

Each Family and Adherent Please Take One for Future Reference.

1893

Knox Church, Stratford.

Annual Report

Pastor, REV. M. L. LEITCH.



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.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Monday at 7.30 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 Saturday of each month at 3.30 p. m.

Baptism—Last Sabbath and first Wednesday in each month.

Lord's Supper—First Sabbath in March, June, September and December.

Juniör Y. P. S. C. E.—Every Wednesday at 4.30 p. m.

Mr. Donaldson will be in the church from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. every day except Thursday and Friday.

It is requested that every family of the Congregation
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For the Year Ending December 31st, 1893.



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Report of Session.



THE session in presenting their report desire to express their thankfulness to the Great Head of the church for the prosperity which He has been pleased to bestow upon us this year. The Good Shepherd has taken home to himself from our midst three of our faithful elders, some of our oldest and most worthy members who were for a long time identified with us, some in the bloom of youth, and also tender lambs of the flock.

The Session extend their heartfelt sympathy to all who are bereaved and afflicted. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yielded the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

To our number were added this year 79. By certificate 41, by profession of faith 38. There were 8 removals by death and 25 by certificate, making our net gain 46 and our membership 679.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed four times as usual and baptism was administered to 32 infants and 3 adults.

We would here express our thankfulness that all the means of grace were so well sustained, also our gratitude to see the large attendance on sacramental occasions. We would also express our continued interest in the Choir, the Sunday School, the Bible Class, the Endeavor Societies and the Missionary organizations of the church.

We are pleased to hear from time to time cheering news

from Miss Duncan, our missionary in India, and remind the congregation of her claim on their prayers and sympathy.

The Session find expression for their feeling toward the congregation in the words which the Lord gave to Moses, "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

John McIntyre,

Clerk.

M. L. Leitch,

Moderator.

Members of Session.

REV. M. L. LEITCH, Pastor.

Mr. James Callin,
Mr. Wm. Ireland,
Mr. George Hunter,
Mr. S. Rankin,
Mr. J. Barton,
Mr. H. Duncan,
Mr. R. D. Hamilton,

Mr. W. Douglas,
Mr. J. Mills,
Mr. W. Jeffrey,
Mr. G. Malcolm,
Mr. D. McKay,
Mr. A. Williamson,
Mr. J. McIntyre.

An Memoriam.

William Dunn	84 years 9 months	April 11
Annie, daughter of Jas. Stewart...	4 years	April 24
W. J. Morrow (infant son).....		April 28
Pearl, dau'ter of Dr. J. A. Robertson	14 years	April 28
Mrs. James Boyd.....	75 years, 5 months	May 17
Sanford Willis, son of W. I. Becker	5 years, 8 months	June 5
Isabella Fraser.....	42 years	June 27
John Hamilton	61 years	June 30
Robert Ross	52 years, 9 months	July 24
Robert McAulay	82 years	August 4
William Morrison	60 years	August 11
William R. Murray	75 years	August 11
Mary Hood Stewart.....	18 years	September 15
Mrs. D. McLean	72 years	October 3
Mrs. Lang	63 years, 8 months	October 22
Mrs. McPherson	84 years	November 29
Hugh McDermid	74 years	December 1
Andrew P. Bennoch	25 years, 10 months	" 5
Mrs. James Scott (McLagan)....	72 years	" 9
John L. Boles, son of W. Boles	2 years, 4 months	" 16
Mrs. William Douglas	75 years	" 20

Knox Church Managers' Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1893.

The Board of Managers of Knox Church in submitting their annual report for 1893 are pleased in having to state that the financial requirements of the congregation have been well sustained throughout the year.

Your Board at a meeting very early in the year, while deliberating on the annual mortgage interest charge and the possibility of its being reduced, had suggested the practicability of securing by subscription an amount that would pay off the principal and release the church of the encumbrance. The project was agreed to by resolution of the Board on condition of being assured of the active aid, support and co-operation of the Session, which having been secured most heartily a canvass was had that resulted in the bulk of the sum needed being subscribed. The money paid in on this subscription during the year as shown by our financial statement amounts to \$2,500 and the balance in donations and subscriptions we expect to receive at an early day this year. It is possible a very few who subscribed may be unable to meet their subscriptions, which will leave volunteers the opportunity of having their names enrolled among the honored list of subscribers. As showing the strength of the desire to have our church debt paid the united subscriptions from Session and Board amounted to one-third of the total sum required. The success attending the efforts of your office-bearers could only be secured by your hearty co-operation with them and the duty is pleasant and the privilege great to be in a position to record and report such substantial progress. The mortgage debt, which stood in the last report at \$6,800, has been reduced during the year by \$3,000, leaving the unpaid balance of mortgage at the end of the year \$3,800. Once we had this debt off, your Board could undertake many repairs to the church property which are becoming more needed the longer delayed. From the ordinary receipts we met the ordinary expenditure, paid off \$500 of the mortgage, and increased

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the balance in bank at the end of the year over that of last year by \$54.43. To make the arrears of pew rent shown in our statement worth what they represent we have written off arrears to the amount of \$211, much of which had been carried forward for a number of years, which leaves the arrears at the end of the year \$794.75, which we think much too large, though reduced since the new year by \$310, leaving the net arrears this evening \$484.75. Three special collections, one to missionary, per Dr. Paton, one to the Hospital, and one to the Sabbath School, reduces our ordinary Sabbath collections to fifty. For the Hospital and the School the entire collection for the day was handed over to the object announced without any deduction.

The Board were approached with reference to the purchase of the lot north of the church, and while seeing it would add to the amenity of our property to acquire less or more of this land, we felt we had no money for this object while the church is still in debt. The roof of the church will soon need to be re-shingled, slated or covered with iron, the underpinning and flooring of the basement requires renewing, and the spire re-painting.

The members of the Board retiring this year are, Messrs. James Bennoch, John McMillan and Ralph Donaldson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Thos. Trow,

Secretary.

John McIntyre,

Chairman.

February 6th, 1894.

Managers for 1894.

James Dow,
John McIntyre,
A. Jeffrey,
James Bennoch,

D. Stewart,
T. Trow,
J. W. Brown,
John McMillan,

Ralph Donaldson.

Ushers for 1894.

Wm. Donaldson,
Geo. Kay,
Wm. Neil,

Peter Bradshaw,
James Macfadden,
Roderick Cassels.

Thos. Orr, jr

Knox Church Financial Statement for 1893.**RECEIPTS.**

To Cash Balance in Bank.....	\$ 361 62
" Pew Rent.....	2224 65
" Collected on Arrears.....	444 50
" Sabbath Collections.....	1594 25
" Sabbath Hospital Collections.....	125 00
" Sabbath School Collection.....	33 75
" Preparatory Collections.....	39 50
" Thanksgiving (Poor Fund).....	45 25
" Masonic Collection (Poor Fund).....	14 00
" Mortgage Subscriptions.....	2500 00

\$7382 52**EXPENDITURE.**

By Rev. M. L. Leitch.....	\$2000 00
" A. H. Alexander.....	300 00
" R. Donaldson.....	500 00
" Pulpit Supply.....	78 00
" Presbytery and Synod.....	33 00
" Poor Fund.....	113 25
" Property Repairs.....	71 15
" Printing and Stationery.....	25 65
" Assembly.....	25 44
" Anniversary Services.....	20 00
" Miscellaneous.....	23 57
" Fuel.....	90 36
" Gas.....	108 80
" Hospital.....	125 00
" Mortgage Interest.....	363 50
" Mortgage Reduced.....	3000 00
" Sabbath School.....	33 75
" Missions (Dr. Paton).....	55 00

\$6966 47Cash Balance in Bank..... **416 05****\$7382 52**Arrears due Dec. 31st, 1893..... **\$794 75**

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books of Accounts of R. DONALDSON, Treasurer of Knox Church, for 1893, and have found them correct.

CHARLES SCOTT,
JAMES MACDONALD, } AUDITORS.

1893.

Report of Sunday School.

The office bearers and teachers of the Sunday School take much pleasure in presenting the annual report for 1893. The outlook in this branch of Christian work is very encouraging to all interested, owing to the continued large attendance of children and unabated zeal of teachers in the work during the year.

The attendance during the year has been 14,128, giving an average attendance of 287.

The Bible Class still continues to prosper under the able and zealous guidance of Mr. Geo. Malcolm, having an average attendance during the term of ten months of 53.

A word to parents: The teachers look to you for help and encouragement; may we not expect to receive it? In seeing that your children prepare each week the portion set apart for study the following Sunday. In the past this has not perhaps received as much attention as is due to the religious training of the children, and we therefore join in hoping for improvement in this respect.

We desire to extend our sympathy to the families who have been bereaved by the death of Miss M. H. Stewart, Pearl Robertson and Willie J. Becker, members of our school who have been called to their reward during the past year.

Looking back over the past year we are filled anew with hope and with stirred and quickened hearts we confidently await what another year may bring us. May the Holy Spirit be gracefully bestowed upon all who are connected with our school, then shall teachers be more active, more patient, and more prayerful, and yet many more of the scholars be early led to acknowledge Christ and find Him their loving Redeemer.

William Ireland,

Assist. Superintendent.

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Sabbath School Financial Report for the Year 1893.

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Balance on hand	\$ 16 48
Sabbath collections	201 53
" " Mission Bands	2 92
" " Dr. Paton	32 45
" " from church	33 75
Proceeds from picnic	1 25
Interest	4 34
	<hr/> \$292 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

F. Pratt, library cards	\$ 7 00
I. Hord, S. S. Con	8 00
E. B. Robertson, Hymnals	1 35
R. Donaldson, remitting and postage	75
N. T. Wilson, papers $\frac{1}{2}$ year, '93	51 48
D. C. Cook, infant teacher	1 00
J. C. Beadle, picnic	1 00
J. & R. Forbes, picnic	8 00
N. T. Wilson, papers $\frac{1}{2}$ year, '94	38 93
Dr. Paton, mission	32 50
Indore mission	50 00
Point Aux Trembles	50 00
Northwest	25 00
Balance for library	22 71
	<hr/> \$292 72

Office-Bearers.

Rev. M. L. Leitch, - -	Superintendent.
W. Ireland, - - -	Assist.-Superintendent.
R. Donaldson, - - -	Secretary.
R. White, - - -	Assist.-Secretary.
W. Ireland, - - -	Treasurer.
G. Malcolm, - - -	Teacher of Bible Class.
Messrs. Aikenhead, W. Ireland, jr., - -	R. Stevenson, Librarians.
A. H. Alexander, - -	Organist.
Miss McLennan, - - -	Assist.-Organist.

Teachers.

Mrs. Hislop,	Miss T. McBurney,
" Alexander,	" M. McBurney,
" White,	" Hunter,
" Brown,	" Forbes,

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Teachers—Continued.

Miss M. S. Miller,	Miss Macdonald,
" Turnbull,	" K. Hamilton,
" Johnston,	" McIntosh,
" Fortune,	" Stevenson,
" Gourlay,	" Hunter,
" Moderwell,	" Dalzell,
" E. Stevenson,	" Bruce,
" Hyde,	" Grant,
" Cassels,	Mr. Ireland,
" McLennan,	" McKay,
" Ireland,	" Williamson,
" A. McIntyre,	" Stewart,
" Douglas,	" White,
" J. Macdonald,	" W. R. Hamilton,
" M. Ross,	" G. Hunter.
" J. Stewart,	

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Knor Church Missionary Association.

The time has again come round when we as a congregation are called upon to give an account of our stewardship. This recalls to our minds that another year of missionary work has closed with us and in giving an account of the work done we would most respectfully draw the attention of the congregation to the fact that outside of the auxiliaries of the church such as the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society, the Gordon Mission Band and the Sunday School, the congregation has contributed only \$324.01 for all the missionary schemes of the church. This amount has been obtained through the efforts of the collectors, but it is not a large amount to come from a congregation having so large a membership as ours.

Let us hope that the free will offering of God's people this year may be such that it will be acceptable in the sight of Him with whom we have to do.

Wm. Donaldson,
Secretary.

Missionary Association Financial Statement for the Year 1893.

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Contributions from collectors as follows :

Miss Miller	\$39 85	
Miss Moderwell	11 00	
Miss Dalzell	15 35	
Miss Forbes	23 10	
Miss Ireland	32 95	
Misses Macdonald and Cassels...	17 55	
Miss M. Macdonald	29 75	
Miss McKellar	11 75	
Misses Hyde and Allen	41 80	
Miss McIntosh	26 20	
Miss Baxter	12 30	
Miss Grant	16 31	
Miss Bennoch	16 30	
Miss N. Macdonald	6 20	
Miss Hamilton	5 60	
Mr. S. Rankin's district	13 00	
Mr. I. Callin's district	5 00	
Records paid for in seats	4 75	
Interest	1 52	—\$330 28

EXPENDITURE.

Home Mission	\$200 00	
Records	52 50	
Augmentation	25 00	
Widows and Orphans	15 00	
Knox College	10 00	
Aged and Infirm	25 00	
Drafts	70	
Balance	2 08	—\$330 28

B. Forbes,
Treasurer.Summary of Missionary contributions for the year ending
December 31st, 1893.

To Foreign Missions	\$540 00	
" Home Missions	230 00	
" French Evangelization	55 00	
" Augmentation	25 00	
" Knox College	10 10	
" Aged and Infirm Ministers ..	25 00	
" Widows and Orphans	15 00	—\$900 00

Knor Church Stratford Auxiliary W. J. M. S.*Secretary's Report for the year 1893.*

In submitting the annual report of the Auxiliary, it is most gratifying to notice the continued prosperity of the society during the past year. The membership has increased, three new members having been added to our numbers. We have eight members of General Society. The average attendance of members at our meetings has also increased. Last year it was fourteen, this year it has been sixteen. We have lost two members—one by removal from the city, the other by death. Our annual thank offering meeting held in December was well attended and much enjoyed. The thank offering amounted to \$39.10. This, together with our monthly contributions, reached a total of \$156.00. This sum has been raised by voluntary contributions of the members of the Auxiliary. Besides this, money and clothing to the value of \$93.85 was raised for the Indians of the Northwest Territories.

The officers for the year 1894 are as follows :

Hon. President,	-	-	Mrs. Leitch.
President,	-	-	Mrs. Hyslop.
1st Vice-President,	-	-	Mrs. Rankin.
2nd "	-	-	Mrs. Small.
3rd "	-	-	Mrs. Trow.
Secretary,	-	-	Mrs. Mayberry.
Treasurer,	-	-	Mrs. Hossie.

Mrs. G. E. Mayberry,

Secretary.

Report of the Gordon Mission Band*For the Year 1893.*

In presenting the report of the Gordon Mission Band the members have much pleasure in stating that this has been a year of prosperity. Although the society has sustained the loss of one of its members by death and three by leaving the city, yet, from time to time, new members have been added and our present membership numbers thirty-nine (39), with an average attendance of eighteen (18).

For the sake of members who cannot attend our meetings in the afternoon, we have held four evening meetings at private residences, and these we have found to be a source of much enjoyment and a help in our missionary work. At the last of these meetings, a special thank offering in the form of a Life Membership Certificate was presented to our esteemed president, Miss Moderwell, as a token of our appreciation of her earnest work in the past. There are now two (2) life members and two (2) members of the general society.

Instead of, as usual, sending clothing to the Indians of the Northwest, the Mission Band with the help of a few members of the Auxiliary, furnished a box, valued at \$36.82, with dolls and various useful and fancy articles, for the schools of India. Weekly sewing meetings were held during July and August for preparing the contents of this box, and to the extra efforts put forth in this line may be ascribed the decrease in our contributions.

The amount contributed during the year was \$98.19, of which \$8.20 was a special offering for supplies for the India box. A balance of \$88.03 was paid to the Pres. Treas.

M. Johnston, Secretary.

Officers for 1894 :

President	-	-	Miss Moderwell.
1st Vice-Pres.	-	-	Miss Hamilton.
2nd Vice-Pres.	-	-	Miss Fortune.
Secretary	-	-	Miss M. McBurney.
Treasurer	-	-	Miss A. Hunter.

Report of the D. P. S. C. E.

During the past year ten joined the society as active and three as associate members. A number of names have been placed on the absent list and there are now on the roll 4 honorary, 52 active, and 20 associate members.

The committees have each been endeavoring to faithfully perform their respective duties. Good literature is regularly sent to several families living in places where reading matter is

not as easily obtained as it is here. The Visiting and Flower Committee have cheered many a sick bed by their visits and the flowers sent by them to the hospital and homes have been greatly appreciated.

The Relief Committee have assisted 15 families in various ways with clothing, wood, milk tickets, meat, &c. In cases of sickness medicines and dainties were provided and in two cases money was given. Of these families only five belonged to our own church, but in all cases the aid given was thankfully received. 179 articles of clothing were distributed during the year.

Our receipts for the year from the monthly free-will offerings on consecration evenings were \$37.06, which with a balance of 8 cents from 1892 makes a total of \$37.14. The expenses amounted to \$36.87 so that we have a balance on hand of 27 cents.

The proceeds of the Thanksgiving sociable for the Relief Fund were \$13.36. The expenses in connection with the fund were \$4.86 for relief purposes and \$5 for the Christmas baskets, so that there is still a balance of \$3.50 in the fund.

\$21.50 was collected at the six missionary meetings held during the year and \$37.10 from the monthly contributions of 17 members, which with a balance of \$1.81 from last year make a total of \$60.41. Of this \$50.40 was appropriated to the maintenance of the two Bible women in India whom we supported last year, \$5 was given to the support of home missions in Algoma, and \$5 went to the French Evangelization fund. For all purposes \$110.91 was collected during the year.

The officers for 1894 are:

Honorary President	-	Rev. M. L. Leitch.
President	- - -	Mr. Watson.
1st Vice-Pres.	- - -	Miss H. McBurney.
2nd Vice-Pres.	- - -	Miss B. McIntosh.
Recording Secretary	-	Miss M. M. Edmunds.
Corresponding Secretary	-	Miss Bell Fortune.
Treasurer	- - -	Miss M. S. Miller.

E. Stevenson,

Recording Secretary.

Report of the Junior Christian Endeavor.

The Junior Endeavor are pleased to submit their second annual report.

We have on the roll thirty-six members, with a good average attendance. Our members have not increased much, but the interest has been unabated, until now each is working with great zeal and earnestness. Two members are now appointed to visit the Rescue Home each Saturday and sing and read to the inmates, and we are also to appoint two more to visit the hospital.

We have seven committees at work—Lookout, Social, Mission, Prayer Meeting, Music, Visiting and Flower and Scrap Album.

During the year two of our members joined the church.

We try to keep up a lively interest in missions, learn about the needs and customs of each country. When the mission band was sending the box to India, they kindly allowed us to put in a few things. The girls dressed twelve dolls and made a number of fancy articles, and also bought toys to the amount of \$2.75. We saw in the Record an appeal from Trinidad for Christmas cards. We collected about 350 cards and sent them at Christmas, also dressed dolls, made scrap-books, bought toys, oranges and apples to the amount of \$2, and distributed among poor children, in the blessed assurance in blessing we would be blessed. At the end of year we have balance of \$4.10.

Respectfully submitted by

Nellie Gibson,

Secretary of Knox Church J. C. E.

Officers :

President,	-	-	Lilly Macdonald.
Vice-President,	-	-	Georgina Rankin.
Secretary,	-	-	Nellie Gibson.
Treasurer,	-	-	Jennie McKay.