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Congregational Report

OF THE

MACNAB STREET



Presbyterian Church

HAMILTON, ONT.

FOR THE

Year Ending Jan'y. 31st, 1878.

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OFFICE-BEARERS.

MEMBERS OF SESSION.

REV. D. H. FLETCHER, *Moderator.*

Mr. P. Dewar,
" James Osborne,
" J. M. Dingwall,
Dr. McQuesten,

Dr. Macdonald,
Mr. D. McLellan,
" James Watson,
" Geo. H. Milne.

Mr. George Smith, *Acting Session Clerk.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Chairman, Mr. Alexander Turner, Sandyford Place.

Secretary, Mr. Angus Sutherland, 56 and 58 King-st. W.

Treasurer, Mr. John Moodie, 38 King-st. W.

Mr. George Dickson,
Mr. James C. McKeand,
Mr. James Addison,
Mr. I. B. McQuesten,

Mr. D. McPhie,
Mr. H. W. Glassco,
Mr. William Murphy,
Mr. Thomas Wilson.

TRUSTEES.

Hon. Isaac Buchanan,
Mr. Plummer Dewar,

Mr. Alexander Harvey,
Mr. James Turner,

Mr. I. B. McQuesten.

AUDITORS.

Mr. Alexander Davidson,

Mr. J. A. Mackenzie.

Precentor, Mr. John Wilson.

Church Officer, M. Richardson, 11 Hunter Street East.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

PRESIDENT—Rev. D. H. Fletcher.
SUPERINTENDENT—Mr. J. M. Dingwall.
SECRETARY AND TREASURER—Mr. J. P. Mackenzie.
LIBRARIAN—Mr. George Finlayson.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS, } Mr. William Smith,
 } Mr. Jas. R. Moodie.

TEACHERS.

MALE 16.

Mr. George Smith,
Mr. Thos. Wilson,
Mr. A. McKay,
Mr. John Wilson,
Mr. A. McKenzie,
Mr. G. Milne,
Mr. Thos. Ratcliffe,
“ A. Davidson,
“ James Ratcliffe,
“ J. C. McKeand,
“ John Taylor,
“ W. Hunter,
“ R. Brackenridge,
“ W. Applegath,
“ W. H. Boyle,
“ D. McLellan.

FEMALE 18.

Miss Duffield,
Mrs. Davidson,
Miss Fletcher,
Miss Murray,
Miss Ferrie,
Miss Patton,
Miss Mackenzie,
Miss Laing,
Miss McInnes,
Mrs. Smith,
Miss Mowat,
Miss Kennedy,
Miss Harvey,
Miss Davidson,
Miss Brackenridge,
Miss Osborne,

Miss Irvine and Mrs. Lauder.

The anniversary of the Sabbath School was held in the Church on Friday the 15th of February, 1878. The pastor presided. After devotional exercises the following report was read :

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the McNab Street Presbyterian Sabbath School for the year ending December 31st, 1877.

The condition of the School during last year has been such as ought to produce gratitude for the past and hopefulness regarding the future. The total and average attendance of both teachers and pupils was slightly in advance of the preceding year. The Sabbath School Association would recognize with devout thankfulness the goodness of Almighty God in the fact that not a single teacher or pupil was removed by death during the year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TEACHERS AND OFFICE-BEARERS.

Male Teachers, 14 ; Female Teachers, 18 ; Office-bearers, 6. Total, 38.
Six new teachers were added during the year and five teachers left.

CLASSES.

Boys, 16 ; Girls, 18. Total, 34.

Number on Roll—Boys, 121 ; Girls, 154. Total, 275.

Being an increase of two over last year.

Average attendance—Boys, 69 ; Girls, 99. Total, 168.

Being an increase over the preceding year of 11.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of books in library	704
Number of books added during the year.....	199
Number of books in circulation	247

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1877.

January 1. Balance from last year	\$ 10 85	
February. Proceeds of Stere'n Exhib't'n	66 75	
August 28. Amount of col. at pic-nic	25 26	
Amount received from Managers	17 96	
Nov'r. Proceeds of Stere'n Exhibition.....	42 10	
Dec'r. 31. Sabbath School Collections during year....	168 26	
Advanced by Mr. Moodie.....	31 89	
	\$363 07	

DISBURSEMENTS.

July 24, 1877. Paid Mr. D. McLellan acct.		
S. S. World for 1877 . . .	\$17 50	
S. School Messenger for '77. . .	15 00	
Catechisms, Schemes, etc. . .	5 25	
Prize Books (Feb. 1876) . . .	12 10	
Seventy-five new vols. for library.....	51 96	
	\$101 81	
August 28. Expenses of pic-nic	\$21 00	
Printing catalogue for library, etc	21 65	
Building Fund (S. School.)	50 35	
Apportioned to Missions . . .	168 26	
	\$261 26	
	\$363 07	

The above sum of \$168.26 was apportioned by vote of the children as follows :

To Bursary Fund for French Students, Montreal	\$ 45 00
To Foreign Missions (Formosa and North West).....	40 00
To Home Missions.....	43 26
To French Evangelization.....	40 00

\$168 26

After apportioning the money, addresses appropriate for the occasion were delivered by the Rev. Dr. James and the Rev. Samuel I. yle.

J. M. DINGWALL, Superintendent.
J. P. MACKENZIE, Sec. and Treas.
GEORGE FINLAYSON, Librarian.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT—Rev. D. H. Fletcher.
VICE-PRESIDENT—Mr. George Dickson.
SEC.—TREAS—Mr. James Alex. Mackenzie.

MISSION COLLECTORS.

Mrs. Harvey,
Mrs. Moodie,
Miss Cook,
Miss Jackson,

Miss Ptolemy.

Miss Ferrie,
Miss Mackenzie,
Miss Alexander,
Miss Addison,

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Dr. Macdonald.
SECRETARY—Miss Harvey.

This Society, which contributes to various benevolent objects, meets every Tuesday at 3 p. m. It is earnestly hoped that the number of those who identify themselves with this Society will be greatly increased during the year.

CHURCH SERVICES AND STATED MEETINGS.

Public Worship—Every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.

Sabbath School—“ “ 3 P. M.

Weekly Lecture and Prayer Meeting—Wednesday at 8 P. M.

Elders' District Prayer Meetings—Thursday at 7.30 P. M.

Pastor's Bible Class—Monday at 7.30 P. M.

Ordinance of Baptism—First Sabbath in each month.

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper—Last Sabbaths of January, April, July and October.

Session Meeting—Tuesday before the last Sabbath in each month.

S. S. Teachers' Meeting for Review of Lessons—Every Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock A. M.

S. S. Teachers' Association Meeting—First Tuesday in each month at 8 oc'clock P. M.

Opportunities for Conversation with the Pastor—At the Manse, every Friday afternoon and evening; and in the Vestry, every Sabbath after the evening service.

Anniversary of Church—First Sabbath in May.

S. S. Association Annual Meeting—In January.

Sabbath School Anniversary—In January.

Managers' Meetings—Second Tuesday of every month at 8
P. M.

Pews or Sittings may be secured at any of the Managers' meetings. Seat rents payable in advance.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation—Early in February.

TWENTY - THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

MACNAB STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
HAMILTON, ONT.

*Presented by the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting of
the Congregation, held on the 5th day of February, 1878.*

Another year of our history as a congregation, like all its predecessors, has swiftly fled away. Standing on the threshold of a new year, and met as we are for the purpose of submitting and receiving an abstract statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer for the past financial year, it becomes us well to ask how we have, as a congregation, used the opportunities afforded us for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and doing the work assigned us by God in this portion of his vineyard? One after another of the dear old members and office-bearers who loved to worship and work with us are falling asleep in Jesus. Shortly after our last annual meeting one of our Elders, viz., Mr. Peter Budge, who was revered by all who knew him for his sterling worth and manly yet unassuming Christian character, peacefully entered his rest. And last Sabbath forenoon as we were assembling for divine worship, we were startled with the sudden intelligence that Mr. Robert Ewen, another of our esteemed Elders, who took part in dispensing the sacrament at our communion on the preceding Sabbath day, departed this life early that morning. Mr. Ewen was one of the three Elders who first assisted in establishing this congregation. He was also one of the first trustees. Both offices he retained to the last, always meriting the confidence, love and esteem of the whole congregation.

By examining the Treasurer's statement annexed it will be seen that the amount realized during the past year for pew rents was \$2,070.25; ordinary and special collections, \$2,550.38; in all \$4,620.63. The disbursements were \$4,607.43, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$13.20.

There has been collected by the Missionary Association and for the schemes of the church, \$1,054.90. This amount will be duly apportioned and remitted to the Rev. Dr.

Reid, agent of the church, Toronto, at an early date. The managers have much pleasure in drawing the attention of the congregation to the fact that, notwithstanding the financial depression prevailing, the amount collected by the Missionary Association during the past year for the mission schemes of the church is the largest ever collected by them in one year, and submit that the most hearty thanks of the congregation are due to the officers and lady collectors of the Association for their kind labors in this important branch of the church's work, a detailed statement of which will appear in the printed report.

At the last annual meeting of this congregation a resolution was moved by Mr. Alex. Turner and seconded by Mr. J. C. McKeand, and carried : That No. 6 rule of the Constitution be so amended that three of the senior members of the Board of Managers retire annually, subject to re-election by the public vote of the congregation. In conformity therewith Messrs. John Moodie, Alex. Turner and Angus Sutherland are the retiring managers this year. Your Board suggest the propriety of printing the Constitution as now amended for distribution with the annual report.

As will be inferred by the public announcements made from the pulpit, it has been found that the new trustees appointed some years since, viz., Hon. Isaac Buchanan, Messrs. Plummer Dewar, Alexander Harvey and I. B. McQuesten, did not comply with the requirements of the Trust Deed, which was not then in the possession of the church officers, being held by the mortgagee, Captain Gordon, it was, therefore, deemed advisable, in order to obviate any difficulty in future, to re-appoint them. Moreover, the lamented death already referred to of Mr. Ewen, the last of the original trustees, necessitates the election of an additional trustee.

The managers desire to congratulate the congregation upon the fact that the Treasurer has been enabled to meet the current and incidental expenses of the congregation promptly as they became due ; that the amount contributed for mission purposes has been in advance of any former year ; that the annual instalment of \$500.00 off the mortgage debt of the church was duly paid, thus reducing the debt on the church to \$2,000.00, and on the manse property to \$2,500.00, in all \$4,500.00 ; and they express the fond hope that at no distant day the entire debt will be wiped out.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANGUS SUTHERLAND, Secretary.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT

Of the Treasurer for the year ending 31st of January, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

To Pew Rents.....	\$2,070 25
To Ordinary Collections	2,115 38
To Special.....	435 00
	\$4,620 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid Pastor's Stipend	\$2,000 00
“ Pulpit Supply.....	42 00
	\$2,042 00
“ Precentor's Salary	300 00
“ Church Officers.....	300 00
“ Coal, Gas and Wood acct.....	179 26
“ Printing and Stationery.....	51 08
“ Bank Commission	2 00
“ Insurance on Church and Manse.	32 00
“ Repairs.....	54 33
“ Taxes.....	54 00
“ Incidental Expenses.....	17 62
“ Improvements.....	115 30
“ Furnace.....	111 50
“ Balance due Treasurer from last year	29 55
	1,246 64
“ Home and Foreign Record.....	50 00
“ Anniversary Expenses.....	40 00
“ Communion Elements.....	24 00
“ Travelling Expenses of Pastor to Assembly and Synod.....	30 82
“ Charitable Fund.....	108 51
“ Assembly Fund.....	25 00
“ Synod and Presbytery Fund....	27 50
“ Sabbath School.....	17 76
“ Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	40 00
“ Home of the Friendless.....	30 00
“ St. Johns' Fire.....	50 00
	\$443 79
“ Instalment on Mortgage.	500 00
“ Interest.....	375 00
	\$875 00
Balance on hand over.....	13 20
	\$4,620 63

ALEX. DAVIDSON, }
J. A. MCKENZIE, } Auditors. | JOHN MOODIE,
Treasurer.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT

Of Contributions for Mission Purposes During the Year.

RECEIPTS.

Collected by the Missionary Association.....	\$1,054 90	
Interest on Deposit, etc., etc.....	28 53	
From Mr. J. P. McKenzie; Treas. S. School.....	168 26	
		\$1,250 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Colleges.....	\$200 00	
Home Mission, including \$43.26 from S. School....	469 26	
Foreign " " \$40.00 ".....	244 00	
French Evangelizat'n, includ'g \$40.00 from S. School	155 00	
Bursary for French Students, Montreal College....	45 00	
Manitoba College, Building Fund.....	28 00	
Manitoba College, Ordinary Fund.....	25 00	
Paid Rev. Dr. Topp for Knox College.....	50 00	
Paid for Stationery, Books, Cards, Printing.....	10 85	
Repaid Advance from Treasurer.....	24 58	
		\$1,251 69
Contributed towards Church Building St. John, N. B.....	151 00	
" Knox College Debt on Ordinary Fund.....	220 00	
" College Building, Toronto.....	100 00	
Total contributions for Missionary Purposes.....		\$1,722 69

Besides what was contributed for congregational and missionary purposes, as stated in this report, the members of the congregation contributed, during the year, \$361 for benevolent purposes, making the total **\$6,704.32.**

MACNAB STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

DIVISION NO. 1.

COLLECTOR—Miss Murray.

Mrs. A. McKeand.	\$ 3 00
Mrs. John Ferrie	10 00
Mrs. Wm. Murrey.....	12 00
Mrs. Charles Murray.....	6 00
Mrs. Castell	3 00
Mrs. Davidson	3 00
Mrs. Irvine	3 00
Mr. Andrew Forrester....	3 00
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Glassco	20 00
Mrs. Lauder.....	2 75
Miss McFarlane	2 00
Mr. J. C. McKeand.....	2 00
Mrs. Harvey.....	3 00
Mr. H. McLean.....	50
Mrs. Tribute.....	25
Miss Irvine.....	3 00
	\$76 50

No. 2.

Miss Mackenzie.

Mrs. Marg't Beggs	3 00
“ Ferrie.....	1 00
“ Ewing.....	1 00
Rev. D. H. Fletcher.....	62 00
Mr. Alex. Hutchison ...	14 00
Miss Agnes McInnes ...	3 00
Mr. W. R. Macdonald ...	12 00
Dr. Macdonald.....	60 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mackenzie.....	16 00
“ J. A. Mackenzie.....	12 00
“ J. P. “	6 00
“ George Smith.....	25 00
“ Alex. Turner	25 00
Mr. James Turner	20 00
“ Jas. Watson	10 00
“ Thomas Watson.....	12 00
“ I. B. McQuesten ...	25 00
Dr. McQuesten.....	200 00
Miss Arabella Munro ...	2 00
“ “ Duguid....	2 00
	\$511 00

No. 3.

Mrs. Moodie.]

Mr. Moodie	24 00
Mrs. R. Dow.....	3 00

Miss E. Dow	3 00
Mr. Wm. Harvey.....	4 00
“ George Logan	4 00
“ James Angus.....	3 00
“ James Angus Jr....	3 00
“ Angus Sutherland....	12 00
“ Donald Sutherland ..	3 00
Mrs. Williamson	3 00
“ Hugh McIntosh....	4 00
Miss R. Cresswell	1 50
Mr. Robert Ewing.....	5 00

\$72 50

No. 4.

Miss Osborne.

Mr. George Dickson.....	12 00
Mrs. J. Dow.....	50
Miss Duffield.....	5 00
Mrs. Gillies	4 00
“ Alexander Gillies....	3 00
“ David Gillies.	8 00
“ J. S. Kennedy.....	4 00
“ Laing	1 25
Mr. James Osborne.....	12 00
Mrs. James Osborne.....	12 00
Miss L. Osborne	3 00
“ M. Osborne.....	3 00
Mrs. Patten.....	6 00
“ Rachael Gibson	2 00
Mr. Geo. Thomas	1 00

\$76 75

No. 5 A

Miss Alexander.

Mrs. Alexander.....	6 00
“ Inches.....	1 00
Miss Spencer.....	10 00
Mr. A. W. Small	2 00
“ Thos. Willson	2 00
Mrs. Stevenson	3 00
“ Gregory Grant	1 50
“ Donald McLellan....	24 00
Miss Patterson	8 00
Hon. A. McKellar	16 00
Mrs. Margar't Cunningham	3 00
“ Manson.....	4 00
Mr. M. Richardson	2 00
Miss Johnston.....	2 00

\$84 50

No. 5 B.	
Miss Baillie.	
Mr. John Baillie	4 00
" R. G. Baillie.....	2 00
" John Ptolemy.....	2 00
" R. A. Ptolemy	4 50
" James Strauss.	75
" Alexander Finlayson..	1 00

\$14 25

No. 6 C.	
Miss Addison.	
Mr. George Riach.....	3 00
" James Patterson ...	3 00
Mrs. John Patterson	3 00
Mr. Peter Taylor	1 80
" James Bond	1 50
" William Trail	2 25
Mrs. J. M. Stuart.....	6 00
" W. Addison	2 00
" Adam Balentine.....	3 00
Mr. J. T. Scott	75

\$26 30

No. 6 D.	
Miss McKillop.	
Mr. Angus McKillop	12 00
Mrs. McPhie.....	3 00
Mr. Andrew Harper	3 00
Miss Jane McFarlane	4 00
Mr. Archibald McKillop.	5 00
Mrs. A. Stuart	3 00

\$30 00

No. 7.	
Miss Harvey.	
Mr. John Bryne.....	3 00
" J. M. Dingwall	3 00
" Donald Dingwall	1 20
Mrs. A. Davidson	8 00
Miss Davidson	4 00
Mr. James Forrester.....	1 00
" A. Harvey	24 00
" J. McCulloch	3 00
Mrs. W. Swinton.....	1 50
" Dunn.....	2 00
Miss Fanny McIntosh	2 00

\$52 70

No. 8.	
Miss Cook	
Mrs. Budge	2 00

Mr. Robert Chisholm.....	5 00
" John Cook	3 00
" Thomas Cook	12 00
Mrs. Adam Cook	3 00
Mr. George Fraser.....	50
" George McKay	4 50
" J. M. Munzinger	3 00
Mrs. E. Tinsley.....	1 80
Mr. John Taylor.....	3 00
Mrs. J. Henderson.....	2 25
Mr. Henry Malcomson....	1 95
" Alexander Thomson..	3 00

\$45 00

No. 10.	
Miss Jackson.	
Mr. J. M. Williams	24 00
" William Johnson	2 00
Mrs. Alex'r McIlwraith . . .	3 00
Mr. Angus McKay.....	4 00
" James Morrison.....	2 40
Mrs. Murphy	3 00
" Mowat	3 00
Mr. John Henery	5 00
" W. Milne.	3 00

\$49 40

Additional.	
Mrs. McKay.	5 00
Mr. Allan Traill	2 00
" Wm Ogg.....	4 00
" James Hendry	3 00
A friend.....	2 00

\$16 00

CONSTITUTION OR RULES

For the government of the affairs of the Church and congregation known by the name of the *Macnab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton*, adopted and agreed upon by the members of the said congregation, at a meeting held for the purpose on the first day of June, A. D. 1857, and amended the 13th day of May, 1872, and further amended on the 5th day of Feby. 1878.

1. That the place of worship and the real estate now belonging to the congregation, and any other buildings or real estate which may hereafter become the property of the congregation, shall be held in trust by five individuals who shall be members in full communion with the said congregation, for the use of the said congregation, in the manner provided in by the deed of trust, prepared for that purpose ; but the said Trustees and their successors shall not, as Trustees, have any control or management in the affairs of the said congregation.

2. That the members in full communion with the said congregation, and whose names shall appear on the communion roll of the congregation, shall have the sole power of choosing and electing the Minister or Pastor of the said congregation, as well as the Elders of the same.

3. That all meetings for the choosing or nominating of a Minister or Pastor shall be called from the pulpit of the place of worship occupied by the said congregation, when the congregation is present on the two Sabbath days immediately preceding such meeting, and that the majority of the members in full communion with said congregation, and whose names shall appear on the communion roll of the congregation, shall determine the nomination or choice ; and also that all further steps to be taken in the election and call of a Minister or Pastor, shall be proceeded with in accordance with the laws of the church.

4. That the method for the election of Elders shall be determined upon, from time to time, as occasion may require, by the Session of said congregation, but that the election be by the members in full communion with the congregation, and that such election be publicly announced from the pulpit of the place of worship occupied by the said congregation, in manner as aforesaid, at least on the two Sabbaths immediately preceding the day of such election ; and further that the said election be a public election.

5. That the election of Precentor shall also be proceeded with in the same manner.

6. That a Board of Managers consisting of eleven persons shall take charge of the secular affairs of the congregation; they shall be members in full communion. That three of the senior managers shall retire annually from the Board, subject to re-election by an open vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the said congregation.

7. The Managers shall elect their Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, hold regular meetings as often as their business may require, and keep minutes of such meetings. Five (5) shall form a quorum. All revenues of the congregation shall be received by the said managers, and by them disbursed in payment of whatever debt or interest on debt that may be owing by the said congregation, the minister's stipend, the salaries of the various officers, and all other contingent expenses, as also such expenses as may be necessary for preserving the property and providing for the dispensation of Divine Ordinances, subject to the proviso contained in subsequent paragraph (No. 8.) The managers shall have power to engage or dismiss any one who may act as church officer or door-keeper.

The Treasurer shall open an account with some one of the chartered banks, and deposit from time to time all monies received when they amount to the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) and under his own name as Treasurer of the Managing Committee.

8. That a public meeting of the said congregation shall be held in the month of February, in each and every year to be called from the pulpit of the place of worship occupied by the congregation, when the congregation is present, on the two Sabbaths immediately preceding such meeting. That at the said meeting the managers shall submit an abstract of their proceedings, and a full statement of the income and expenditure of the congregation during the preceding year; and further that said annual meeting shall have the power of regulating the proportion of all monies and revenue, to be applied to any particular purpose; and also that the said managers shall be guided in their expenditure of such revenue, by the decision of said annual meeting.

9. That the pews in the said place of worship shall be allocated or rented once in every six months, in each and every year, and that the manner and method of deriving the revenue from such allocation, or rental, shall be decided by the congregation.

10. That in the event of a special meeting of the congregation, for congregational purposes, being deemed necessary by any twenty members of said congregation, such meeting shall, on the Session being duly memorialized, be called by them in the manner provided for in the eighth article of this Constitution ; and further, that all contested questions of whatever nature, raised at such special meeting, or at any public meeting of the congregation, shall, in all cases, be decided by the votes of the members in full communion with the said congregation.

11. That the foregoing rules shall be in force until altered or amended by the said congregation, and that no motion to alter or amend said rules shall be put, unless due notice of such motion shall have been given at the previous annual meeting of the congregation, and when such notice of motion has been made, the same shall be considered at the next annual meeting ; notice of the said proposed alteration or amendment having been publicly announced from the pulpit, on the two Sabbath days immediately preceding such annual meeting.



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