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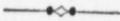
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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, was held on the 6th March 1871, James Gordon, Esq., in the Chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. M. Gordon.

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

It was unanimously resolved that these Reports be adopted, and that the Kirk Session be requested to prepare for publication a statement comprising these Reports, in order that the same may be circulated among the members of the Congregation.

The subject of the erection of a new Church was then considered. Mr. Bronson submitted a statement of certain subscriptions to a fund for that purpose.

It was unanimously resolved that the Temporal Committee be authorised to borrow, for the construction of a new Church edifice, the sum of \$15,000, for ten years, at a rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent., and it was agreed that a Special General Meeting of the Congregation be held for the purpose of carrying out this resolution in proper legal form.

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

GEORGE E. ELLIOTT, <i>President.</i>	
H. F. BRONSON,	ANDREW MANN,
J. M. TAYLOR,	JAMES GORDON, <i>Secretary.</i>
DR. GEORGE LOGAN,	CHARLES S. McNUTT, <i>Treas.</i>

The following gentlemen were elected to be associated

with the Temporal Committee in all matters relating to the erection of a new Church, viz.:

HON. JAMES SKEAD,	ALLAN GILMOUR, Esq.,
EDWARD MCGILLIVRAY, Esq.,	JOHN R. BOOTH, Esq.,
J. M. CURRIER, Esq., M.P.,	ROBERT SKEAD, Esq.,
J. A. GRANT, Esq., M.D., M.P.,	R. S. CASSELS, Esq.,
ANDREW DRUMMOND, Esq.,	E. C. MALLOCH, Esq., M.D.,
SANDFORD FLEMING, Esq.,	JOHN ROBERTS, Esq.,
GILBERT McMICKEN, Esq.,	J. L. ORME, Esq.,
WILLIAM A. ROSS, Esq.,	JOHN LESLIE, Esq.,
THOMAS PATTERSON, Esq.,	McLEOD STEWART, Esq.,
GEO. P. DRUMMOND, Esq.,	

with power to add to their number.

On the 20th March a Special General Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church, due notice thereof having been previously given. G. E. Elliott, Esq., occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. M. Gordon.

There was a large attendance, and perfect unanimity prevailed. All the necessary forms were gone through, confirming and giving effect to the Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting on the 6th March, authorising the Temporal Committee to borrow \$15,000 for ten years, at a rate of interest not greater than eight per cent., on mortgage of the Church property, for the purpose of erecting a new place of Worship. It was understood that the money referred to in the preceding Resolution be not borrowed until the subscription list shall first have reached the amount of, at least, Twenty Thousand Dollars.

It was resolved that a statement of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, and at this Special General Meeting, be embodied in the Annual Report of the Congregation.

C. S. McNUTT,
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REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

In presenting their Annual Statement, the Kirk Session desire to acknowledge the goodness of the Great Head of the Church in the continued prosperity of the Congregation, and to recognise therein a renewed call to diligence and fidelity in the discharge of their duty.

The numerical strength of the Congregation at present is:—

Number of Families.....	188
“ Communicants.....	294

being an increase, during the year, of 12 Families and 19 Communicants. There have, however, been received into the Communion of the Church 27 new Members, but 6 of the former Members have left the City, and 2 have died,—thus leaving an actual increase, as compared with last year, of 19.

During the year 36 Baptisms and 18 Deaths have been entered in the Registers of the Church.

THE WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING continues to be held in the School-room every Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock. The attendance has been, upon the whole, very encouraging,—the School-room having been, on some occasions, filled almost to its utmost capacity. The average attendance, however, has been much below what might be desired or what might be reasonably expected. The large majority of families connected with the Congregation, many even of those within easy access of the Church, send no representative. As the Weekly Prayer Meeting is, perhaps, the best possible test of the spiritual life of a Congregation, and as the presence of a large number upon such occasions has great influence in awaking the fervour of all, it is earnestly hoped that many more will make it convenient to attend.

A YOUNG MENS' BIBLE CLASS was formed at the end of last autumn, in connection with the Young Mens' Association, to meet every Thursday Evening,—one week as a Bible Class, the next as an Association; the former would be restricted, as its name implies, to Bible studies, while the latter would comprise reading of essays, debates, &c. The attendance, though at first gratifying, has latterly become so small, that for the past winter, at least, the Association and Bible Class cannot be said to have succeeded.

The condition of the SABBATH SCHOOLS continues prosperous. The one which meets in the Church, under the superintendence of Mr. Orme, has on its Roll 173 Scholars and 24 Teachers,—being a decrease during the year of two Scholars and an increase of two Teachers. The other, which meets in St. George's Ward School-house, under the superintendance of Mr. Hamilton, has on its Roll 64 Scholars and 8 Teachers,—being a decrease during the year of two Scholars and one Teacher. This decrease is explained by the fact, that, though a considerable number of new pupils have been added to the Rolls, yet the Rolls have been recently purged: a number had thus to be struck off, and all included in the above statement are actual and regular attendants. The total number of Scholars, connected with the Sabbath Schools, is thus 237, and of Teachers 31. The pupils still support two orphans in the India Orphanage.

The Receipts of the Sabbath School Treasurers during the year have been \$261.59: the Expenditure \$235.03,—leaving a balance in hand of \$26.56. The expenses connected with the Schools are for S. S. Papers, Hymn Books, additions to library, support of orphans, annual festival, &c. These are defrayed, for the most part, by the weekly contributions of the pupils.

THE POOR RELIEF SOCIETY has, during the year, distributed 126 articles of Clothing, exclusive of those given on

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the occasion of the Fires of last summer. It has also disbursed \$242.91 in money; of this amount \$159.42 have been spent in support of the Soup-kitchen on Le-Breton's Flats, for which special subscriptions were solicited, not included in the Treasurer's account. The Kitchen has been open, Sundays excepted, from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. daily, and will continue so till the end of March,—it being the original intention to have it open only during the winter months. It has been the means of assisting a very large number of poor, relief being given without distinction of race or creed. The average distribution of soup has been over 400 quarts weekly. In addition to the relief of the poor, the Committee of ladies who manage this society act as district visitors. Each family in the Congregation is visited once a month; tracts are distributed; and, at their monthly meeting, the Committee report to the Minister any cases of sickness or other matters affecting the welfare of the Congregation.

As it is well for each member of the Congregation to be familiar, not only with the work of our own Congregation, but also with the work of the Church at large, the Kirk-Session would take this opportunity of commending to each family of the Congregation "*The Presbyterian*," in which is contained the general news of the Church and much other valuable information. At present only a few copies of this excellent periodical are taken by the Congregation. Copies can be procured from the Treasurer of the Church.

The sums collected in the Congregation during the year have been as follows:—

Regular weekly Collections,	\$ 609 53
Special Collections,—	
For Sunday School Libraries,	\$ 48 03
“ Poor Relief Fund,	229 51
“ Ottawa Fire Relief Fund,	100 00
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	\$ 377 54
Carried forward	<hr/>
	\$ 987 07

Brought forward..... .. \$987 07

For Schemes of the Church,—

Queen's College Bursary Fund,.....	\$ 45 00	
Synod's Foreign Mission "	53 00	
" Home Mission "	197 00	
Ministers' Widows' & Orphans' Fund..	55 63	
French Mission " ..	44 37	
Presbytery Home Mission " ..	38 69	
		\$ 433 69
Further Contributions to Endowment of Queen's College,.....		2138 75
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Total,*.....	\$3559 51	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL M. GORDON, B. D.,
Moderator.

March 6th, 1871.

* The above sums are independent of those under the control of the Temporal Committee.

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REPORT OF THE TEMPORAL COMMITTEE.

*The Temporal Committee of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa,
to the Congregation thereof, in Annual General Meeting
assembled.*

Your Committee have little to review of their transactions of last year, nothing having been done outside of the usual routine business, excepting the letting of that portion of the Glebe Lot formerly held by the late George Phillips, which has been effected at an increased rate of rent amply compensating for the temporary loss of revenue occasioned by the operation.

The accounts of the Treasurer are submitted herewith, and they exhibit but little change in the condition of our finances compared with last year, the increase of Pew Rents enacted by By-law No. 4 being just sufficient to cover the \$400 additional stipend to our Minister, and nothing more, assuming that the usual \$200 from the Home Mission Fund have been received by him from that Fund.

Your Committee purposely make this Report brief and simple, in order that the ordinary business of this meeting may be disposed of, so as to leave ample time for the very interesting discussion which is expected to follow, regarding the new church, which it is hoped will lead to satisfactory action.

Your Committee rejoice to find that several of the prominent members of our congregation are alive to the duty of providing a Church suitable to the wants and circumstances of our increasing numbers, and would fain hope that the discussion above referred to, this evening, and the practical results that will flow from it will prove that a like spirit pervades this congregation generally.

The official term of your Committee expires with this day, and it devolves upon you now to elect their successors for the ensuing year.

JAS. GORDON, *Pres.*

March 6th, 1871.

KIRK SESSION of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

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Feb. 28.—By paid	Communion expenses	\$37 12
"	" Incidental expenses	43 52
"	" Organist, one year's salary to date....	200 00
"	" Church Officer, do. do.	110 00
"	" Pulpit supply	40 00
"	" Gas account, one year up to 1st Jan'y.	84 40
"	" Synod Fund	10 00
"	" Church Poor's Relief Fund	114 32
"	" Discount on silver, to date	21 23
"	" Church Schemes as follows:	
"	Queen's College Bursary... \$45 00	
"	Synod's Foreign Mission... 53 00	
"	Synod's Home do. . . 50 00	
"	Do. do. . . 147 00	
"	Ministers' Widows & Orphans 55 63	
"	French Mission	44 37
		395 00
"	" S. School Library Fund	48 03
"	" Ottawa Presbytery's Home Mission...	38 69
"	" Ottawa Fire Relief Fund	100 00
"	" Lower Town S. School	24 50
Feb. 28.—By balance in Treasurer's hands this date		254 75
		\$1,521 56

Examined and Certified,

WILLIAM CLEGG, *Elder.*
ANDREW DRUMMOND, *Elder.*

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CHARLES S. McNUTT, Treasurer, in account with the
Year ending on the

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Feb. 15.—To balance on hand	\$120 23
Collected during past year, for Pew Rents..	1865 67
Glebe Rents.....	449 50
Burial Lots	54 00
	2369 17
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Feb. 15.—Balance due Treasurer	16 53
	\$2,505 93

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Corporation of ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Ottawa, for the
15th February, 1871.

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By Rev. D. M. Gordon, stipend.....	\$1800 00
" Rev. Dr. Spence, retiring allowance.....	300 00
" A. H. Matthewman	33 50
" H. Meadows & Co.....	15 45
" A. Workman & Co.....	21 25
" George Hay.....	25 00
" Wm. Martin, for cleaning Church.....	19 50
" G. P. Drummond, insurance	38 50
" Elliott & Hamilton, account	12 87
" George Stockand.....	9 50
" Blyth & Kerr.....	3 00
" Firewood and cutting	73 23
" Advertising Glebe Lot.....	16 00
" Small contingent expenses	20 28
" Commission.....	117 85
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	\$2,505 93
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C. S. McNUTT, *Treasurer.*

Ottawa, 15th Feb. 1871.

JOHN MANUEL, }
JOHN BLYTH, Jr. } *Auditors.*

LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the Corporation of St.

LIABILITIES.

To Balance due the Treasurer	\$16 53
" Ladies of former Bazaar	379 90
" Do. Bazaar of 1869	467 88
" Edward McGillivray	8 19
" Mrs. Enright	29 10
" George Stockand	55 12
Balance	116 61
	\$1,073 33
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ANDREW'S CHURCH, Ottawa, on the 15th February, 1871.

ASSETS.

By Pew Rents due.....	\$677 64
" Glebe Rents due	103 18
Do. accrued to 1st March and due 1st April..	292 51

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C. S. McNUTT, *Treasurer.*

OTTAWA, 15th February, 1871.

JOHN MANUEL, }
 JOHN BLYTH, Jr. } *Auditors.*