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PUBLIC WORSHIP, MEETINGS, &c.

- SUNDAY** Morning Service, 11 o'clock.
Evening " 7 "
Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3 "
- MONDAY** The Minister receives the gentlemen of the
Congregation at his house from 8 to 10.30 P.M.
Young men and Strangers in the city specially
invited.
- TUESDAY** Young Men's Association on alternate Tues-
days, at 8 o'clock.
- WEDNESDAY** . . Ladies' Aid Society at 3 o'clock.
Committee for the letting of sittings or pews
meets weekly at 7 : 30 P.M.
Week-day Service, 8 P.M.
- THURSDAY** . . . Dorcas Society meets at 11 o'clock.
- FRIDAY** Band of Hope on alternate Fridays at 7 : 30 P.M.
- SATURDAY** . . . Praise Practice at 7 : 30 P.M.

SERVICES are held on Christmas, Good Friday, and Thanks-
giving Day, at 11 o'clock.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is dispensed three times a year—on
the first Sundays of February, May and November.

PREPARATORY CLASS for intending Communicants meets with
the minister, in the Church, on four Sundays prior to each
Communion, at 3 : 15 o'clock.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I cannot better preface the reports which follow than by a quotation from the sermon preached on the first Sunday of my second year's ministry in S. Andrew's:—

"The past year has been eventful in our congregational history. It has been characterised by striking losses from the ranks of our fellowship to which the sable attire of so many before me bears sad testimony. May we all be drawn into sympathy as we mourn to-day with those who mourn, and bear with one another the burden of sorrow.

"But this year has a light as well as a dark side. True, to the traditions of the Church of our fathers you will have carried through by the end of the year with rare good taste and enthusiasm the liquidation of pecuniary responsibilities which practically kept S. Andrew's Church out of harmony with the spirit of the Mother Church. A parish church in Scotland cannot be in debt and so long as the shadow of a mortgage rests upon this noble pile by that circumstance are we out of line, so to speak, with the Church whose traditions we cherish. It has therefore been no small gratification to me and encouragement as well, to observe the quiet, unostentatious, but resolute way in which your Executive Committee have prosecuted and as good as swept away that most undesirable burden; and the best thanks of every leal friend of S. Andrew's is most justly theirs. But the spirit in which the thing has been done touches me more than the act itself. Congregational revenue is one thing and congregational life and honor are different things; and the former is not necessarily a safe gauge of the latter. Now this special effort has indicated a handsome christian liberality which does you credit; all the more that it has been so cordial and universal. That is just as it should be. It is unchristian to allow the burden of congregational liabilities to rest upon a few and it is moreover unfair to deny any member, however humble, the privilege of placing his or her mite in the treasury. And I am sure that no one is to-day the poorer for their

liberality but every one is the richer; for in discharging a debt of honor you have performed a duty which will tell to your advantage in the worship of the sanctuary and in the consciousness of self-respect. Moreover, you have set a worthy example which many churches would do well to imitate. You have done all this money-raising without word or suggestion from me. Some congregations seem to think that the best test of a minister's success is the amount of money he is directly instrumental in extracting from their pockets. That is a success I have never been ambitious of and I am proud to minister among a people who in this respect know what is due to their minister and to themselves.

"It is nothing short of an indecent thing to mix up a minister with congregational finance and the congregation that so far forgets its duty is lacking in self-respect, and, by the infliction of a positive injustice, incurs serious loss in the lowered tone of its sacred services. It was therefore with no small pleasure that I watched the spontaneity with which you were doing your part; and I augur the best results from the quickening of Church life such spirited and creditable activity demonstrates. One thing more I must notice in connection with this is that you have solved a problem which has puzzled many, viz: How to utilize the working power of the church so as to distribute between office-bearers and non office-bearers, between the elderly and the younger elements a due share of active duty. You have solved it perfectly and I hope I may venture to suggest that your Executive Committee which has worked so successfully may be made a standing committee of the Church.

"Speaking of the future, I look forward to drawing the bonds closer with the Mother Church. We belong to a great institution and it is only right and proper that we should be in full accord with her spirit and work, and I am sure that those who have clung so loyally to her traditions will not be slow to give tangible token of their interest in all her good works.

"And now brethren it is as the exponent of a quickened christian vitality that the matter I have been referring to is I hope to be regarded.

"Without the right spirit all our work and giving, like all our worship, must be vanity ; but animated by the spirit of privilege every act and word of ours must conduce to the development of the christian life.

"The Lord grant that what we have done may teach us what we can do; and while we do for ourselves all that is just and proper there is the Master's command, as binding to-day as 1900 years ago "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

"The Mother Church has through nearly a century striven nobly to fulfil this obligation and it will be to our credit and profit as well to identify ourselves with her Missionary operations.

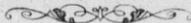
"On other topics I should like to touch, but time forbids.

"Let me only add my earnest prayer that the same good feeling which has characterised this year may abound in the years to come and that peace among ourselves and peace with all men may more and more be the characteristic of S. Andrew's Church."

Yours very affectionately,

J. EDGAR HILL.

S. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
March, 1884.



St. Andrew's Church.

TRUSTEES :

JOSEPH HICKSON, - -	- -	Chairman.
DAVID LAW,		GEORGE DENHOLME,
JOHN BEATTIE,		JAMES SPEIR,
WILLIAM CURRIE,		REV. J. EDGAR HILL, M.A., B.D.
<i>Treasurer,</i> - - -	- - -	WILLIAM CURRIE.
<i>Secretary,</i> - - -	- - -	JOHN BEATTIE.
<i>Sexton,</i> - - -	- - -	JAMES CLEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1883.

In a report made to the Members of the Church, in May last, it was explained that with a view to improving the financial position of the Church, an Executive Committee had, with the concurrence of the Trustees, been appointed for the purpose of assisting in promoting the secular welfare and prosperity of the Church.

The improved position of the Church's finances as exhibited in the accounts annexed hereto, is mainly due to the exertions of that Committee which the Trustees recommend should be made a part of the permanent organization of the Church hereafter.

The Trustees in their report for the year 1882, mentioned that there was a sum of \$3,924.18 due in respect of property in the east end of the city which had been previously purchased, in addition to a mortgage upon it of \$3,008.00.

It will be seen from the statement of accounts that the debt has been discharged. The mortgage still remains upon the property which the Trustees have been unable to sell at such price as they have thought they would be justified in

accepting for it. They will omit no opportunity of selling the lot which, as was stated in their last report, they consider should be disposed of.

The whole of the mortgages upon the Church have been discharged and there is now for the first time in its history, no debt resting upon the building.

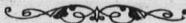
In the accounts presented the annual charge for interest which will not hereafter be payable amounts to \$785.

Two of the present Trustees, namely, Mr. Hickson and Mr. Denholme, under the constitution of the Church, retire, but are eligible for re-appointment at the meeting of the members on the 25th instant.

By order of the Trustees,

JOHN BEATTIE,
Secretary.

Montreal, 22nd Dec., 1883.



{ A. LATHORN SMITH, M.D.
C. N. D. OSGOOD.

Audited and found correct.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

W. W. OGILVIE, - - -	Chairman.
JOSEPH HICKSON.	C. N. D. OSGOOD.
JNO. BEATTIE.	GEO. GRAHAM.
DR. A. L. SMITH.	WM. CURRIE.
W. M. BLAIRLOCK.	J. G. SHAW.
JAS. POESTER	REV. J. WILLIAMSON.
R. M. ESDAILE.	JAS. WARDLOW.

REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of St. Andrew's Church, for the Year 1883.

The Executive Committee appointed for the purpose of assisting the Trustees in promoting the secular welfare and prosperity of the Church now submits its first annual report.

CHURCH DEBTS.

At the beginning of the year the total liabilities of St. Andrew's, including mortgages and floating debt, amounted to about \$16,000, the liquidation of which the Committee set before it as the first thing necessary to put the financial affairs of the Church in a healthier condition. Through the generous response made to their appeals by members of the congregation, they are now able to make the gratifying statement that the total liabilities of the Church have been discharged; St. Andrew's being now entirely free of debt.

The following is an abstract of the subscription lists:

In amounts of \$1,000 and upwards, . . .	\$11,400
" " 500 to \$1,000	2,550
" " 100 " 500	2,675
Under 100	1,535
Total	\$18,160

ORDINARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

For the past year the ordinary revenue as compared with the ordinary expenditure shewed a deficit of nearly \$1,500. As it is most desirable that the ordinary revenue should meet the ordinary expenditure, the Committee hope to have the assistance of the Congregation in bringing about a result so absolutely necessary to the continued prosperity of the Church. They therefore commend the ordinary Sabbath day collections to the Congregation, the daily average amount of which might be very much increased. When it is remembered that during a quarter of the year the greater part of the Congregation is absent from the city, and this source of revenue suffers in a corresponding degree, the importance of this suggestion will at once be perceived.

The whole matter of pew-renting has now been undertaken by the Committee; and they desire specially to call the attention of the Congregation to the necessity of all arrears being paid up as soon and as far as possible. While a deficit remains the Committee must see that all available sources of revenue are fairly utilised; and while pew-renting continues to occupy its present position in this respect, they are bound to use it to the best advantage. Pews, therefore, not regularly rented in the ordinary way, or in arrears, will be held by the Committee as having been vacated by their former occupants, and rented in due course, on application being made to the sub-committee appointed for the purpose.

Success has so far attended the work of the Executive Committee; and by a careful administration of its financial affairs, in which they are confident of the hearty co-operation of the Congregation, they hope soon to be able to report St. Andrew's Church in a position superior to any it has yet held.

Reported by

W. W. OGILVIE,

Chairman.

N.B.—The Pew Committee meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30; but Sittings may be had at any time by application to Mr. GRAHAM, 36 Radegonde Street, who will shew a plan of the church.

W. W. O.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

OFFICERS:

<i>Honorary President,</i>	- - -	Mrs. HILL.
<i>President,</i>	- - -	MISS PERKINS.
<i>Vice-Presidents,</i>	- - -	{ Mrs. JOHN McDougall.
		{ Miss JESSIE DOW.
<i>Secretary,</i>	- - -	MISS JEANNIE WILSON.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - -	MISS GRAHAM.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID
SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

One more year has come and gone since we presented our last report to the members of this Society. In looking back it seems indeed but a short time, yet even in that brief space, let us hope that the numberless opportunities which have arisen for doing good have not all been allowed to pass unembraced, and that our mission as a society has not been altogether unworthily fulfilled.

Before proceeding to give an account of the year's work, we would wish to thank our dear Pastor for the never-failing interest displayed by him in all our undertakings. His unwearied efforts and great heartedness in leading his people into all that is broad in their work, have been most warmly appreciated; again would we heartily thank him, and trust this his first year amongst us, has been but the forerunner of many happier ones to follow.

The last annual meeting was held on the 29th of November, 1882, at which the reports were read and the usual election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The weekly meetings were held regularly till March 21st; the list of members for the year numbering forty-five. The work of visiting the poor in connection with the Industrial Rooms, was carried on as heretofore. A list of the families to be visited in connection with that charity was sent in every week, and undertaken by

two ladies, who reported at the next meeting and the Convener, Miss Dow, sent in this weekly report. The first work for the year was the Bazaar in aid of the Panet Street Church, which was held about the middle of December, and we may safely add that it was extremely successful, owing to the untiring energy of many of the ladies. The amount realised was \$768.40.

Shortly after the New-Year it was decided that a donation of flannel garments be prepared for the Montreal General Hospital, as a kind friend had sent in a handsome donation of flannel. Early in January the annual work for the Industrial Rooms' Bazaar was begun. Weekly sewing meetings were held regularly, and in this way our Society was enabled to do a large amount of work. The annual contributions to the Industrial Rooms amounted to \$115.50, and the value of work sent in for the Bazaar to \$194.05—in all \$309.55.

Early in the new-year our society sustained a severe loss in the absence of our dear president, who through family affliction, sudden and terrible, was unable to be with us for the remainder of the term. Now that we see her again in her old accustomed place, the words "thrice welcome," will not be amiss coming as they do from all our hearts.

And now before we close let us say we know and have to acknowledge that we have not *always* done what we could, but we can truthfully say we have tried to cultivate the charity that thinks not always of its own. Let us remember the words of Paul of old, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

S. CHARLOTTE OGILVIE,

Secretary L. A. S.

December 5th, 1883.

St. ANDREW'S CHURCH LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Treasurer's Report for year ending Dec. 7, 1883.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Cash from last year.....	\$16.03	By repairing Panet Street Church.....	\$45.86
" Membership fees and donations.....	62.70	" expenses of Bazaars.....	137.86
" Thanksgiving day collection (1882).....	102.00	" Treasurer of Session East End Mission.....	685.00
" Proceeds of Bazaar for "East End Mission.".....	768.40	" furnishing room in Young Women's Christian As-	
" Collected to furnish room in Y. W. C. A.....	193.27	society.....	193.27
" Collected for Industrial Rooms' Bazaar.....	110.50	" value of work sent Industrial Rooms'Bazaar.....	194.05
" Value of work rec'd for Industrial Rooms' Bazaar... ..	194.05	" Treasurer of Industrial Rooms.....	116.40
" Sale of tickets for the various entertainments.....	50.25	" Expended to aid poor families.....	11.48
" Sundries.....	2.39	" Treasurer of Y. M. A. \$6.75; Band of Hope \$6.00... ..	12.75
		" Sundries.....	13.97
		" Cash to balance.....	88.95
	<u>\$1599.59</u>		<u>\$1599.59</u>

E. McDougall, Treasurer.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS:

Rev. J. EDGAR HILL, M.A., B.D.,	..	<i>Honorary President.</i>
Rev. JOHN WILLIAMSON,	<i>President.</i>
Mr. G. R. STARKE,	<i>1st Vice-President.</i>
" ALEX. MCGIBBON, JR.	<i>2nd Vice-President.</i>
" H. BLAIKLOCK,	<i>Secretary.</i>
" K. MCLEA,	<i>Treasurer.</i>

COMMITTEE:

Dr. A. LAPHORN SMITH,	Mr. D. WILLIAMSON.
Mr. H. O. ROBERTSON,	Mr. G. McK. MACDONALD.
Mr. Wm. Cross.	

REPORT 1882-83.

The annual meeting of last year was held on Monday, 6th November, 1882, the chair being occupied by our esteemed friend Doctor A. Laphorn Smith. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. The meeting then proceeded to elect office-bearers for the ensuing year. By unanimous vote of the Association, Rev. J. E. Hill was elected Honorary President of our Association; Rev. John Williamson, President; Dr. A. L. Smith, 1st Vice-President; Alex. McGibbon, Jr., 2nd Vice-President. The following gentlemen were duly proposed and elected unanimously—Secretary, H. M. Blaiklock; Treasurer, R. M. Esdaile. Committee—Alex. Morrison, Hy. Robertson, C. N. D. Osgood, W. M. Blaiklock, and Selkirk Cross. Several new members were then proposed and elected unanimously.

Our newly elected President, Rev. John Williamson, then took the chair, and in a brief address thanked the Association for the honor conferred upon him and pointed out what he conceived were the objects of such an Association.

A Committee meeting was called shortly after the annual meeting and the programme for coming season arranged, viz :

Four lectures, four debates and two general conversaziones.

The first of these entertainments was held on the 30th November, "St. Andrew's Night" and took the form of a Scottish Concert. This entertainment was a great success, as the following notice in a city paper shows—"A very successful concert was given last evening by the young men of St. Andrew's church, in celebration of the anniversary of Scotia's patron saint. The attendance was very large, the spacious lecture room of the church being filled to its utmost capacity. The programme was composed exclusively of Scottish songs and readings, and it is hardly necessary to state that it was rendered in unexceptionable style when the staff of performers included the names of such artists as Mrs. Page Thrower, Miss Morrison-Fiset, Mr. Neil Warner, and Mr. Henry Beattie."

Our next meeting was a paper on the "Future of Canada," by Mr. R. C. Cowan, which proved deeply interesting and brought out several members of the Association in a lively and spirited debate; choice selections of music from some of our lady and gentlemen friends added very agreeably to the evening's entertainment.

Next meeting was a lecture from our Honorary President on "Tennyson's King Arthur," and seldom has our Association had the pleasure of such a literary treat.

Next came a paper from Mr. Selkirk Cross on "Burns vs. Scott." That it was greatly appreciated was shown by the large audience assembled to hear it. A debate followed on the respective merits of Burns and Scott; the former being apparently the favourite.

Our excellent President favoured us with two lectures, on "Thomas Carlyle" and "George Elliott." To two such rare, interesting and instructive lectures our Association has seldom had the pleasure of listening.

Let me conclude these comments by saying that we feel more than satisfied with our season's work. Our Association has never had a more successful season, and we can safely say without flattering ourselves, that both from a literary and artistic point of view, all our entertainments were as successful as any that have ever been given by any church association in the

city. And now it is our pleasant duty to thank the following ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted us at our several entertainments :

Firstly—To the ladies and gentlemen of the Congregation who have encouraged us greatly by attending in such numbers all our meetings.

Secondly—To those who so generously lent us their time and talent.

And lastly, but not least—To the Ladies' Aid Society we owe a debt of gratitude such as we feel we can never repay.

In these days of travel and emigration our city is crowded with young men from the mother country who are in need of friends. Such a friend this Association can be ; and since we are now connected with the mother Association—The Church of Scotland Young Men's Guild—and already feel the advantages of the union it is meet that our Association should bestir itself to fulfil its important functions.

We appeal to the young men of the Congregation to join with us in endeavouring to make this coming season one of the best the Association has ever had.

With regard to the statistics, I will deal with them in my treasurer's report. I have but one more pleasing duty to record viz: seven new members joined our Association last year.

The whole respectfully submitted.

HARRY M. BLAIKLOCK,
Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Session 1882-83.

Superintendent,	REV. J. EDGAR HILL.	
Assistant Superintendent,	C. N. D. OSGOOD.	
Infant Class,	MISS DOW.	
MISS J. BURNS,	Mr. CURRIE,	MISS WILSON,
" L. C. BURNS,	MISS RHYNAS,	" McDougall,
" TODD,	" BLAICKLOCK,	Mr. H. O. ROBERTSON,
Mrs. A. PERKINS,	" J. DOW,	" SCOTT,
Miss J. MACFARLANE,	" MARY RHYNAS,	MISS LIZZIE PECK,
" GRAHAM,	" BURNS,	" MACFARLANE,
" ROBERTSON,	" L. McDougall,	" MACDONALD,
Mr. H. BLAICKLOCK,	" M. RHYNAS.	
Young Women's Bible-Class,	Mrs. JOHN FRASER.	
Young Men's Bible-Class,	Mr. JAMES MITCHELL,	
Treasurer,	" R. M. ESDAILE,	
Librarian, S. M. BLAICKLOCK.	Assistant Librarians { WILLIAM BAILLIE.	
	{ S. RHYNAS.	

The Sunday School Session begins the first Sunday in September, and ends the last Sunday in June. For the benefit of those who do not leave the city for the summer, the school is kept open, in an informal manner, during July and August. There was an average attendance during these two months of about 60, thus showing that the kindness of the teachers who attend is fully appreciated by the scholars.

The number upon the roll is close upon 300, the average attendance 184; the comparatively small average, is, in a great measure accounted for, from the fact, that many families had not returned from the country when the session began, and left again before it ended. The average from the 1st of November to the end of April was 200.

The annual festival was held on the 16th February, 1883, when a very enjoyable evening was spent by upwards of 400 scholars, teachers and friends. It has been the custom for the past few years for the scholars at this time, to distribute their yearly contributions to Home Missions and Charities; on this occasion they distributed \$100.00 to "The East End Mission," "The Juvenile Workers for Christ," "Hervey Institute," "Ladies' Benevolent Society," &c.

The Library is about to be replenished, there now being, through the liberality of the Congregation, about \$150.00 in hand for this purpose.

C. N. D. OSGOOD.

**FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DORCAS SOCIETY,
For the year ending April, 1883.**

<i>Honorary President,</i>	MRS. HILL.
<i>President,</i>	MRS. DOW.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	MRS. BISSETT.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer,</i>	MISS JESSIE DOW.

Once again in God's good providence it has become our duty to lay before the subscribers and friends of the Society, a statement of its funds, and of the work done during the past year. This requires but few words, the details of this year's work being so similar to that done in former years. It is to be regretted that but few of the annual contributors to the funds of the Society should take much interest in the work, but we hope in the future many may find it not only a duty but a privilege to assist in trying to alleviate the sufferings of our poorer brethren. In the course of the season many a tale of distress has come before the ladies; lonely and cheerless homes have been visited, and for this proof of interest and sympathy, the worthy poor are more grateful than for the gifts they receive. Assistance was rendered to 18 families, including nine belonging to the Church and nine to the Mission, most of them being personally known either to your committee or to some of the ladies who teach at the Mission. There were distributed 18 pairs of boots, 1 pair of rubbers, 1 pair of blankets, between 60 and 70 garments, 24 yards of flannel was sent to the Hervey Institute; and assistance given to one aged person towards paying her rent.

We began the year with cash on hand \$11.12; the subscriptions amounted to \$97.93, making in all \$109.05; \$97.10 were expended, leaving a balance now on hand of \$11.95 to begin this year's work. It will be seen that the amount collected was much less than usual, but more than sufficient to meet all the demands made upon us; having a large quantity of material in stock from the previous season, the expenses

were much less, consequently less was required. Having given a brief outline of our work, we would conclude with hearty thanks to all friends of the Society who so willingly contribute to its funds, thus enabling us to help those poor and needy ones whom Christ has said we shall always have with us.

JESSIE DOW,

Secretary-Treasurer.

**SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. ANDREW'S
CHURCH BAND OF HOPE.**

<i>Honorary-President,</i>	REV. J. E. HILL.
<i>President,</i>	DR. LAPTHORN SMITH.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	MISS MARY RHYNAS.
<i>2nd Vice-President,</i>	MR. H. BLAICKLOCK.
<i>Secretary,</i>	E. MACDONALD.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MR. K. McLEA.

COMMITTEE :

MISS GRAHAM.	MR. S. BLAICKLOCK.
" MACDONALD.	" MORE.
" G. ISAAC.	" BAILLIE.
" NELLIE RHYNAS.	
<i>Standard Bearer,</i> MASTER LORNE MCGIBBON.

In presenting the sixth annual report of our Band of Hope, we do so with feelings of mingled gratitude and regret,—gratitude for success, our numbers having steadily increased during the past season, and for the harmony and good will which have characterised our meetings. How much good has now been accomplished in regard to putting down the terrible curse of intemperance, we cannot see, but trust our work has not been altogether in vain, and that as bread cast upon the waters it may be found after many days. On looking around on the faces before me to-night, it is with deep regret that we miss one who was always in his place and ready with a smile and cheerful word to encourage all with whom he was associated in any good work, I refer to our President and esteemed friend Mr. F. Blaiklock, who left this city in April last; I am sure he carries with him the regard and good wishes of all the members of this Society. We can ill-afford to lose any good workers, especially one who always took so much interest in

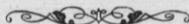
our work. Our roll shows the names of 101 members, the average attendance being between 60 and 70. Several new members joined during the year, whom we cordially welcome and trust their presence will be a mutual benefit. A little effort on the part of each individual member would soon double our roll of membership. How much can be done in this way was well brought out last season. Through the kindness of the President a prize was offered to the member who should bring the largest number of new members, which prize was won by James Baillie and presented to him at the closing meeting by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, in the absence of the donor, Mr. Blaiklock. The annual concert was held February 23rd and was in every way a success.

The Society having some funds it was thought advisable to use them in promoting the temperance cause. Our Vice-President, Mr. Fuller, kindly undertook to interview the Rev. Mr. Gales, and obtain some information regarding his branch of the work. Mr. Gales very kindly came to our meeting and spoke of some temperance literature he was circulating; if we were willing he could provide us with several volumes, which could be distributed amongst our members. Eleven copies were left to look over, but the committee not entertaining the idea, these were sent to the General Hospital, in the hope that some poor fallen inebriates might be led to read them and perhaps induced thereby to struggle with temptation and lead a better life. The committee decided to use a portion of the Society's funds in buying 4 Shares in the Hope Coffee House Company, and to assist that very promising branch of temperance work. At the reception given to the Rev. J. E. Hill by the congregation on his arrival amongst us as Pastor of the Church, an address of welcome was read from this Society, and we also elected him Honorary-President.

We are now entering on another year, which we trust will be one of great blessing to ourselves and to all with whom we may come in contact. Let us go forward in faith, hand joining hand and heart true to heart, looking to God alone for the blessing, believing that in Him our labor cannot be in vain.

ELIZA MACDONALD,

Secretary.

**SUMMARY OF REVENUE FOR 1883.**

Trustees' account (less balance from 1882 and con- tribution from Kirk-Session)	\$3,069.20
Executive Committee	18,160.00
Kirk-Session	2,857.64
Ladies' Aid Society	1,599.59
Dorcas Society	97.93
Grand total	<u>\$25,784.36</u>

