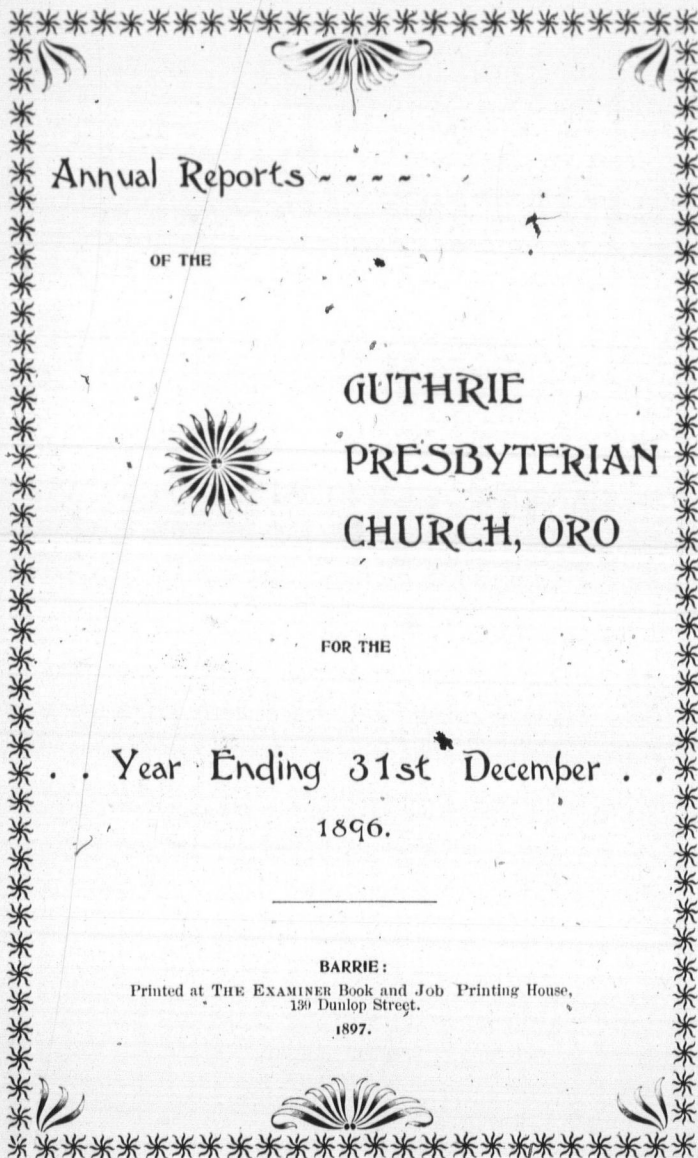
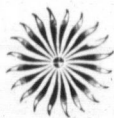




Annual Reports

OF THE



GUTHRIE
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CHURCH, ORO

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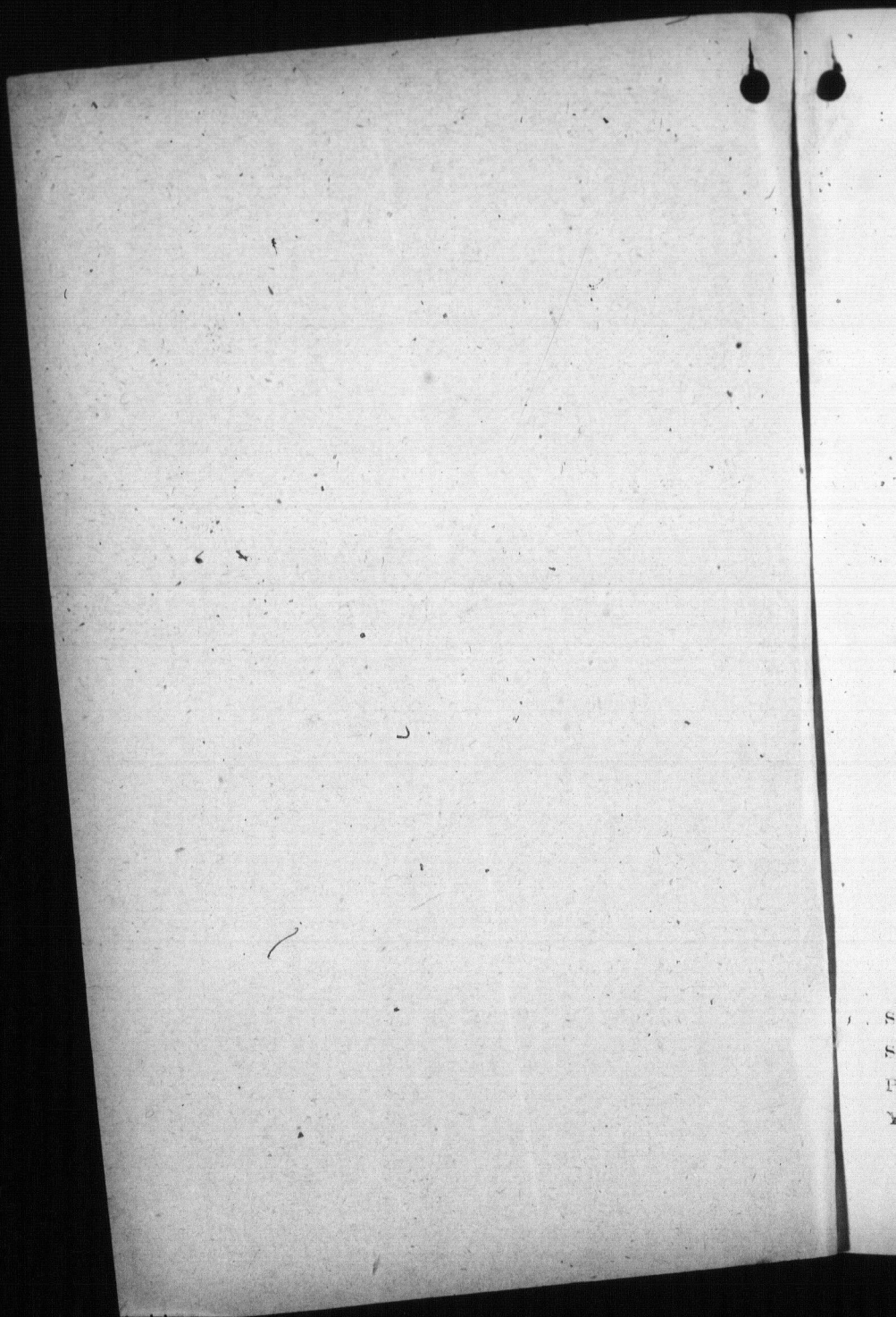
Year Ending 31st December

1896.

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139 Dunlop Street.

1897.



Session.

Minister

REV N. CAMPBELL, B. A.

Elders.

Mr. Jas. Ross	Mr. Thos. McCulloch
Mr. D. B. McCuaig	Mr. David Brown
Mr. Wm. Brown	Mr. R. Robertson

Board of Managers.

Mr. Allan Watt	Mr. D. B. McCuaig
Mr. Geo. Caldwell	Mr. H. Gilchrist
Mr. Wm. Sinclair	Mr. R. Robertson
Mr. Jno. McCuaig	Mr. Geo. Lyall

Mr. Angus McCuaig.

Auditors.

Mr. Jas. Ross	Mr. D. Brown
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Choir.

Mr. R. Robertson	} Organist and Instructor.
Miss M. Campbell	

Services	11 00 a.m
Sabbath School	10.00 a.m
Prayer Meeting—Alternate Thursday evening.....	7.30 p.m
Y. P. S. C. E— " " "	7.30 p.m

Minutes of Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation was held in the basement of the church on Wednesday, December 30th, 1896, at 2 o'clock p.m. The Rev. N. Campbell, pastor, in the chair. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the societies and S. S. were read and were highly satisfactory. Messrs Jno. McCraig, Geo. Lyall and Angus McCraig were appointed Managers for three years.

Report of Session.

The Session of Guthrie Church desires to give thanks to Almighty God for His continued favors and blessings and calls upon the Congregation to join with them in praising the great King and Head of the Church for His goodness during the year 1896. The year has been one of steady progress in every department of the church's work, and the Session note with pleasure and satisfaction the growing interest manifested in the welfare of the church. The attendance and the Sabbath services was unusually large during the year, and the regularity shown by the families was highly commendable. The reports presented by the Societies and Sabbath School, at the annual meeting, assure us of the good work done in these, as they all speak of progress and interest never before manifested. Although the finances of the congregation do not come under the control of the Session, yet we may be pardoned if we express our gratitude at the healthy report presented by our Treasurer. It was the most gratifying report presented since the settlement of your present pastor over you. Some of you *doubled* your giving, while others increased materially over the previous year, and in this way the Treasurer was enabled to meet the demands made upon the treasury with more promptness and comfort to himself. You will feel all the better for what you have done, and we trust that you will not feel satisfied with the past but go on cheerfully in the work, knowing that He who sees every sacrifice we make will abundantly award you "God loves a cheerful giver." But what shall we say of those who could give but did not do so during the year. Remember the solemn injunction "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." The attendance at the Lord's table was always large. Few of the members were absent. The Communion was dispensed three times during the year and at each of these services we had the pleasure of receiving new members. The total members added to the Communion Roll was 15. The membership is now 94. There were 10 children baptized whose parents attend the services of the church. These were 12 deaths in the whole field during the year.

In concluding this report, we again call upon all the families who worship here to join heartily in all the departments of the church's work. God has placed us in this world and calls us by His grace from a life of worldliness and selfishness to a life of self-consecration to His service. Our time is short and soon the call will come for us to leave off the work here, and we trust when we are called away to the Home beyond that we may hear the joyous welcome "Well done good and faithful servant enter into the joy of thy Lord."

"All unseen the Master walketh,
By the toiling servant's side;
Comforting words he speaketh,
While his hands uphold and guide.

Grief, nor pain, nor any sorrow
Rends thy heart, to Him unknown:
He to-day and He to-morrow
Grace sufficient gives his own.

Holy strivings nerve and strengthen,
Long endurance wins the crown:
When the evening shadows lengthen,
Thou shalt lay thy burden down."

Financial Report.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance on hand as per last audit.....	\$ 23 95
" Sabbath collections including special	221 95
" Amount received by Envelopes	382 20
" Amount collected for Missions by lady collectors.....	33 85
" Soiree and other sources.....	87 78
	\$ 619 73

EXPENDITURE.

To Paid arrears due to pastor for 1895.....	\$ 91 00
" To pastor for 1896	330 00
" Rev. Dr. Smith, Anniversary Services....	12 00
" Share of rent and expenses on Manse	22 00
" Caretaker.....	25 00
" Wood.....	12 25
" Interest on Church debt.....	22 75
" Other expenses	21 57

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

To Paid Home Missions	\$ 11 25
" Assembly Fund	2 00
" Foreign Missions.....	18 00
" Augmentation.....	10 00
" Colleges	10 00
" Presbytery and Synod Fund	3 50
" French Evangelization	48 00
" Armenian sufferers.....	12 48
" Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	7 00
Balance on hand.....	27 93
	\$ 619 73

R. ROBERTSON,
Sec.-Treas.

Ladies' Aid.

In presenting our report for 1896 we have reason to raise our hearts in thankfulness to God for the success which has attended our efforts. Not one meeting has been missed during the entire year. The average attendance has been 7, total attendance, 91, average contribution about \$3.00 total contribution, \$46.88.

The Treasurer had on hand at the end of the year the sum of \$211.79, \$97.00 of which was raised by means of the talent system.

Our meetings are much more interesting since we adopted the plan of having a programme provided for each meeting.

The sum of \$8.00 was contributed to the W.F.M.S. by some of the members.

President.....	Mrs. Wm. Brown.
Vice-president.....	Mrs. D. Brown.
Treasurer.....	Miss Duncan.
Secretary.....	Mrs. Robertson.
Treas. of Aux. W.F.M.S.....	Miss Muir.

Mission Band.

President.....	Miss E. McCuaig.
Vice-president.....	Miss E. P. Ross.
Treasurer.....	Miss L. A. Muir.
Organist.....	Miss C. E. Campbell.
Secretary.....	Miss B. Brown.

Our work during the past year has been very encouraging. We have on the roll about 15 names. Average attendance for the year was 6. We discontinued our meetings during the winter months and re opened in April. In the autumn mite-boxes were given to the members and others. The return from these was \$9.51. We took part in making up a bale of clothing for the North West Missions. Our part was valued at \$5.00. Cash receipts for the year were \$23.15. Bale of clothing, \$5.00, making a total of \$28.15.

MISS E. MCCUAIG,	BELLA R. BROWN.
President.	Secretary.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Hon. President.....	Rev. N. Campbell.
President.....	Norman Campbell.
Vice-president.....	Miss E. P. Ross.
Cor. Secretary.....	Miss Nellie Duncan.
Rec. Secretary.....	M. H. Campbell.

The C. E. Society has now a membership of 38, 21 active and 17 associate. Eleven new members joined the society during the year. Our meetings are held in the basement of the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, the 2nd Thursday being consecration meeting and the 4th our business meeting. The members show a warm interest in the society, there is never any difficulty in getting a leader for each meeting. The "Fulton System" which was introduced last January has proved a decided success, \$11.42 being raised by that system. Altogether we have raised during the year \$33.05. We gave \$25.00 to Knox College Missionary Society doing Home Mission Work. The Temperance pledge was introduced and signed by a large number of our members. We have cause to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us as a Society and we look forward to seeing the interest as steadily increasing in our work in the coming year as in the past.

MARY H. CAMPBELL,
Recording Secretary.

S. S. Report.

The Sabbath School Association met in the basement of the church on February 27th, 1896, and adopted a constitution for the guidance of the Association, which was ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

The following officers were then elected according to the rules of the constitution, viz. :-

Superintendent.....	Mr. Jas. Ross.
Assist. Superintendent.....	Mr. R. Robertson.
Sec. Treas.....	Victor Ross.
Assist. Sec. Treas.....	Alex. Campbell.
Organist.....	Miss N. Duncan.
Assist. Organist.....	Miss E. P. Ross.
Librarian.....	Robt. McCulloch.
Auditors.....	J. D. McCuaig. Arthur Bell.

TEACHERS AT PRESENT ON THE STAFF.

Mr. Jas. Ross	Mrs. R. Robertson
Mrs. Wm. Brown	Miss M. Caldwell
Miss Muir	Miss A. Caldwell
Miss Duncan	Miss E. McCuaig
Miss E. Ross	Mr. J. D. McCuaig.

The number of names on the roll at the end of the year, 120.
The average attendance, 71.

RECEIPTS.

By Cash on hand as per Auditors' report at the end of '95.....	\$ 22 02
" Total Sabbath Collections for the year	38 03
" Proceeds of Picnic	18 65
" Christmas Entertainment (voluntary collection).....	13 00
Total receipts.....	\$ 91 70

EXPENDITURE

To Paid to the Armenian Fund.....	\$ 5 00
" Postage on papers sent to Muskoka....	2 40
" Supplies for the year.....	57 30
Balance on hand.....	27 00

\$ 91 70

Liabilities—The supplies for Xmas Entertainment to be paid out of the above.

VICTOR ROSS,
Sec.-Treas.

List of Subscribers for Minister's Stipend.

William Sinclair	\$ 6 00	D. Livingstone.....	5 00
Wm. Brown	13 00	A. Bartholemew.....	6 90
Allan Watt.....	12 00	George Caldwell, jr.	7 00
Robert Muir.....	10 00	Mrs. J. Campbell	10 80
Thomas McCulloch.....	10 25	James Guthrie	6 00
Mrs. McCuaig.....	4 00	John Thompson.....	4 00
John McCuaig.....	3 00	Geo. Caldwell, sr.....	10 00
George Lyall.....	10 00	Alex Gilchrist.....	6 00
Henry Gilchrist.....	12 00	George Campbell	7 00
David Brown	14 25	John Campbell.....	6 00
D. B. McCuaig.....	9 00	Mrs. A. Graham.....	3 00
Duncan Gilchrist	7 00	Ronald Gilchrist.....	5 00
Mrs. Duncan.....	9 00	A. G. Graham	2 00
Duncan McCuaig.....	10 00	Gilbert McArthur	3 00
Miss Muir	5 50	Miss B. Stoddart.....	1 00
Alex. Graham.....	7 75	Arch Campbell.....	3 50
Jas. Ross.....	12 00	Miss Martin	3 50
R. Robertson	10 00	A. W. Young.....	6 00
Arthur Bell.....	10 00	James Armstrong.....	3 00
Jas. Stoddart.....	3 75		
John McCuaig.....	5 00		

\$282 20

R. ROBERTSON,
Sec.-Treasurer.

Total Amount Raised in Congregation During 1896.

To as per Treasurer's statement.....	\$ 649 73
" Ladies' Aid	211 79
" Sabbath School.....	91 70
" Y.P.S.C.E.....	33 05
" W.F.M.S.....	30 00
" Mission Band	28 00
" Paid on Manse.....	180 00

\$ 1224 27