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# REPORT.

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church on the 1st March, 1869, Edward McGillivray, Esq., in the Chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gordon.

Reports were presented from the Kirk Session and the Temporal Committee, with statements of the Revenues, Liabilities and Assets of the Congregation.

It was unanimously resolved that these Reports be adopted, and that the Rev. Mr. Gordon and Messrs. Drummond, Hamilton, McGillivray and McNutt, be a Committee to prepare for publication a Report comprising such portions of the above Reports as may seem to them most suitable, in order that the same may be circulated among the members of the Congregation.

The following gentlemen were elected to act as the Temporal Committee of the Congregation for the present year, viz. :—

G. E. ELLIOTT, *Chairman.*

H. F. BRONSON,  
R. S. CASSELLS,  
J. M. TAYLOR,

A. MANN,  
N. W. MACLEAN, *Secy.*  
C. S. MACNUTT, *Treasurer.*

The meeting was then closed with the Benediction.

C. S. MCNUTT,  
*Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

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The Kirk Session, in reporting upon the condition of the Congregation during the past year, desire to acknowledge the goodness of the Great Head of the Church, by whose blessing our Roll of Membership has been increased, and our contributions to Church purposes enlarged, an increase which they trust is a proof of growing energy.

It is only in proportion to the extent and fervour of its spiritual life that a Congregation can expect to be useful in the Church of Christ, and that life will display itself in united and zealous labour. When we read the Apostolic Epistles (especially 1 Cor. xii.), the idea which we there receive of a Christian Society, is that of a *body*, an *organised whole*, wherein each part contributes, according to the power given it, to the welfare and influence of the whole: no members are so weak as to be useless to the body, none are so strong as to be independent of the others. That which should, therefore, be the constant aim of a Christian Congregation is, first, to possess increasing life within itself; and, secondly, to use the gifts bestowed upon it for the cause of Him from whom that life is derived. While no amount of mere organisation can make up for the want of spiritual power, yet that power will certainly reveal itself by attempts at improved organisation, and by united, earnest action. The weakness of any Congregation usually consists, not so much in the want of materials as in the want of each member using his influence for the good of the Congregation, and if each member could more fully realise the ability which he possesses, and the responsibility laid upon him for the use of his power, there would be greater cause for rejoicing at the labours of the Church.

While there is much that is imperfect there is also much that is encouraging in the work of the Congregation during the past year; but, just as each Christian should strive daily in his own life to rise nearer to perfection, "pressing forward to those things which are before," so each Congregation of Christians should strive for greater spiritual life, and for the extension of those works which prove the possession of that life. Therefore the Kirk Session trust that the past increase of strength is but the "first-fruits" of a greater increase which awaits us.

In regard to the various branches of the work of the Congregation they report as follows:—

The WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING, which had for some time been discontinued, was resumed towards the close of last year, and is now held in the School Room every Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. This is one of the best tests of the possession of that spiritual life which should be the first aim of a Congregation; and, while there is much room for improvement, the attendance hitherto has been very gratifying, the School Room being usually well filled. If, however, there was an average attendance of *one* from each family in the Congregation we would have the encouraging result of being compelled to move, for want of accommodation, from the School Room to the Church.

The SABBATH SCHOOLS are well attended. One of them, which meets in the Church, and is under the superintendence of Mr. Orme, has upon the roll 156 scholars, with an average attendance of 95, and with 20 Teachers. The increase in the number of scholars during the past year has been 34.

The other School, under the Superintendence of Mr. Hamilton, meets at present in one of the apartments of the St. George's Ward School House. There are upon the Roll 66 scholars, with an average attendance of 43, and with 10 Teachers.

The weekly collections of the Upper Town School, during

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the past year, have amounted to \$42.97; those of the Lower Town School to \$38.50. The scholars have for some years supported an orphan in the India Orphanage, and have determined to undertake the support of a second one. During the year \$80 were contributed by private subscription for the purchase of Sabbath School Libraries.

**THE POOR RELIEF AND TRACT DISTRIBUTION SOCIETY** meets monthly, having for its object the distribution of religious tracts, and the relief of the poor connected with the Congregation. The subscriptions received for the latter purpose, during the year, were \$93.13, of which \$53.58 went to repay the Treasurer for balance due at the close of the preceding year: the expenditure of the Society during the past year has been \$65, the balance at present due to the Treasurer being \$25.45. In November last a Clothing Committee was appointed, in connection with this Society, to meet weekly for the purpose of receiving contributions in clothing and money on behalf of the poor, and of distributing these to deserving applicants. The receipts of this Committee, up to the 1st February, were 169 articles of clothing, and \$23.50: the disbursements up to the same date were 140 articles of clothing, and \$16.69.

The following is a statement of the strength of the Congregation in regard to numbers, and also in regard to sums raised for Church purposes during the past year:—

Number of Families connected with the Congregation.	172
“ Communicants “ “	.. 234
“ S. S. Scholars “ “	.. 222

The contributions for Congregational purposes were:

For Relief of the Poor of the Congregation....	\$116 63
For Sabbath School Libraries.....	80 00
For Organ (balance of \$96 unsubscribed).....	304 00
Regular weekly collections.....	653 16

\$1,153 79

The contributions for the Schemes of the Church were :

For the Synod's Home Mission.....	\$101 45
“ Presbytery Home Mission .....	40 02
“ French Mission .....	28 80
“ Queen's College Bursary Scheme.....	35 81
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	\$206 06

There was also contributed :

For the Red River Relief Fund... ..	\$69 44
For the Mission to the Lumbermen.....	130 00
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	\$199 44

In addition to the above, and in response to the appeal made by the Synod in January last, there has already been subscribed in Ottawa, for the Endowment of Queen's College, \$7,626, of which \$7,546 are subscribed by members of this congregation. The payment of the greater portion of this is extended over a period of four years, the first instalments being due on the 1st April next. There have, however, been already paid into the hands of the College Treasurer, \$1,212.

\*SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Congregational purposes.....	\$1,153 79
For Schemes of the Church.....	206 08
For Queen's College Endowment.....	1,212 00
For other purposes.....	199 44
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	\$2,776 31

Respectfully submitted by the Kirk Session.

DANIEL M. GORDON,  
Moderator.

\* The amounts here specified are independent of those controlled by the Temporal Committee, for which see statement annexed.

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# ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT

PRESENTED BY THE

## TEMPORAL COMMITTEE AT THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

HELD ON THE 1ST MARCH, 1869.

### *To the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church:*

The Temporal Committee beg leave to report that the Act incorporating this Congregation through their Temporal Committee, to be elected annually by the Pew-holders, is now in full operation, giving the whole property belonging to the Church, and the management thereof (which was formerly held by different sets of Trustees) to the Temporal Committee for the time being, thus placing it under the absolute control of the Congregation.

That Act, together with the By-laws passed subsequently, has been printed, and copies are on sale by the Treasurer at twenty-five cents each.

The accounts now presented for your approval exhibit the following collections for 1868-9.

From Pew rents.....	\$1,365 33
Rents of Glebe lot.....	181 00
Sale of Burial lots.....	90 00
Subscriptions for Manse.....	387 87
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	\$2,024 20

The expenditure for enlarging and improving the Manse has reached a much larger figure than your Committee expected when the work was commenced, being \$1,522 28; but your Committee feel confident that the Congregation

heartily approves of their action in this business, not only from the subscriptions (*to which it is hoped that there will yet be considerable additions*), that were made towards that expenditure, but especially from the earnest and zealous action of the ladies of the Congregation, which will be hereafter referred to at greater length.

It will be noticed that the amount received on account of rents from the Glebe lot is only \$181, at the date of closing accounts, instead of being \$400 as was estimated last year; the non-collection of the remainder is accounted for by an unavoidable delay in getting a proper plan to be registered, and in making out of the leases to the different tenants; the plan being now completed, and the leases in the hands of the solicitors, the work will in a short time be finished, and the estimated amount will be fully realized.

Your Committee desire cordially to express their thanks to those pew-holders who paid their whole pew rent in advance on or about the first of the year, without regarding their claim to divide into quarterly or half-yearly payments, as that was made all the more necessary by the backwardness of others. But let not him who contributes cheerfully, promptly, and liberally to the requirements of the Church, either in money or time, or in both, think hardly of those whose consciences allow them to take a more indifferent course; rather let compassionate thoughts be uppermost, as the sad truth becomes manifest that these cannot be deriving much benefit from its services, or otherwise they would be more alive to its interests.

It will be within the recollection of most at this meeting that about eight years ago a Bazaar was held by the ladies of this congregation for the purpose of raising money to assist in building a spire to this Church, but during the long period of time that has since elapsed nothing further has been done towards that object; on the contrary, from all that can be learned from the action of the congregation, it has been abandoned. Such being the case, it became an interesting question, what was to be done with the money so raised for the benefit of this Church by the members

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thereof? To answer which, a meeting of the ladies connected with that Bazaar, called by notice from the pulpit, was held recently, at which meeting resolutions were passed unanimously by the said ladies that the whole of the proceeds of the Bazaar referred to, amounting in all to \$639.73, was to be placed in the hands of E. McGillivray, Esq., at the rate of seven per cent interest, out of which he has received \$331.65; for this he has given his note payable to the order of Andrew Drummond, Esq., to be held by the latter in trust for the ladies, it being their desire that it should be invested in this way, and he has again lent it to your Committee, at the same rate of interest, in order to assist them in reducing their liabilities for the improvements made last summer.

Your Committee feel that they owe a debt of gratitude to the ladies of the congregation for their exertions heretofore in getting up the Bazaar already mentioned, for the purpose of improving this Church, notwithstanding that the particular object then aimed at has since been given up; and they have again to express their warm acknowledgments for the renewal of their efforts in having decided to hold another Bazaar in May next, for the purpose not only of paying off existing liabilities, but, with the surplus, to commence a fund in aid of the cost of building a new church suitable to this congregation.

It will be seen from the accounts that the total liabilities of this Church, on the 15th February last, amounted to \$1,699.86; of which belongs to the Church proper, for ordinary disbursements, \$555.45, which last amount is more than covered by the available assets, valued at \$632; the remainder is the debt on the Manse, \$1,134.41, which has since been reduced by the \$331.65, borrowed from the ladies through Mr. McGillivray, to \$802.76, and this sum, it is expected, will be further diminished by additional subscriptions, so that it may not become necessary to draw very heavily upon the ladies' fund, which should be left as far as possible for the more important object—the new Church.

Passing over several Special General Meetings that have been held during the past year, your Committee would only refer to that of the 18th May last, at which a Resolution was passed, affirming that through the liberality of the members of this congregation a sufficient sum could be raised to build a new Church, and the following gentlemen, viz. : Honble. James Skead, Dr. Grant, M. P., Messrs. Currier, M. P., Clegg, Isaac, Peacock, Stockand, and J. M. Taylor, were added to those appointed at a previous meeting, viz. : Messrs. Cassells, Orme, and G. P. Drummond, to assist the Temporal Committee in carrying out the project above indicated ; but, as yet, no decided action has been taken towards giving practical effect to that Resolution, and perhaps it is as well that the delay has occurred, in order that due consideration may be given to so important a matter, so as to avoid mistakes.

If the members of this Congregation, possessing large property (of whom there is a considerable number), are in earnest in favour of building a new Church, it can easily be done ; when at least \$12,000 are subscribed by these, the Congregation generally will, no doubt, contribute liberally according to their means, and there will be good encouragement to enter upon the work with energy.

Two gentlemen of the class mentioned have offered to give \$1,000 each towards the new Church, provided that eight others will do likewise, and it is to be hoped that this condition will be complied with during the year upon which we are now entering.

In conclusion, your Committee, in resigning the trust formerly committed to them into your hands, as by law bound to do, in order that you may exercise a free judgment in electing their successors, pray that you may be guided by wisdom from above in the performance of that duty.

Respectfully submitted.

E. MCGILLIVRAY,  
Chairman of Temporal Committee.

1st March, 1869.

WM. HAMILTON, Treasurer, in account with the KIRK SESSION of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

Dr.	\$ cts.	CR.	\$ cts.
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Feb. 28.—To Balance Cash on hand this date.....	76 70	Feb. 28.—By Cash paid Church Officer, one year's salary to date..	100 00
To amount of ordinary collections from 1st March, 1868, to 1st March, 1869.....	658 16	“ Organist, do .....	150 00
To amount of special collections in aid of the following objects, viz:		“ Communion expenses.....	23 41
Queen's College Bursary Fund.....		“ Gas account for 1868.....	78 40
sary Fund..... .. 35 81		“ Pulpit supply, June and July..	20 00
Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.....		“ Queen's College Bursary Fund.	35 00
Home Mission Fund..... 40 02		“ Ottawa Presbytery Home Mission Fund .....	40 00
French Mission Fund.. 28 80		“ French Mission Fund.....	28 00
Red River Relief do .. 69 44		“ Synod's Home Mission Fund...	100 00
Home Mission do ..101 45		“ Red River Relief' Fund.....	70 00
		“ Subscription to Organ Fund....	50 00
1869.		“ Account for ventilating Church	19 50
Feb. 27.—To Cash received for 6 S. S. benches sold .....	275 52	“ Incidental exp., printing, &c....	15 98
		“ Upper Town S. School for Melodeon hire.....	24 00
		“ Lower Tower S. S. expenses...	18 25
		“ Discount on silver.....	9 92
		“ Synod Fund.....	10 00
		By balance cash on hand this date.	222 42
Total.....	1,014 88	Total .....	1,014 88

1st March, 1869.



Less—Discount & stamps. 13 12			
Balance due Treasurer.....	701 88		1 00
	4 60		25 40
			29 65
			15 00
			21 00
			38 50
			26 93
Total.....	3,551 75		3,551 75

C. McNUTT,  
Treasurer:

15th February, 1869.

We have examined the Books and Papers of St. Andrew's Church, and find them correct, and the above statement is in accordance therewith.

A. MANN,  
J. M. TAYLOR, } Auditors.

OTTAWA, 25th February, 1869.

**LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the CORPORATION of ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Ottawa, on  
1st March, 1869.**

	\$	cts.
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>		
To Note due in Bank, 11th March, 1869..	410	00
“ do do 14th do ..	715	00
“ George Stockand, for work done on Church .....	5	02
“ Blyth & Kerr, for work on Church.....	8	01
“ Hunter, Rose & Co., for printing.....	20	25
“ Ann Enright, for putting up and taking down stoves, furnishing pipes and pails from May, 1867, to date.....	22	64
“ Workman & Co., sundries for Church..	2	21
“ George Stockand, for balance of account for work done at Manse .....	206	73
“ Wm. McKay for paper for do .....	39	31
“ A. K. Mills, fixing grates.....	6	15
“ J. M. Currier & Co., lumber for Manse.	119	72
“ Geo. Hay, grate for Manse .....	15	25
“ Blyth & Kerr, work do .....	87	53
“ A Workman & Co., grate do .....	21	25
“ E. McGillivray, for Manse .....	4	59
<b>ASSETS.</b>		
By Pew Rents in arrears—		
Old .....	175	30
From 1868-9 .....	318	97
	494	27
Deduct—		
Bad and doubtful Debts, some of which are disputed.....	214	27
By rents accrued from Glebe lot, but not yet received.....	280	00
Balance to be provided for beyond ordinary expenditure .....	352	00
	1,067	36

“ E. McGillivray, for Church.....	11	60
“ C. S. McNutt, for Balance.....	4	60

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