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Annual Report

1899

Knox Church, Stratford,
Rev. M. L. Leitch, Pastor.

Memoranda.

DIVINE SERVICE—Every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sabbath at 2.45 p. m.

BIBLE CLASS—Sabbath at 3 p. m.

KING'S MESSENGERS—Monday at 8 p. m.

PRAYER MEETING—Wednesday at 8 p. m.

CHOIR PRACTICE—Friday at 8 p. m.

W. F. M. S.—First Friday of each month at 3.30 p. m.

GORDON MISSION BAND—First Thursday of each month at 8 p. m.

BAPTISM—Last Sabbath and First Wednesday in each month.

LORD'S SUPPER—First Sabbath in January, March, May, July, September, November.

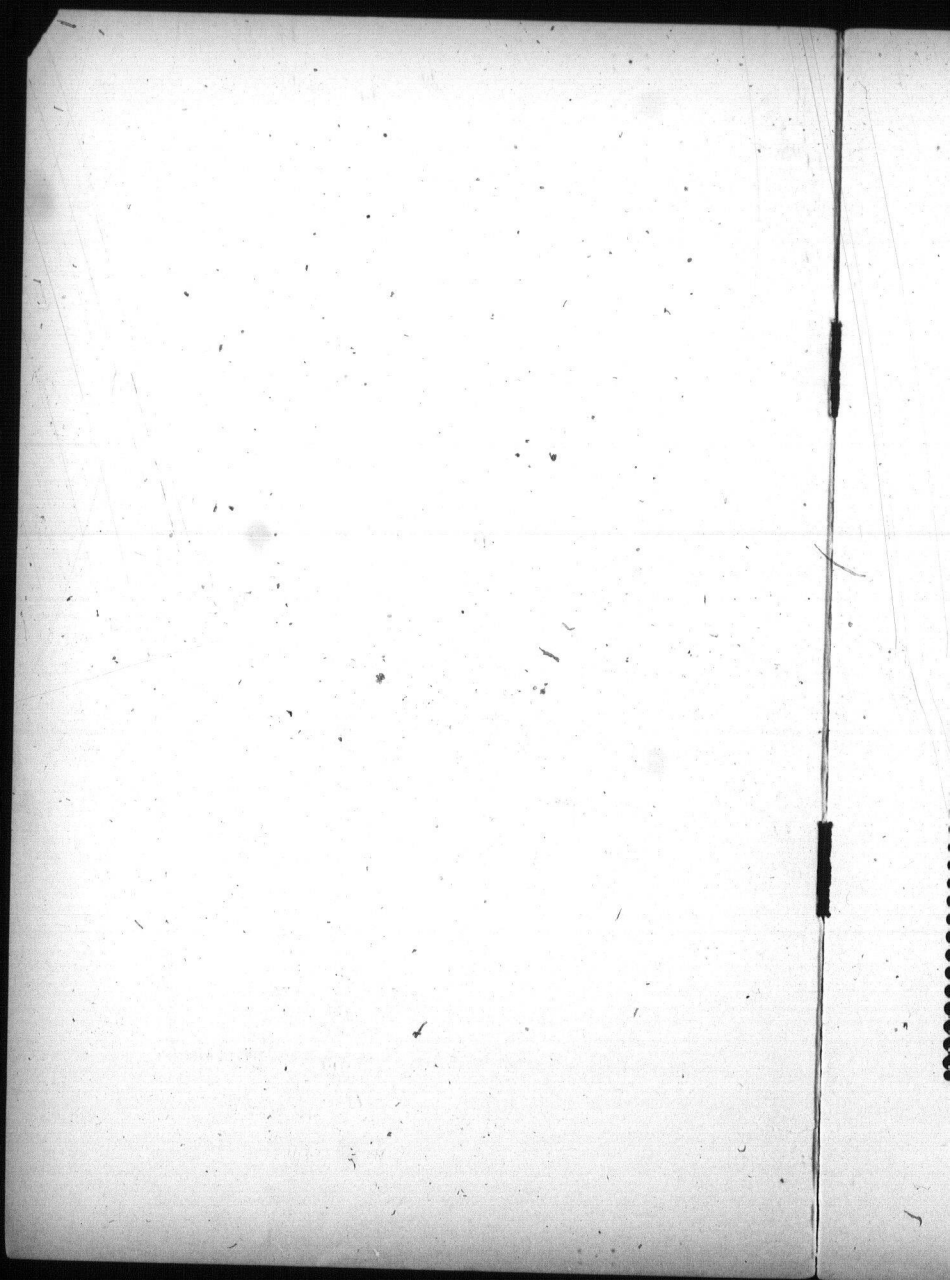
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Stratford,
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for the year ended December

31st, 1899.

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In Memoriam.

Elizabeth Bennoch	February 5, 1899
George White	February 2, "
William Fleming Robertson	March 7, "
Mrs. T. Smith	April 1, "
Mary Alice Jolly	April 3, "
Jessie Stewart	April 18, "
Mrs. John Hamilton	April 22, "
Mrs. A. Crerar	May 18, "
Miss McPherson	May, "
William G. Willis	June 1, "
Hillie McBurney	July 19, "
James Macfadden	August 4, "
William Baxter	August 10, "
Mrs. Clark	October 2, "
Elizabeth Watson	October 10, "
Douglas Brownlee	October 15, "
Mrs. John Forbes	November 21, "
Mary Rowland	December, "
Clark Moderwell	December 1, "
Maggie McConnell	December 15, "

Report of Session.

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

"Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."



THE special Union Meetings held during this year, conducted by the evangelists, Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, proved a blessing to many in this congregation. So great was the interest manifested that we decided to continue meetings with our own people, and we had over two weeks of quiet, helpful, fruitful services, and over two hundred were received by profession of their faith at the communion following, the number sitting at the Lord's Table being the largest in the history of the church. The Session takes this opportunity of reminding the members that to all of us the Lord has given some talents and to each one He says: "Occupy Till I Come." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of Life."

We are thankful to see the large increase in attendance at public worship, and rejoice to see all services and organizations in connection with our church so well sustained. Let us strive by earnest prayer and endeavor to make this closing year of the nineteenth century as bright as the promises of God can make it. "The Lord in midst of thee is mighty," may He "make us perfect in every good work to do His will."

This year we have been called upon to part with many of our number. "The Reaper, whose name is Death," hath taken both "the bearded grain" and "the flowers." May He who came to bind up the broken-hearted speak comfort and peace to all troubled hearts. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed the usual number of times and 225 were received on profession of their faith, and 58 by certificate. Death removed 11, certificates were given to 21 and 9 left the bounds of the congregation without claiming their certificates,

leaving a gain of 242 and a total membership of 1,011 at the close of the year 1899. At the communion held in January, 1900, 28 were added and 2 received certificates, making a present membership of 1,037.

Albert Williamson, Walter Murray and Robert Hamilton resigned their eldership and their resignation was accepted with regret.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to 36 infants and 19 adults.

The session, having decided to organize various circles of the King's Sons and Daughters, have already organized five and we trust that the King of Kings will enable them to do much good "In His Name."

We are thankful that Miss Duncan is restored to us again and continue to pray that the Lord will abundantly bless her in the home field.

To those who help us in any department of the church work we extend hearty sympathy and thanks.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."

WILLIAM IRELAND,
Clerk.

M. L. LEITCH,
Moderator.

Members of Session.

REV. M. L. LEITCH,

Pastor.

James Callin,
George Hunter,
Samuel Rankin,

William Douglas,
William Ireland,
James Barton,
John McIntyre.

William Jeffrey,
Henry Duncan,
George Malcolm,

Annual Report of Knor Church Board of Managers

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899

Your Board of Managers in presenting their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899, would once more congratulate the congregation on their financial condition.

The revenues received from ordinary sources are the largest, we believe, in the history of the congregation and leave us a surplus of \$1,386.44, after paying all running expenses, with no outstanding accounts.

The two principal sources of revenue, viz., pew rents and open collections, show large increases. We find on comparing the present with the time of vacating the building for alterations, that we are receiving revenue from 854 as against 754 sittings, and the increase in open collections alone is more than sufficient to pay the interest on our entire indebtedness, so that from a financial standpoint the large expenditure undertaken two years ago is a distinct success, and shows the wisdom of and necessity for that undertaking.

The items under the heading Property Repairs may seem out of proportion after the building having undergone such extensive improvements only a year ago, but it is largely a completion of that work, and includes such items as storm windows, extra furnace, levelling grounds, sodding, fencing, sidewalks, etc.

It is but proper to state that the item under the heading Printing and Stationery, includes music for the choir and organist amounting to \$42.75, which is the property of the congregation.

During the year we have applied \$902.14 to the building fund and \$500.00 to the Managers' note, leaving our indebtedness at the close of the year, \$9,500.00, as follows: Mortgage, \$7,000; Managers' Note, \$2,500. Since that date we have paid \$500.00 on the note and interest on same in full, \$144.60, leaving our indebtedness at the present time \$9,000, which we hope to see rapidly reduced.

The other items of expenditure as shown in financial statement published are largely uncontrollable by your Board, and need not be referred to in this report.

We had at the close of the year arrears of pew rents, after

deducting \$97.75 as non-collectable, the sum of \$705.25. Since that date \$354.90 has been paid, leaving \$350.35 still due, and would recommend that these matters should receive more prompt attention by some members of the congregation.

With a membership at the present time exceeding 1,000 and total revenues of about \$8,200.00 for the past year, including subscriptions paid to the Organ Fund amounting to \$1,134.00, it would make an average of approximately \$8.00 per member, but fully 20 per cent. of our sittings are allotted to adherents of the church, about one half of whom have one or more members of their families on the membership roll, the balance having no member of their family connected with the church, and many of them respond liberally to any calls made upon them, therefore it is doubtful if the average givings by members for the maintenance of the church in all its branches, would be more than \$6.00 each for the entire year, unless these revenues are largely increased. But taking the former estimate, viz., \$8.00 per member as a basis of calculation, it must be admitted that it would be far below the average of what is expected of a congregation of our standing, and by each and every member doing their share, it can easily be increased to \$10.00 per member, making a total revenue of, in even figures, \$10,000 for the present year, which would be creditable to the congregation.

The matter of improving the musical service of the church, which was referred to the Session and Board of Managers, received attention at joint meetings held, with the result that Mr. Tilley was appointed choir leader and Mrs. Ahrens organist with an increase of \$100 in the appropriation, making it \$400.00 per annum.

The Managers retiring by rotation are James Bennoch, J. Russell Stuart and James Steele, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

W. R. HAMILTON,

Secretary.

G. H. DOUGLAS,

Chairman.

Managers for 1900.

G. H. Douglas,
J. J. McIntyre,
James Bennoch,

W. Preston,
J. W. Brown,
J. Russell Stuart,

Dr. W. R. Hamilton,
T. Trow,
James Steele.

Ushers for 1900.**GALLERY.**

Chas. Packert,
Robert White,

Joseph Rankin,
Arthur Trow.

GROUND FLOOR.

Peter Bradshaw,
M. C. Moderwell,

J. Forbes, /
Walter Miller,

H. G. Jeffrey.

The above to assist representatives of the Session and
Board of Managers.

Knox Church Financial Statement, 1899.

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, Dec. 31st., 1898.....	\$ 238 11
" Pew Rent.....	\$2,687 90
" Arrears of Pew Rent.....	531 25
" Sabbath Collections.....	1,979 70
" Collections for Missions.....	464 55
" Collections at Church Opening.....	213 05
" Poor Fund.....	60 00
" Collection at Preparatory Services.....	53 10
" Crossley and Hunter, on account of fuel and light..	48 00
" Insurance Rebate.....	21 20
" Sale of Seats.....	15 00
	<u>6073 75</u>
	\$6,311 86

EXPENDITURE

By Rev. M. L. Leitch.....	\$2,000 00
" A. H. Alexander.....	200 00
" A. F. Tilley.....	83 33
" R. Donaldson.....	500 00
" Mrs. A.E. Ahrens.....	50 00
" Treasurer Mission Fund.....	464 55
" Fuel.....	179 87
" Light.....	144 49
" Printing and Stationery.....	88 30
" Property Repairs.....	201 45
" Poor Fund.....	72 88
" Pulpit Supply.....	93 12
" Synod and Presbytery Fund.....	29 00
" Surplus Collections, Crossley & Hunter.....	59 70
" Water Rate and Sewer Tax.....	50 28
" Communion Flags.....	16 37
" Miscellaneous.....	77 73
" Reduction of Manager's Note.....	500 00
" Interest.....	286 15
" Treasurer Building Fund.....	902 14
" Balance in Bank of Montreal.....	6089 45
	<u>222 41</u>
Total.....	\$6,311 86

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. R. Donaldson, treasurer of Knox church, for the year ended 31st December, 1899, and that the above Financial Statement is correct.

Also, that we have examined and verified the "Building Account" presented by Mr. J. W. Brown, treasurer of that fund, at the last meeting of the congregation and have found the same correct.

J. R. MACDONALD, } AUDITORS.
GEORGE KAY, }

Stratford, Jan. 22nd, 1900.

Knox Church Organ fund.

The Organ Committee beg to report that the present position of the Organ Fund is as follows :

RECEIPTS.

To subscriptions paid	\$2,468 75
" interest on deposits	11 40
" net proceeds recitals	333 71
	\$2,813 86

EXPENDITURES.

By paid for expert advice	16 00
" printing, stationery, postage tele- graph and telephone acc't.	24 70
" paid D. W. Karn & Co.	2,750 00
cash on hand	23 16
	\$2,813 86

The gross liability to be met is, amount due on note given Messrs. Karn & Co., due 15th April next, \$1,250.00 ; interest due at that date, \$81.50, total \$1,331.50, to meet which we have, cash on hand \$23.16, unpaid subscriptions \$125.00, total \$148.16, leaving the net liability \$1,183.34.

The committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered them by Mr. J. A. McFadden, their late secretary, and their sincere regret that owing to his removal from the city he was obliged to resign that position.

They would also express the hope that those subscribers who are still in arrears will endeavor to meet their obligation at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE KAY, Chairman.

R. THOMAS ORR, Secretary.

Stratford, Feb. 6th, 1900.

Report of Knox Church Sabbath School

FOR 1899.

To the Session of Knox Church, Stratford :

The school was opened 52 Sundays in the year; the Bible Class 37 Sundays. The attendance was as follows:—

School proper,	aggregate	7,554
Bible Class,	"	2,939
Primary Class,	"	3,243
Teachers,	"	1,196
Officers,	"	211

Total Aggregate, 15,143

	1898	1899
The largest attendance on any Sunday,	395	427
The smallest att. exclusive of B. C.,	136	136
The average att. of whole school,	355	314
The average att. B. C.,	74	79
The largest att. in B. C. on any Sunday in 1899,	153.	

During the year the School has suffered the loss by death of three of its former teachers, Miss Bennoch, Miss Stewart and Miss McBurney.

At the annual S. S. social 13 Bibles were presented to scholars who had correctly repeated the shorter Catechism, and 21 Bibles to members of the Primary Class for repeating The Ten Commandments.

The officers for the year 1900 are as follows :

C. A. Mayberry.....	Superintendent.
D. M. Ferguson.....	Assist-Superintendent.
Arthur Trow.....	Secretary.
Chas. Scott.....	Assistant Sec'y.
O. Allen.....	" "
W. Morrison.....	" "
R. White.....	Treasurer.
G. Malcolm.....	Teacher of B. C.
Miss K. V. Johnston.....	Organist.
Miss Nellie Packert.....	Organist of B. C.

TEACHERS.

Mrs. J. P. Murray,	Miss Gaudy,	Miss Dawe,
Mrs. Hislop,	" Myers,	" J. Fraser,
Mrs. (Dr.) Brown,	" Rankin,	" Mickie,
Miss Mary Miller,	" Bushfield,	" Baxter,
" K. Hamilton,	" Murray,	Miss Moderwell,
" K. V. Johnston,	" Garden,	Teacher of Primary Class.
" M. Johnston,	" Ireland,	Miss Macdonald,
" Gourlay,	" Elder,	Ass't Teacher Prim. Class.
" McIntosh,	" Jolly,	Miss Trow,
Mr. J. J. Forbes,	Mr. D. M. Ferguson,	Ass't Teacher Prim. Class.
Dr. Bothwell.	Mr. W. H. Fletcher,	

C. A. MAYBERRY, Superintendent.

Financial Statement of Knox Church Sabbath School for the year 1899:

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1st, 1899, cash on hand.....	\$ 19 34
Collections for year.....	267 25
Interest.....	1 26
Total.....	\$287 85

EXPENDITURES.

J. H. Kenner, for supplies.....	\$137 34
Bible Study Pub. Co.....	14 20
Money Order and Postage.....	08
Piano Rent.....	3 00
Provincial S. S. Association.....	5 00
Picnic expenses.....	4 30
A. Neil, florist.....	6 30
2 copies Pioneer Life.....	3 00
Point Aux Trembles Mission.....	50 00
Indore Mission.....	25 00
Dr. Moffatt.....	10 00
Total expenses.....	\$258 22
Balance on Hand.....	\$ 29 63

Report of Knox Church Missionary Association.

It is with feelings of thankfulness to God, the Giver of all good, that we present our report for the past year. We are indeed grateful to our Heavenly Father that our report is such a cheering one, as there has been a substantial increase in contributions over past years for missionary purposes, showing that God's people are endeavoring to fulfil the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We would not be unmindful of the earnest work of the collectors which has been very successful, a larger amount having been received than in previous years.

C. GOURLAY, Secretary.

REPORT OF KNOX CHURCH MISSION COMMITTEE FOR 1899

RECEIPTS.

By Collectors, as follows :

Miss Hepburn.....	\$86 40	Miss Marks.....	\$16 35
Miss Eason.....	38 13	Miss Rankin.....	24 50
Miss Grant.....	18 45	Miss Gourlay.....	13 15
Miss Forbes.....	12 15	Miss Moderwell.....	23 15
Miss Miller.....	34 20	Miss Hobson.....	15 85
Miss Macdonald.....	19 50	Miss Fraser.....	26 00
Miss McPherson.....	26 40	Miss Stewart.....	14 55
Miss Ball.....	15 75		
			\$385 43
Mr. Hislop.....		\$ 5 00	
Records.....		2 75	
Interest.....		5 77	
			13 52
Quarterly Collections—March.....	\$ 98 50		
—June.....	116 80		
—October.....	91 25		
—December.....	158 00		
			464 55

Total for Missions....\$ 863 50

EXPENDITURE.

Home Mission Fund.....	\$100 00
French Evangelization.....	50 00
Records.....	50 00

MARY S. MILLAR, Treasurer.

Knorr Church Auxiliary, W. F. M. S.**SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1899**

The members of the Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. in submitting their report, feel that God has crowned the year with His goodness, and in reviewing the work of the past year we feel that we have great cause for thankfulness that it has been crowned with such success.

There were eleven regular meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of twenty-three, the largest attendance at any one meeting being thirty-four, the smallest twelve. Nine new members being enrolled. We lost two by death and three have severed their connection with the Auxiliary by removal from the city. The total number of contributors is sixty-three, thirteen members of the General Society, two life members, one becoming a life member this year. At our thank-offering meeting in November Miss Duncan gave a very interesting address, the offering amounting to \$41.00; this, together with the monthly contributions, make a total of \$216.63. Value of clothing sent to Northwest, \$17.20.

EDITH ORR, Secretary.

OFFICERS FOR 1900.

President.....	Mrs. Hyslop,
1st Vice-President...	Mrs. Leitch,
2nd " "	Mrs. Rankin,
3rd " "	Mrs. Johnson,
Secretary.....	Mrs. Orr,
Treasurer.....	Miss Fraser.

Gordon Mission Band.

The Gordon Mission Band in presenting their annual report, do so gratefully acknowledging that the hand of our God has been upon us for good.

The Band held eleven meetings during the year, with an average attendance of nine members, and we are indebted to our returned missionary, Miss Duncan, for the interest she has shown in us, by attending several of our meetings, when she gave us a good deal of information about India and its needs, making us realize more fully the urgency of the work. Truly the "King's business requires haste."

In December we held a public meeting when Miss Duncan

had an opportunity of speaking to a larger number of young people. The thank-offering of the members on that occasion was \$9.55, and the very liberal collection given brought up the amount to \$24.50, the total amount raised during the year being \$53.43, and new goods to the amount of \$4.00 was sent to the North-west. One of our members was removed by death, and our present membership is 21.

OFFICERS FOR 1900.

President.....Miss Moderwell,
 1st Vice-President...Miss Allen,
 2nd Vice-President...Miss Jessie Ross,
 Secretary.....Miss Mark,
 Treasurer.....Miss Matheson,
 Leaflet Secretary.....Miss McPherson.

SOPHIE MARKS, Secretary.

Report of "Early Seeker's" Circle of King's Sons.

Our Circle was organized on Dec. 12. 1899, with a membership of fourteen. We adopted for our text: "I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me," and for our motto, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men."

Six meetings were held in the homes of the members, with an average attendance of eleven.

We were pleased that we were permitted to assist in bringing Christmas cheer to some of the families in the city.

K. HAMILTON, Secretary.

A circle of "The King's Daughters" was organized with the approval of the Session, on September 25, with a membership of sixteen, choosing as our name "The King's Messengers."

Our text is Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I, send me;" and Haggai 1:13, "I am with you," saith the Lord. Our motto is, John 11:5, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

The object of the society is to develop Christian life and

to stimulate Christian activities among those who shall become members.

A very liberal response was made by the congregation to the request for Christmas cheer for the poor of our church and city, and twenty-six well-filled baskets were sent out, besides other comforts to the value of \$5.25, and a balance of \$1.91 remains on hand to be used in the same work.

The circles of The King's Daughters and Sons united in decorating the church for Christmas.

Having been in existence for so short a time, there is necessarily very little to report.

Our circle meets every Monday evening in the church parlor at 7.30 p. m., and a hearty invitation is extended to all interested to meet with us.

J. C. MacKAY, Secretary.

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