# First Baptist Church,

HALIFAX, N. S., 1898.

## Church Officers and Standing Committees.

REV. A. C. CHUTE, B. D., Pastor.

L. S. Payzant, E. S. Hubley,

Deacons. A. L. Wood, R. N. Beckwith. W. F. Parker.

J. Burgoyne, R. M. King.

Supervisors of Church Building. R. M. King and A. L. Wood.

Trustees of Church Property.

Hon. Dr. Parker. C. E. Puttner, E. D. King,

B. H. Eaton, E. S. Hubley, H. H. Read,

R. N. Beckwith, A. J. Cooney, L. S. Payzant.

Treasurer-R. N. Beckwith. Clerk-B. H. Eaton. Chorister-J. Herbert Logan. Sexton-Joseph Spencer.

Finance Committee.

C. E. Puttner, W. W. Kenney, James Halliday, J. A. Zwicker, Joseph D. Spencer.

B. H. Eaton, W. F. Parker. The Treasurer.

Collectors of Sabbath Offerings.

W. W. Kenney,	alternate	
Thos. A. Hubley,		
J. H. Ferguson,	"	
Richmond Kennedy,		
James Wood, (Gallery).	**	

James Halliday, H. P. Bezanson,

Ushers.

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John Burgoyne,

James Wood, J. H. Furguson, E. J. Lucas,

R. M. King H. H. Read.

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H. S. Freeman, Thomas A. Hubley,

Music Committee. John Burgoyne,

J. A. Zwicker, L. S. Payzant, C. D. Blair, Stuart Hubley. Frank Dunlap.

T. G. Dunlap, H. S. Freeman.

Stuart Hubley, C. S. Barss. John Burgoyne.

W. F. Parker, P. R. Colpitt

## District Committee. Rev. A. C. Chute, R. N. Beckwith, B. H. Eaton, A. L. Wood.

### Auditors.

#### T. G. Dunlap,

## J. L. Archibald

Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Mrs.	R. N. Beckwith,
	Parker,
Mrs.	Moody,
Mrs.	W. S. Davidson,

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Mrs. Holloway, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Geldert, Mrs. Zwicker, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Wood. Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Colwell,

Sabbath School Officers. Superintendent—John Burgoyne. Sec. Treas—John Toale. Librarians. { W. L. Barnstead. W. Yates. Organist—Miss Susie Murray. Auditor—P. R. Colpitt.

# BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

President—Parker R. Colpitt. Vice-President—Miss M. A. L. Philp. Treasurer—Miss Janet Cooney. Recording Secretary—Miss Sara L. Norton. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Mary Philp. Organist—Miss Minnie Richardson.

## MEMBERSHIP RECORD.

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#### DEACONS' REPORT.

"Let us thank God and take courage" might well be our motto at this thirteenth annual re-union of our members. If called upon to give an account of their stewardship the diaconate body would have little to present of the nature of aggressive work done during the past year. They have held monthly meetings, and discussed together with the pastor matters looking to the church's welfare, and have found their greatest pleasure in welcoming for conference those wishing to enrol themselves as members of the church on profession of faith in His name. How far the frequency of these occasions is a measure of our faith—and works—is a question we might perhaps as a church, consider with profit.

In looking back over the year the feature that stands out in greatest prominence is the activity displayed by the young people of the church. The Mite Society has collected \$75.00 for missions, and also for the same object \$100.00 was gathered from a hundred persons who gave one cent per day for one hundred days. This emphasizes the value of little things in a delightfully practical way.

The Young People's Union have met regularly on Friday evenings, and a goodly number have taken the Sacred Literature Course, in which our pastor has taken a special interest, he having had charge of this department. The Union devotes a monthly collection for the disposal of the Sick Visiting Committee, who purchase flowers and delicacies for the sick.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle has been more than usually vigorous the past year. Besides sewing for the sufferers by the Windsor fire they have done much to relieve the wants of the needy at home. Besides the time devoted to sewing, the membership fees and subscriptions have been devoted to the purchase of material—a generosity that calls for recognition, and which must bring its own reward.

The Visiting Committee of sisters has continued to do good work during the year. Many good things are begun, and run awhile, then discontinued. Such is human nature, even in Christian enterprises; but this feature of Church work is maintained with a constancy that is refreshing to the pastor and satisfactory to all. Let us hope, however, that the visiting of the sick and aged will not be left to these sisters. Let us not seek to do our duty by proxy.

The poor fund of the church is in a healthy condition. The amount subscribed each month has met the requirements as judged by the deacons, to whom has been assigned this work. But if during this cold season it is found that a larger sum than usual is necessary, we

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are confident our people will cheerfully respond to a call for increased monthly offerings.

Our young folk are looking forward to a lecture from Rev. A. Gandier on the 18th inst., on "The Land of William Tell," the proceeds of which are to go towards the building of the Preston School House, the history of which is familiar to our people.

The social side of Church life has received fair attention since our last roll-call; and among the most effective methods of maintaining this have been the Monday evening receptions at the pastor's residence every week. The pastor and his wife are always "at home" on Monday night to as many of our members, young and old, as can find it convenient, or make it convenient, to call upon them. If any have not tried this, let them begin—a welcome with a big "W" awaits you.

A very encouraging feature of the year has been the increased attendance and interest in the weekly prayer meeting. There is still room for improvement, but let us be thankful for what we have, and hope for the co-operation of our members who seldom attend. We feel that both the absentees and the regular attendants suffer a great loss in the regular absence of any members not providentially kept away from prayer-meeting.

The number added to the Church, which has been shewn by the report of the church clerk, has not been so large as could have been desired, and as should perhaps have been expected, and a perusal of the names added to our roll re-emphasizes the truth so often proclaimed of the importance of coming to a decision for Christ early in life, and of the danger of procrastination year after year. Still, we wish to repeat, on a review of the twelve months' work, and the twelve months' failures, "Let us thank God and take courage."

Our ranks have several times been visited by the Reaper during the year. Those of our number who have gone on before are Mrs. Mary E. Margeson, who fell asleep in March; Rev. R. R. Philp, who was summoned in April; Mrs. Thos. Spry, sr., and Mrs. R. Fisher, who passed the boundary line in June, and Mr. B. G. Street, whose call in October completed the sixth of our members who now await us on the other shore. We miss them all. May we give due heed to the command—"Be ye also ready"! Ja De Ba

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### Annual Report of Finance Committee.

Halifax, December 31st, 1897.

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Your committee respectfully report as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT.

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To Pastor's Salary											 	 		 								\$1.500.00
Pulpit Supplies											 			 					 			 70.00
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Interest											 	 			 				 			 . 390.30
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Miscellaneous												 			 					 		142.08
Balance																						187.84

#### RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1.	By	balance on hand		 43.67	
Dec. 31.	By	Weekly Offerings,	etc	 3.143.61	\$3,187.28
Balance	on	hand		 	187.84

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To Loan on General Account Unpaid Bills	1895\$255.00 
	\$611.60
By Balance General Account. To Deficit on General Account	

The deficit on general account at the close of 1896 was \$315.87, and the hope was then expressed that it might be entirely wiped out during 1897. This has not been accomplished: on the contrary we have ended the year with increased deficit. This has resulted from unlooked for demands for repairs which, in connection with our furnace especially, have been large. Our weekly offerings, however, have been well sustained, and show a slight increase over 1896, even without the addition of some \$55 received on the last day of the year, but after the treasurer's accounts for the year had been closed. The fact that our deficit is increasing should excite some concern, and a determined effort should be made to cancel it completely during the year 1898. It requires only that there should be loyalty and faithfulness to our system of weekly offerings to accomplish this without difficulty.

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## BUILDING FUND.

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1897-Jan. 1. To Balance Due Treasurer Oct 1. To Paid on Mortgage	
By Quarterly Collections	California Para
Roll Call Offerings 493.50 Special Collections 72.60	\$703.28
Dec 31. Balance pue ricar	\$ 2.60
To Balance Due Treasurer	

Balance of Building Debt, \$6,800.

The new church building debt, which originally stood at \$15,000, has, by continued and well sustained effort, been reduced year by year, until it is now more than half paid. Let us thankfully acknowledge God's help, and with strengthened faith, courageously continue the work of past years. \$700.00 was paid off during the past year, and it is proposed to further reduce the debt by an additional payment of \$800.00 in October next.

## DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS.

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By Balance on hand	424.92	
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By Balance on Hand .....

Home Missions .....

RING & KING, Chairman.

### POOR'S FUND.-1897.

1896—Dec. 31. Balance on Hand Collections, 1897 Donation Miss McNeil	\$ 53.89 114.66 2.00 32.40
Interest	\$202.95
1897—Dec. 31. To Paid Needy Poor During Year Balance on Hand	\$ 51.75
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WOMEN'S MISS. AID SOCIETY.	\$ 95.75
Foreign Missions	37.30

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### MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS 1897.

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To paid to Treasurer of Fund above mentioned	211.97 211.97

#### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS 1897.

For Weekly Offerings, etc	140 01
Denominational Funds	
Building Fund	639.80
West End Church \$40.35.	700.68
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W. C. T. U. Lecture, Rev. E. O. Taylor	6.48
Halifax Dispensary	15.14
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W. M. A. Society	133.05

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#### ESTIMATES FOR 1898.

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Interest					 . 355.30
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Outstanding Loan, \$255.00 .

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#### \$3,254.06

In estimating the first item above at \$1,600.00, your committee is not forgetful that additional receipts will be needed from our weekly offerings to meet this additional outlay; but to secure an object so worthy there are some among us, no doubt, who will esteem it a privilege to contribute more liberally than heretofore, while it is not unreasonable to hope that the few members of the church or congregation who have not so far felt it their duty to contribute a stated amount, weekly or regularly, will decide to do so, and will begin at once, and thus enable us to mark the year 1898 as the best financial year in our history.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN D. KING, Chairman.

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Ackhurst, William
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Baker Mrs (ieo 10 Fonwiol: Stroot
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Barnstead, John H
Barratt, Miss Elvira. 110 Hollis Street
Barss, Charles S
Beattle, Miss Alice
Beckwith, R. N
Beckwith, Mrs. R. N
Beckwith, Miss Estelle "
Beckwith, Miss Mary U
Beckwith, H. L
Beckwith, Mrs. H. L
Bezanson, Mrs. H. P.
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Blackadar, Mrs. H. W
Blair, C. D
Blair, Mrs. C. D
Blair, Frank
Boggs, Mrs. W. E.
Bonn, Mrs. Welsford
Bool George Amborst
Boutilier, Mrs. A. T Annandale Street. Brewster, Miss Blanche School for the Blind.
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Brant, John
Brunt, Mrs. John
Brunt, Miss Flora
Brunt, Howard
Brunt, Lottie
Burgoyne John
Burgoyne John
Burgoyne, Miss Dona
Burlock, Miss Adelaide
Campbell FrederickBox 357, Moncton, N.B.
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Chisholm Arthur
Churchill MISS LOU'Se T. Ladies' College
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Colwell, Mrs. Frank
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 Richardson, Miss M. A.
 6 Fawson Street.

 Robinson, Miss Sarah.
 2 Robie Street.

 Rudland, Mrs. John A.
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 Ruhland, John W.
 15 Hollis Street.

 Rubland, Mrs. John W.
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 Rushton, Lemuel
 School for the Blind.

 Saunders, W. Albert.
 122 Cunard Street.

 Saunders, Mrs. E. M.
 24 Carleton Screet.

 Saunders, Miss Grace
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 Saunders, Miss Marshall.
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Saunders, Miss Maria24 Carleton Street.
Scott, Miss A. E
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Shaffner, Mrs. I. B
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Shaw Miss Lilian
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Shaw Mrs. W. W
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Simpson, Miss I. MDartmouth,
Smith, Mrs. Allison111 South Park Street.
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Smith, Miss Maude
Smith, Mrs. Sanford10 Fenwick Street.
Smith, Mrs. William ABrighton, Mass.
Snow, Mrs. E. D. T10 Henry Street.
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Spencer, Joseph D
Spicer Mrs. Fred Jas Avondale, Hants Co.
Spry, Thomas, Sr
Spry, Mrs. Thomas, JrCity Prison.
Steeves, JamesSchool for the Blind.
Stewart, Mrs. Charles E 3 Dundonald Street.
Street, Mrs. B. G
Street Miss Elizabeth
Street, Miss Lily
Stuart, Mrs. Albert
Stuart, Miss Lillian241/2 Spring Garden Road.
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Thompson, David M128 South Street.
Thompson, Mrs. David M
Toale, John
Toale, Mrs. John
Twining Mrs. C. F Mexico City.
Tyler, Mrs. Jessie
Upham, James Prosser Brook, N.B.
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Vidito, Mrs. I. WDartmouth.
Wilson, Miss Elsie 50 Tower Road.
Wilson Miss Sarah L
Wilson Mrs. Samuel Y161 Pleasant Street.
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Wood Miss Jennie
Wood James
Woodbury, Mrs. Hibbert 85 Robie Street.
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Yorke, Miss Mary
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