairs.....	51 67
" Printing and Stationery.....	35 23
" Gas Account.....	127 20
" Fuel Account.....	161 01
" Interest on Mortgage.....	456 75
" Poor Fund.....	73 55
" Organ Rent.....	37 50
" Miscellaneous.....	10 05
" Delegates' Expenses to Lindsay.....	59 75
" Treasurer's Mission Fund.....	15 00
" Subscription to the McPherson Fund.....	500 32
	<u>3,683 36</u>
To Cash on hand and in Bank.....	\$308 64

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Church Property and Furniture.....	\$20,000 00
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	308 64
Arrears of 1888 and 1890.....	611 88
	<u>20,920 52</u>
Mortgage Debt.....	7,500 00
	<u>\$13,420 52</u>

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books of Accounts and Vouchers of R. Donaldson, Treasurer of Knox Church, for 1890, and found them correct.

CHARLES SCOTT,
JAMES MACDONALD, } AUDITORS.

List of Members of Session.

Rev. T. McPherson.

Mr. Wm. Dun.	Mr. G. Hunter.
" R. Donaldson.	" W. Douglas.
" H. Duncan.	" S. Rankin.
" J. Callin.	" J. Stewart.
" R. Hamilton.	" J. Mills.
" W. Ireland.	" J. Barton.
" H. McDermid	" R. Ross.

List of Managers.

Mr. J. P. Macdonald.	Mr. C. E. Nasmyth.
" J. Bennoch.	" A. Johnson.
" J. Dow.	" R. Brownlie.
" J. McIntyre.	" R. Donaldson.
" F. D. Hamilton	

Knox Church Ushers for 1891

Mr. W. J. Elliott.	Mr. W. C. Orr.
" A. Stewart.	" A. T. Macdonald.

KNOX CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1890.

In submitting the Report of the Sabbath School, for the year 1890, the Superintendent and Teachers desire to acknowledge their dependence on a kind Providence for the measure of success which has crowned their efforts during the past year.

Of the number of children receiving instruction, from Sabbath to Sabbath, we are glad to report but one removal by the hand of death. The total number of pupils on the roll is, at the close of the year, 467, and the average attendance 303.

We gladly acknowledge the kindness of Mr. R. Donaldson, in offering four neatly bound Bibles, as special prizes for correctly and promptly allocating the books of the Bible; and also two Oxford Bibles were given by the Teachers, as prizes to pupils committing the whole of the Shorter Catechism to memory.

The present condition of the Sabbath School Library is fairly satisfactory, consisting of about 750 volumes. During the year 1891 this number will be considerably augmented by new books, to the value of \$70. Of this amount the Congregation, by special Sabbath collection, contributed \$32.25. To obtain better accommodation for the increase soon to be made to the books on hand, Mr. Donaldson has, at considerable labor, erected a number of convenient library shelves in another part of the basement, without charge or compensation, for which consideration both Superintendent and Teachers express their appreciation.

The Bible Class has, we fear, suffered somewhat from the want of a permanent teacher during the greater part of the year. This, however, was less felt owing to the valuable assistance given by most of the ministers who were present conducting the Sabbath services. Since the middle of November last we have fortunately secured the services of Mr. George Malcolm, a teacher in the Collegiate Institute in this city, and who has since very ably and efficiently conducted this important branch of Sabbath work.

Both Superintendent and Teachers desire specially to draw the attention of the Congregation to the inadequate accommodation provided for so large a number of children as are assembled from week to week in this place, and

trust that some steps may be taken to increase the area now occupied, which, we believe, would greatly promote the comfort of the school, as well as the efficiency of the instruction given.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HUNTER,
Superintendent.

OFFICE BEARERS.

Mr. G. Hunter, Superintendent.
 " Wm. Ireland, Assistant Superintendent.
 " M. G. Huber, Secretary.
 " D. M. Hamilton, Assistant Secretary.
 " W. H. Neil, Secretary Bible Class.
 " R. Donaldson, Treasurer.
 " G. Malcolm, Teacher Bible Class.
 Messrs. A. Montague and J. H. Boyer, Librarians.
 Miss McLennan, Organist.

TEACHERS.

Mrs. Hyslop.	Miss K. Addie.	Miss B. Orr.
" Frank.	" Gourlay.	" Hunter.
Miss E. Garden.	" A. E. Miller.	" Stevenson.
" K. Hamilton.	" McLennan.	Mr. Ross.
" A. I. uncan.	" Cassels.	" McKay.
" J. Duncan.	" Grant.	" A. F. Hamilton.
" B. McIntosh.	" E. Stevenson.	" Williamson.
" T. Hamilton.	" Fortune.	" A. Stewart.
" A. McIntyre.	" K. V. Johnston.	" Myers.
" L. Macdonald.	" Turnbull.	" Stewart.
" Forbes.	" Kyle.	" Ireland.
" M. Macdonald.	" M. S. Miller.	

ATTENDANCE.

Whole attendance of entire school during year.....	15,764
Largest attendance one Sabbath.....	390
Smallest " " ".....	178
Average " per ".....	303

BIBLE CLASS.

Whole attendance during year.....	2,115
Largest " one Sabbath (Dec. 7th).....	85
Smallest " " (Sept. 14th).....	23
Average " (43 Sabbaths) per Sabbath.....	49

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INTERMEDIATE CLASSES.

Whole attendance during year.....	8,653
Largest " one Sabbath.....	216
Smallest " " ".....	91
Average " per ".....	166

PRIMARY CLASS.

Whole attendance during year.....	3,238
Largest " one Sabbath.....	86
Average " per ".....	62

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS.

No. of male teachers on roll.....	10
" female " ".....	27
" Office-Bearers ".....	9

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1890.

1890. Jan. 1.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand, \$113.95 extra \$12.12.....	\$ 126 07
" Mission Barrels.....	2 27
" Tea Meeting Anniversary.....	18 20
" Young People's Society (Loan of '89).....	10 00
" Sabbath collections.....	227 64
" Over banked.....	83
" Bank interest.....	1 87
	\$ 386 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

By John Dougal & Son (papers).....	\$ 54 33
" A. T. MacDonald (Hymnals, papers, etc.).....	57 50
" C. B. Robinson.....	1 70
" N. T. Wilson (papers used in 1889).....	33 50
" Prizes.....	3 25
" County Convention.....	3 00
" Cartage at social.....	50
" Expense of sending old papers to T. Smith, Tor.	1 44
" Dishes.....	6 40
" Catechisms and roll books.....	6 75
" Pointe aux Trembles.....	100 18
" Pratt and Tracy (Library cards).....	4 50
" W. Stone (repairing library books).....	13 31
" J. Willis (teaming at picnic).....	75
" J. H. Dutton.....	60
" J. & R. Forbes.....	2 50
" Expense of delegate to convention.....	1 60
" N. T. Wilson (papers, quarterlies for 1891).....	35 13
" D. C. Cook (papers for 1891).....	6 62
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 53 32

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KNOX CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Financial Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

1890.		RECEIPTS.	
Jan. 1st. To Balance on hand.....			\$ 88 55
Contributions received per collectors as follows —			
Miss M. Millar.....			30 65
“ Duncan.....			15 30
“ Moderwell.....			22 70
Misses Dow and Forbes.....			17 85
“ Fortune and Mathews.....			22 30
“ Campbell and Ballard.....			33 69
“ Casels and Macdonald.....			14 83
Miss McKellar.....			1 40
“ McIntosh.....			11 50
“ Bella Fortune.....			7 90
“ Eason.....			22 55
“ Allan.....			10 30
Special collections from—			
Mrs. Hyde.....			1 00
Mr. James Callin.....			4 00
Records.....			2 75
Interest from bank.....			2 87
			\$ 310 14

EXPENDITURE.		
Home Missions.....		\$ 100 00
Foreign Missions.....		50 00
Knox C. liege.....		25 00
Augmentation.....		25 00
Records, Mr James Croil.....		49 65
		\$ 249 65
Balance on hand.....		\$ 60 49

RALPH DONALDSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF KNOX CHURCH, STRATFORD, AUXILIARY

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR
THE YEAR 1890.

The number of members of this society is 31 ; average attendance 10. There are not any new life members or members of General Society.

A greater interest has been taken in this society in the past year by the members than in any former years and it is hoped that the interest will continue to grow from year to year.

This society has to record the sad loss by death of the Hon. President Mrs Macpherson, it was through her influence that the society was organized.

The names of delegates appointed to attend the annual meeting are Mrs. A. J. Macpherson and Mrs. W. Brown.

Amount sent to Pres. Treas.	\$ 90 00
Value of clothing sent to North West	78 00

Names of officers for 1891 :—

Mrs. Hislop,	re-elected President.
Mrs. Kay,	1st Vice-President.
Mrs. Rankin,	2nd "
Mrs. Ireland,	3rd "
Mrs. Hossie,	re-elected, Secretary and Treasurer.

KATE HOSSIE,

Sec'y. KNOX CHURCH AUX. W. F. M. S.

REPORT OF GORDON MISSION BAND, FOR 1890.

The past year has been one of steady progress. Not only has the attendance at our meetings been larger, but a deeper interest has been manifested, and a growing desire for more knowledge of our mission fields and their needs. More of our members have taken part in the meetings, and papers on Mission Schools were prepared and read by different members. The leaflet is subscribed for by a goodly number of members, and read with interest.

Although we cannot report an increase in the number of members, this must not be taken as an indication of our lack of growth. From various causes changes are being constantly made, but new members taking the place of those who have left, the membership remains about forty, with an average attendance of thirteen. We have four members of the General Society.

For the sake of members who cannot attend our meetings in the afternoon we have occasionally held evening meetings at private residences, when, after the regular business, a social hour was spent. We have found these to be much appreciated and well attended.

Our contributions from all sources have been \$88 93, of which \$7 was a special collection invested in new goods for the Indians. Our only expense was \$2, in connection with a missionary meeting, which, with a balance of .93 left on hand, leaves us \$80, handed over to the Treasurer.

Our officers for the ensuing year are—

President—	MISS MODERWELL
1st Vice-President—	MISS DUNCAN.
2nd "	MISS MACDONALD.
Secretary—	MISS MCFADDEN.
Treasurer—	MISS IRELAND.

REPORT OF KNOX CHURCH Y. P. S. C. E.



It is now a year and two months since our society was formed. Thirty-one signed their names as members the first night. There has been a steady growth, and now there are two honorary, 61 active and 54 associate members, making a total of 117.

Nearly all the active members are at work on ten committees, seven of which have been appointed within the last three months. They are composed of the Executive, Prayer-Meeting, Social, Lookout, Mission, Sabbath School, Visiting and Flower, Literature, Music and Temperance Committees.

The Prayer-Meeting Committee is one of the most important. Its duty is to provide leaders for each meeting, and to do what they can to make them interesting and profitable. They have tried to secure the co-operation and assistance of all the members, and many even of the most timid have been persuaded to let their voices be heard.

The Social Committee have attended to the social duties of the society. Have, by welcoming and friendly intercourse, created a friendly spirit amongst the young people and have especially endeavored to welcome and become acquainted with strangers.

The Lookout Committee have visited the members of the society, and taken a friendly interest in securing their regular attendance at our prayer meetings.

The Mission Committee have provided us with interesting papers at our missionary meetings, and have endeavored to increase the interest in missions in our midst.

The Sabbath School Committee has proved a very useful adjunct to our society. They have reorganized the Bible Class, and secured the services of Mr. Malcolm as Teacher. They have visited many of the young people who had no previous interest in it, and secured their attendance at the class. They have also provided teachers prepared to fill vacancies in the Sabbath School, in case of absentees, and have helped the teachers in the work of visiting unregular scholars.

Visiting and Flower Committee.—They have made about 60 visits to the sick and members of the society, and flowers have been left with many as an expression of our sympathy.

Literature Committee.—This committee has endeavored to distribute helpful Christian literature. The members of the society have lent the committee books and papers, which they have re-lent.

The Music Committee have looked after the musical interests of the society.

The Temperance Committee has only been organized a week, and so has not got into working order as yet.

A monthly free-will offering has been taken up to defray the expenses of the society, and out of this \$10 was given to Home Missions at Christmas time. An effort has since then been made to secure systematic contributions for missions during the present year.

On looking back over the past year we cannot help feeling that the Lord has been with us, helping us in our effort to work for Him and the Church, and that he has greatly blessed us in that effort. We are encouraged when we think of the increased attendance at the meetings, of the numbers who have been willing to accept the pledge, and of the marked interest shown by every one in the furtherance of the work.

As we go forward this year we are anxious that, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, we may be kept more faithful to our vows, and that He will lead us on to greater usefulness.

The officers for the first six months of this year are as follows:—

President—Miss MOWAT.

Vice-President—Mr. MYERS,

Treasurer—Miss M. MILLER.

Corresponding Sec'y. —Miss KYLE.

Recording Sec'y. —Miss J. Duncan

