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# ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY



OF TORONTO.

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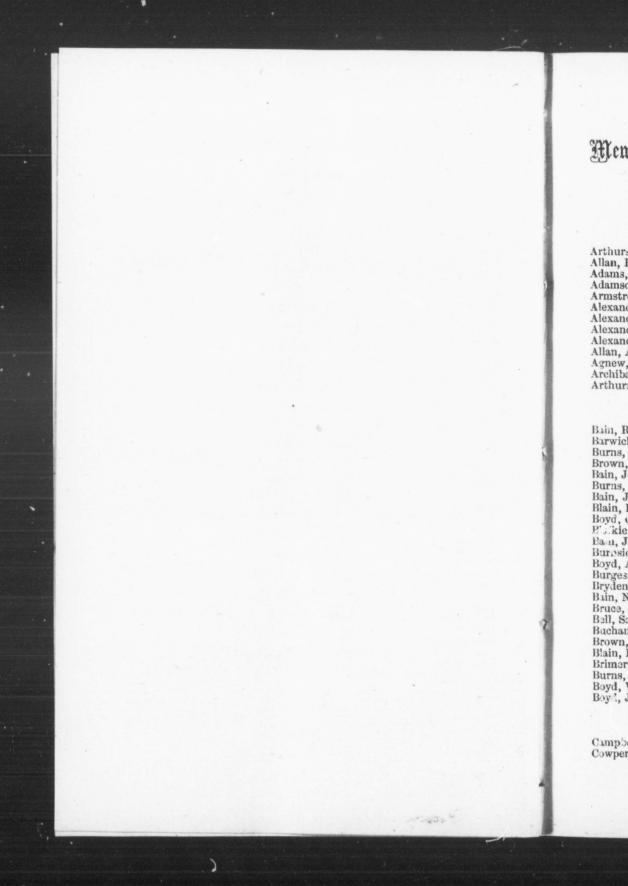
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## 1875-1876.

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Nasmith, J. Nichol, H. S. Nichol, F. Nairn, Alex. Nairn, Stephen

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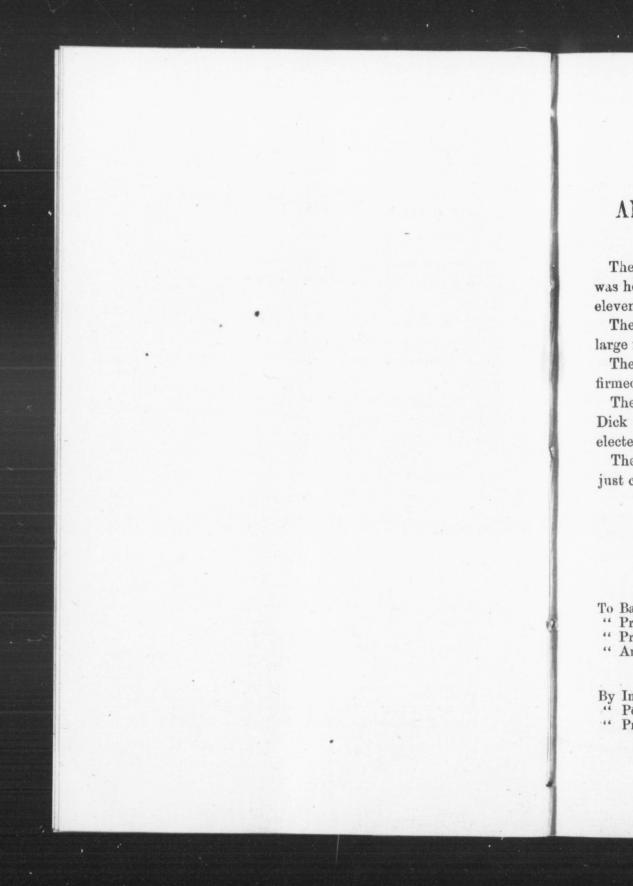
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Thomson, W. Thomson, H. C. Thorburn, Dr. Topp, Rev. Dr. Trotter, R. S. Taylor, J. Sutherland Torrance, George

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Valentine, Dr.

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## ANNUAL PREPARATORY MEETING.

The Preparatory Meeting of the St. Andrew's Society was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Thursday evening, the eleventh day of November, 1875.

The President, Major Arthurs, occupied the chair-a large number of members being present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and con-

The gentlemen proposed at last meeting, viz., D. B. Dick and J. S. Marshall, were unanimously declared elected members of the Society.

The Treasurer then presented his report for the year just concluded as follows :---

Toronto, 11th Nov., 1875.

St Andrew's Society, in account with

I. C. GILMOR,

Treasurer.

#### DR.

То	Balance on hand Nov., 1874	\$145	28			
66	Proceeds of Sermon	73	75			
	Proceeds entertainment "Opera House."	243				
	Annual Subscriptions	286				
	*		_	\$748	70	

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Bv	Insurance	\$	9	00	
	Postage	• •	3	90	
. 6 6	Printing and stationery		84	34	
	Carry forward		96	84	

Brought forward "Railway expenses "Orders paid		08 50		
" Balance on hand			\$457 291	
Stock held in Building and Loan Associ	19.		\$748	70
tion equal to		99	31800	00

On motion of Mr. Gilmor, seconded by Mr. Spreull, the report was adopted.

Mr. Crombie read the following report of the Managers for the past year :--

In submitting the annual report of the Managers of the Society for the past year, your Committee beg leave to state, that in comparing the expenditure of monies for thecurrent year with the previous, find that notwithstanding the unusual depression in trade, the number of persons assisted falls short of those relieved last year, by thirty-nine, and the amount expended is less by about \$47.39.

We have nothing special to notice this year as compared with former years, unless the usual difficulties and doubts as to the propriety of giving to many of those seeking assistance.

It would greatly assist the Managers if members and others, sending parties to them for assistance, would also endeavour to get such information respecting them as is necessary to enable the Managers to judge of their claims on the Society.

Your Managers have been unable to keep a record of those parties who were refused assistance, but they are quite numerous. The number of pensioners now on the list is four, two of these have drawn the full amount of their drawn showi neces In have sudde in the widow city, besid polis. Th their objec regre betw parti ing tl even cases to th the p Yo sistin for th panie redu do a obtai and bene their pension, viz., \$2 per month, and two have only drawn a portion of what they are entitled to, evidently showing a desire to seek such aid only when absolutely necessary.

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In two cases the funeral expenses of deceased persons have been paid—the one that of George Hunter, who died suddenly at New York, and whose wife had been buried in the Necropolis, the other that of Mrs. McLaren, the widow of a soldier, who died a short distance from the city, and previous to her death, requested to be buried beside her son in her own burying ground in the Necropolis.

The forwarding of emigrants and others unable to reach their destinations is undeniably one of the most important objects of the Society, and for this reason your Committee regret that the arrangements which formerly existed between your Society and the Railway Companies, particularly the Great Western and Grand Trunk, reducing the amount of the fares, have been cancelled. Passes even at the ordinary rates have been refused, and in most cases the money had to be paid, causing additional outlay to the Society, and much inconvenience and doubt as to the proper application of the money.

Your Committee beg to suggest that a deputation consisting of prominent members of the Society, be appointed for the purpose of conferring with all the Railroad Companies which touch the city, with a view to getting a reduction of the fares. This would enable the Society to do a much larger amount of good. If no reduction can be obtained, they might at least accept the Society's passes, and thus insure their proper use by the parties to be benefited. Statement of assistance rendered for the year ending, November, 1875:

Casual assistance	117	\$242 75
Pensioners	4	61 0.)
Railway and Steamboat passes	19	31 41
Faneral expenses	2	12 00

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All of which is respectfully submitted,

By your obedient servants,

GEO. P. DICKSON,

A. T. CROMBIE,

W. D. McINTOSH,

On motion of Mr. Crombie, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the Managers' Report was adopted.

At the request of the Society, the Secretary read a report on the affairs of the Society which he had prepared, which report embraced some interesting facts connected with the Society in the past, and some practical suggestions as to the future.

It was moved by Mr. James Michie, seconded by Mr. Angus Morrison, that a vote of thanks be tendered by the Society to the Secretary for the trouble he had taken, and the information he had given the Society in the report just read, and that the report be referred to the further consideration of the Society, and embodied in the Annual Report. Carried.

The Secretary replied in suitable terms.

The report just read was as follows :--

To the President and Members of the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto:

Having for two years filled the office of Secretary of your Society, and having during that time endeavoured as far as my ability would allow, to forward the interests of yo have tions Socie An I fee matt prove office Ye havi Alla of th four mem local Si seve book the : In of fla Hon Soci Y a se Buc Ir Can which A the was

of your Society, and while, no doubt, frequently mistakes have been made, yet it is my sincere hope that my exertions, on the whole, have proved beneficial to your Society.

And now, on the eve of my retirement from office, I feel it my duty to make a few observations on such matters as have come under my notice, and which may prove of interest and advantage, not only to your future officers, but to the Society at large.

Your Society was formed in the month of May, 1836, having a membership of 62 persons—the Honorable Wm. Allan being the first President. Of the original members of the Society, thirty-five have been removed by death, four still remain on the books of the Society as active members, and the remainder have gone to reside in other localities.

Since the formation of your Society one thousand and seventy-five persons have had their names enrolled on the books as members, and at present 377 persons constitute the membership of the Society.

In the year 1837 the Society was presented with a pair of flags—the Scotch Standard and the Red Lion—by the Hon. Wm. Allan, who was then the President of the Society.

Your Society was also in the year 1846 the recipient of a set of Bag-pipes, the donation of the Hon. Isaac Buchanan, now of the city of Hamilton.

In the year 1849 Lord Elgin, then Governor-General of Canada, presented the Society with his own portrait, which is still in a good state of preservation.

And the "Sheep's Head Snuff Mill," which, although the last donation to the Society, is not the least valuable, was in 1857 bestowed upon the Society by the late John Ewart, and of which it has ever since been the privilege of each successive President to have the custody.

Having drawn your attention to a few of the memories connected with your Society, it is now my intention to mention some of the more practical matters.

It will be seen by referring to the census returns, that between the years 1861 and 1871 the Scotch population of the Province of Ontario, and also of the city of Toronto, have more than tripled themselves, and on turning to the Roll of your Society, we find that for the five years ending November, 1870, there had been added to the number of the Society one hundred and twenty-five members, that for the five years ending November, 1875, there have been only one hundred and thirty-one members added, thus showing, that although apparently the Society is not losing ground, as far as numbers is concerned, yet, in reality, it is so; for while the field is becoming more extensive, the number of members added is about the same.

The comparison of the returns of receipts for the past ten years does not show such an increase as might have been desired. By reference to the Treasurers' Reports during that period, the receipts are shown to be as follows :—

For the year 1854-1865

our.	1001-1000		-	-	\$158 75
	1865 - 1866	-	-		200 00
	1866 - 1867	-	-	-	676 83
	1867 - 1868		-		571 00
	1868-1869		-	-	452 09
	1869-1870		-	-	777 87
	1870-1871	-	-	-	544 27
	1871-1872		-	-	492 00
	1872-1873		-	-	570 46
	1873-1874		-	-	433 95
	1874-1875		-	-	603 42

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somew that a instar indivi when each his na ing h effect been schen ment asser or ha The largest amount received in any year being that of \$777.87 in 1869-1870, and the least that of \$200 in 1865-1866. The year just closed showing \$603.42, a large increase over the previous year, yet still so small an amount as to admit of considerable improvement.

In view of what has been said, the question which suggests itself to every mind will naturally be. To what is this attributable? Many reasons may be assigned, but it seems to me that the chief reason why the membership is not increased is that the members leave almost the entire management of the affairs of the Society in the hands of the office bearers, and this, I think, I am warranted in saying, when as is shown by the minutes of each Quarterly ' Meeting the number of office-bearers attending such meetings invariably outnumber the private members. This has the effect of allowing the claims of the Society to drop out of the minds of the members.

The means by which a change may be effected is somewhat difficult to devise; but it has occurred to me that a complete revision of the Roll should in the first instance be had, and that the name and address of each individual should be inscribed in a book, in order that when necessity requires, the members may be found. That each member on being elected, should be made to sign his name to the Roll of the Society, at the same time paying his first year's subscription, which would have the effect of impressing on his mind the fact of his having been so elected a member. And thus in forwarding the schemes of the Society, those entrusted with the management may not be met (as is sometimes the case) with the assertion that the individual applied to is not a member, or has been made so without his consent. It might be

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well, too, that the members' subscriptions should be aud, d at the end of each year, and a list made of those who have not paid their annual fee, in order that the Society may deal with them as necessity requires.

In the next place it might be well to consider whether it is advisable that the meeting in August should be continued, as during that month a very large number of the members are away from the city ; and the out-door amusements are so numerous that it is almost impossible to secure a sufficient number of members to constitute a meeting, and an adjournment for want of a quorum is almost invariably the result—the necessity for calling the meeting is only a bill of expense, without any profit accruing therefrom—and if need be a meeting can be called at any time by the President, as provided by the rules of the Society.

Heretofore it has been the privilege of the Society to forward applicants for Railway passage at the rate of one cent per mile, and also to issue passes which were recognized by the railway companies. This has of late been done away with, and thus a large additional trouble is given to the Managers, and a very great drain is made upon the funds of the Society, in so much so, that I am informed by your managers that unless the number sent by the railways had been greatly curtailed, but a small fund would have been left to be distributed in the shape of relief to the distressed among our own Scotch citizens. It has, therefore, occurred to me, and permit me to suggest whether it would not be well that some scheme should be devised by which the whole Scotch population of Ontario could be united in such a way as to contribute toward the fund for forwarding to their destinations those needing

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this kind of assistance. It seems to me that a Central Committee, having its base of operations in Toronto, pr. . . ded over by a Manager and having a Secretary and Treasurer distinct from those of this Society, might be formed, which committee would be in communication with and receive funds from all the St. Andrew's Societies of Ontario,such funds to be applied in forwarding parties from one locality to another. If such a scheme were thought possible, the advantages to be derived seem to me to be At present, almost the entire burden of unbounded. supporting and contributing towards the relief of our poorer brethren devolves upon the few existing Societies: the number of these in Ontario being, so far as I have been able to ascertain, only some twenty Societies, having a membership of something near two thousand individuals. From this it will be seen that only a mere handful of our Scotch population contribute towards the funds of any Society ; and no doubt many persons who would most willingly contribute, are deprived of the privilege from want of an opportunity. By this scheme, too, many new Societies would be started, and thus the needy in every locality would have a means of relief. And in this way, also, those passing from one place to another could bear with them the recommendation of the Committee, which would in many instances be more acceptable than the individual's own uncertified recommendation. In addition to this a register might be kept by the Committee of Situations Vacant, by which an easy means would be afforded of securing employment for such as are able to work, in

the place of giving pecuniary aid. And in general the

whole Scotch population would thus be drawn together

and made to feel and have a common interest, which in many

instances, no doubt, has waxed cold through want of a common aim or object. It is not intended that by this means Scotchmen should assist one another to the exclusion of other nationalities, but surely the same reasons which warrant those in a city being united as we are, will warrant those of the Province being bound together for a similar object. And whilst we are glad to see those of other nationalities coming amongst us, we may be right glad for those who are our kinsfolk in addition to being fellow citizens.

I have to thank the officers and members of the Society for their co-operation and forbearance in the discharge of the duties of my office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

#### WM. DAVIDSON,

Secretary.

TORONTO, Nov. 11, 1875.

The election of office-bearers was then proceeded with, resulting as set forth in the list upon the third page.

Mr. G. P. Dickson, who, for a great number of years, occupied a position in the Society as one of its Managers, having for various reasons found it necessary to retire from that office, which step the Society deeply regretted,

"It was on the motion of Mr. Ramsay, seconded by "Mr. C. Carnegie,—Resolved, That this Society deeply "regrets that Mr. G. P. Dickson, who has for so long a "period filled the office of Manager both with credit to "himself and benefit to the Society, finds it necessary to "decline re-election; and that this Society tenders to "Mr. Dickson its sincere thanks for his past efficient ser" vices as of trans

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Put of the assem ing of one of serme text i do th "vices, and hopes that he may be long spared to continue "as one of its members. And that the Secretary do "transmit to Mr. Dickson a copy of this resolution."

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The celebration of "The Day" was then considered. It was on the motion of Mr. Angus Morrison, seconded by Mr. Carrie,—Resolved, that the Rev. Dr. Topp, one of the Society's Chaplains, be requested to preach a sermon on Sunday evening, the 28th day of November ; and that the proceeds be applied to the Charitable Fund ; and that the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary be a committee to wait upon the Rev. Dr. in reference thereto.

On Motion of Mr. Spreull, seconded by Mr. Angus Morrison, it was resolved, "That 'The Day' be cele-"brated by a social supper of the members of the Society "only, to be held on the evening of the 30th November "instant, and that the officers of the Society be "a Committee to carry out the arrangements for the "supper, and to settle as to the time, place, and other "details."

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

#### "THE ANNIVERSARY."

Pursuant to the resolution to that effect, the members of the Society, together with a large number of the friends, assembled at Knox Church at seven o'clock on the evening of the 28th November, 1875, when the Rev. Dr. Topp, one of the Society's Chaplains, delivered the annual sermon in a manner befitting the occasion, taking for his text Luke x., 37 : "Then, said Jesus unto him, go and do thou likewise." At the conclusion of the service a collection was taken up in aid of the charitable funds from which the sum of \$51.98 was realized.

On the evening of the 30th Nov. a large number of the members of the Society assembled at the Queen's Hotel, where, after the instalation of the officers elect and the conclusion of other routine business, they adjourned to the dining-room and partook of the supper which had been provided. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were proposed and responded to, and the party separated at a timely hour, having done all honor to the memory of St. An lrew.



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