

Annual Reports

OF

CHALMERS' CHURCH

GUELPH,

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1886.

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Attendance at Church Doors.

MARCH.....	G. A. SOMERVILLE, R. L. TORRANCE,	G. B. HOOD, HUGH GUTHRIE.
APRIL.....	W. TYTLER, W. W. MACALISTER.	J. McINTOSH, A. McDONALD.
MAY.....	W. HUNTER, J. STIRTON,	W. BROWN, ARTHUR EMSLIE.
JUNE... ..	J. McCUEN, DAVID ALLAN.	W. STEWART, E. L. HUNT.
JULY	J. WATT, R. SHORTREED.	W. WATSON, G. R. BRUCE.
AUGUST	R. FORBES, MR. YOUNG,	E. NEWTON, J. LAIDLAW.
SEPTEMBER....	A. J. LITTLE, R. L. TORRANCE,	A. TURNBULL, H. GUTHRIE.
OCTOBER.....	D. STIRTON, W. W. MACALISTER.	R. FLAWS, A. McDONALD.
NOVEMBER.....	W. H. WARDROPE, J. STIRTON,	G. B. HOOD, ARTHUR EMSLIE.
DECEMBER.....	A. WHITE, DAVID ALLAN,	J. McINTOSH, E. L. HUNT.
JANUARY.....	A. BRUCE, R. SHORTREED.	W. BROWN, G. R. BRUCE.
FEBRUARY	W. HUNTER, MR. YOUNG,	W. STEWART, J. LAIDLAW.

PARTIES REQUIRING SITTINGS CAN HAVE THEM ALLOCATED BY APPLYING TO
 W. TYTLER, M. A., DUBLIN ST., OR E. NEWTON, CORK ST., AND
 ARE REQUESTED TO STATE THE AMOUNT THEY PROPOSE
 TO PAY WEEKLY TO THE SUSTENATION FUND.

SESSION,

REV. DR. WARDROPE, MODERATOR.

REV. DR. TORRANCE,
WM. STEWART,
JAMES McINTOSH,
ADAM TURNBULL,
G. B. HOOD,

JAMES SCOTT,
ROBERT FLAWS,
WM. WATSON,
WM. BROWN,
E. NEWTON.

Trustees of Church Property.

GIDEON HOOD,

JAMES COWAN.

GEORGE BRUCE,

Auditors.

A. MCKENZIE,

W. WATSON.

Board of Managers.

D. STIRTON, CHAIRMAN.
ROBERT MELVIN, SECRETARY.
A. J. LITTLE, TREASURER.

WILLIAM TYTLER,
J. McCUEN,
ROBERT FORBES,
G. A. SOMERVILLE,
W. H. WARDROPE,

ALEX. WHITE,
G. B. HOOD,
JAMES WATT,
ALEX. BRUCE,
WM. HUNTER.

H. K. MAITLAND, LEADER OF PSALMODY.
JAMES RITCHIE, CHURCH OFFICER.

Report of Session of Chalmers' Church

FOR 1836.

THE changes witnessed and experienced by the congregation during the past twelve months impress upon our minds the words of Scripture: "We are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers." In no year of our existence as a congregation have there been so many deaths among us as during the year just closed. Seven, whose names were on the Communion roll, have thus been called away. Some of these were actively interested in the organization of the Church, and in the various departments of its work, in the earlier years of its history. Seven others have gone from among us, having been called away from this changing scene in childhood or youth. To the bereaved relatives of all of them we tender this expression of our respectful sympathy; and we pray that they may be enabled to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Nor are these the only changes that we have to record. Two members of the Session, Messrs. Kennedy and Hadden, have left us for homes in other parts of the Dominion. In the minutes of Session, copies of which were duly transmitted to them, we have expressed our hope that the blessing of our Lord may attend them, and that He may lead them into openings for usefulness in His service. Another member of the Session has, for some years, been afflicted with the loss of his eyesight, rendering it difficult for him to take an active part in such work as he was always ready to undertake. These things lead the Session to suggest to the Congregation that an election of Elders to fill the blanks thus made should soon take place.

The additions to the Communion roll during the past year were 29. The removals by death and by change of residence were 26. There are now 408 on the Communion roll, instead of 405 at the end of 1835. The number of families is 190. The number of Baptisms was 23—adults, 4; children, 19.

The visitation of the Congregation has been attended to as heretofore, the elders willingly taking part in this work.

Reports of the Sabbath School and Missionary Association will be presented by their respective officials. The meetings of the Literary Association have been attended with much success. These afford suitable opportunities for the young people of the Church to become acquainted with each other, and in many ways they are profitable as well as interesting, to those who are ready to turn them to right account.

The Session believe that they are warranted in speaking of an increased interest in the weekly prayer meeting. They would be glad

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to see larger numbers availing themselves of the means of grace afforded by the prayer meetings in the Church and the district meetings in other localities.

The Session refer with much satisfaction to a series of evangelistic meetings and Bible readings conducted last March by Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt. These meetings were much blessed to many who attended them.

They, and we believe not a few others, will be glad to know that arrangements have been made for another similar series, beginning March 1. The Session would express the hope that many from all parts of the Congregation may be ready to attend the meetings in prospect, and not only so, but earnestly pray that, in connection with them, the quickening and reviving influences of the Holy Spirit may be abundantly vouchsafed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WARDROPE, MODERATOR.

MANAGERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1886.

The Board of Managers beg to report in regard to the state of the funds, etc., of the Church for the year ending 31st December, 1886:

The ordinary revenue from all sources, including special collec-		
tions for Missions		\$3028 03
Expenditure, including balance of \$446.11 from last year.....		3039 12
Deficit		\$ 11 09
Ordinary Revenue, 1886		\$3028 03
" " 1885		2631 96
Increase		\$ 396 07
Sustentation Fund, 1886		\$2015 83
" " 1885		1619 21
Increase		\$ 396 62
Ordinary Collections, 1886		\$ 863 29
" " 1885		919 50
Decrease		\$56 23
Collections in aid of the Poor, 1886		\$24 70
" " " 1885		28 33
Decrease		\$ 3 63

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Collections for Missionary Purposes, 1886	\$113 50
There has been paid on Manse Debt Subscription	\$ 15 00
Balance on hand from last year	153 81
Proceeds of sale of Manse	3000 00
There has been paid on Debt Subscription List.....	208 00
Donation from R. Forbes, Esq., Feb., 1887	500 00
	\$3874 81
There has been paid on Manse Mortgage, in full.....	\$1132 67
On Church Mortgage	1867 33
	\$3000 00
Donation from R. Forbes, Esq.....	500 00
	3500 00
Balance on hand to apply on Mortgage	\$ 374 81

The foregoing comparative statement shows an increase of \$396.07 in gross revenue in 1886 over the year 1885, which is altogether in the Sustentation Fund; the Ordinary and Poor Collections showing a slight decrease; the deficit carried from last year, \$446.11, together with the ordinary current expenses, have all been met, and there is a deficit of only \$11.09, together with an account for coal of \$78.00, (since paid,) making a total deficit of only \$89.09, which is much more than covered by amounts paid since on last year's accounts, and a considerable sum still considered good on books. This result is gratifying to the managers and no doubt will be equally so to the congregation.

During the year the manse has been disposed of for the sum of \$3,000, which amount has been applied in liquidating mortgages on manse and church. Robert Forbes, Esq., has again very generously donated the handsome sum of \$500, which has likewise been applied on mortgage on church. The managers desire to thank Mr. Forbes for his continued liberality, and feel sure that in this they are heartily joined by the congregation.

The total indebtedness now on church property is only \$3432.67, with the sum of \$374.81 on hand, which if applied on mortgage would reduce it to \$3057.86; a sum which we feel satisfied will be entirely wiped out within the next eighteen months, as a large proportion has already been promised, and when those of the Congregation who have not yet subscribed, have been waited on, this debt which has so much weighed on us for many years will be a thing of the past.

In consequence of the old wood furnaces wearing out it was found necessary to replace them with two new coal burning ones of the latest and most approved construction, which has been done at a cost of \$415, exclusive of carpenter work, the bill for which has not yet been received. These furnaces so far have realized our expectations. These liabilities have not yet been paid or provided for, and now that new furnaces are provided it will be necessary this year that the church be thoroughly cleaned and repainted, as at present it stands badly in need of both.

It is with unfeigned gratitude to God that we record the continued increase in the membership of the church as evidenced by the following

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summary. At organization of congregation, July 1868, No. of members 116 ; at commencement of pastorate of Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Sept., 1869, 130 ; 1870, 182 ; 1875, 308 ; 1880, 330 ; 1885, 375 ; 1887, 408.

The Sunday School and Bible Class are still doing good work for the Master ; but we would like to see more of our young men and young women avail themselves of the valuable opportunity afforded to benefit themselves by the able and instructive lessons of Prof. Panton in the Bible Class, and we would express the deep obligation the congregation owe to the worthy Professor for the zeal and earnestness with which he has devoted himself to the instruction of the young, and likewise acknowledge our indebtedness to the officers and teachers in Sunday School for their efforts in the same cause. During the year the School and Bible Class contributed \$141.15, and received subscriptions for library amounting to \$122.40, of which amounts \$100 was voted to Missions, and \$122.40 to books for library ; the balance was applied to support of school.

The amount raised by Missionary Association and Special Collections in aid of Schemes of Church is somewhat in excess of amount contributed last year, and will be supplemented by whatever amount the Mission Band, who have been earnestly at work for some time, may be able to give to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

In conclusion, in 1886, as during the many years we have enjoyed the pastorate of our beloved minister, Dr. Wardrope, peace and harmony have prevailed in our midst, and it becomes each of us, and as a congregation, to render to God our ascriptions of praise and thanksgivings for his many and continued mercies and goodness to us, and collectively and as individuals, to ask that His blessing may be with us in all right efforts in the future as in the past.

Guelph, Feb. 17th, 1887.

D. STIRTON, CHAIRMAN.
R. MELVIN, SECRETARY.

Treasurer's Statement

For the Year Ending 31st of December, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Sustentation Fund.....	\$2015 83
Ordinary Collections.....	863 27
Special " —Missions.....	68 55
" " —French Evangelization.....	29 95
" " —Armenian Church.....	15 00
" " —For poor.....	24 70
Interest Current Account.....	10 73
Balance	11 09
	\$3039 12

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EXPENDITURE.

By deficit Dec. 31, 1885.....	\$ 446 11
Dr. Wardrobe.....	1400 00
H. K. Maitland.....	320 00
Jas. Ritchie.....	150 00
Coal, wood and gas account.....	82 50
Incidental account.....	77 18
Distributed to poor.....	24 70
Dr. Reid, French Evangelization.....	29 95
G. Nergararian, Armenian Church.....	15 00
Treasurer Mission Society.....	68 55
Interest account.....	355 80
Rent account to Dec. 15, 1886.....	69 33
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Balance Deficit.....	\$ 11 09

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CHALMERS' CHURCH DEBT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1885.....	\$ 153 81
Received on Manse Subscription List.....	15 00
Proceeds of Sale of Manse.....	3000 00
Received on Subscription List (new).....	205 00
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	\$3374 81
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1886.....	\$ 374 81

EXPENDITURE.

Paid on Manse Mortgage.....	\$1132 67
“ Church “	1967 33
Balance	374 81
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	\$3374 81

Examined and found correct.

(Signed),

ALEX. McKENZIE, } Auditors.
WM. WATSON, }

Guelph, Feb. 15th, 1887.

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Report of Sabbath School, Chalmers' Church,
FOR 1886.

The number of scholars on the roll of the Sabbath School and Bible Class is 166 instead of 150 in 1885. The working staff is as follows:

OFFICERS.

SUPERINTENDENT—ADAM TURNBULL.
ASST. “ —DAVID ADAM.
SECRETARY-TREASURER—C. AULD.
ASS'T “ “ —DAVID ALLEN.
LIBRARIANS—MESSRS. EMSLIE AND KERR.

TEACHERS.

MR. BEATTIE,	MRS. GUTHRIE,
“ J. KERR,	MISS GIRDWOOD,
“ ADAM,	“ MCNAUGHTON,
“ WARDROPE,	“ STIRTON,
“ YOUNG,	“ WARDROPE,
MRS. WHITE,	“ DAVIS,
MISS STRONACH,	“ BROWN,
“ AULD,	“ GUTHRIE.

BIBLE CLASS—PROF. PANTON.

INFANT CLASS—MR. MAITLAND AND MISS BEATTIE.

At this time last year the want of a suitable library was deeply felt. That want has been supplied. In response to the appeal of the teachers, the Congregation gave \$122.40. We have now an excellent assortment of books suitable for scholars of all ages, from the youngest in the Sabbath School to the oldest in the Bible Class, as also for teachers.

The Teachers and Scholars have been furnished with the usual Papers and Lesson Helps.

The Summer Pic-nic was held in the grounds of Mr. T. Goldie, for the use of which, heartily given to us, thanks are tendered to him. The Anniversary Concert was given here this month, under the leadership of Mr. Maitland. Both of them were occasions of much enjoyment to the scholars and to their teachers and friends. At the anniversary the following sums were appropriated to missionary objects, viz:—\$40 for a French Scholarship in Montreal College; \$22.50 for Home Missions; and \$22.50 for Foreign Missions. These sums, with \$15 to be appropriated, make a total of \$100. For some years after the organization of the Congregation a collection was annually given in aid of the Sabbath School. The scholars were thus enabled to appropriate the whole of their collection to Missionary objects, to which in reality they ought to be devoted. The teachers would respectfully ask the Congregation to consider the

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propriety of resuming the practice of giving such a collection. They would also ask that parents and friends of the scholars should interest themselves in helping them to prepare the lessons for the School. They would thus greatly aid the teachers in the important work, the responsibility of which they deeply feel.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. AULD, SECRETARY.

February 27th, 1887.

Report of Missionary Association of Chalmers' Church, 1886.

Owing to sickness and bereavement in the family of the President, and the long continued illness of the Secretary, the usual meeting of the Committee and Collectors has not been held; but the Collectors, with their accustomed energy and perseverance, completed their work.

The amount collected during the year is \$348.68. This is an increase of \$26.81 over the past year. To this amount we have to add \$67.85, special collection for Missions; half of Union collection in aid of French Evangelization (the other half being credited to Knox Church) \$15, and proportion of Union collections in aid of Foreign Missions, \$22.16. This makes the whole amount to be appropriated, \$453.69. It will be brought up by the Sabbath School contributions to \$553.69.

The sum of \$453.69 now to be appropriated, your Committee recommend to be applied as follows:

Home Missions.....	\$77 60
Augmentation	60 00
Foreign Missions.....	77 50*
French Evangelization	40 00*
College Fund	70 00
Manitoba College.....	20 80
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	50 00
Widows' Fund	25 00
Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Fund ..	31 05

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leaving a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer. By votes of money from the Sabbath School, the appropriation for Home Missions will be made up to \$100; that for Foreign Missions to \$100; and that for French Evangelization to \$80.

The sum of \$9.75 was given to Mr. Goforth, student of Knox College, to aid him in his work connected with Foreign Missions; and, \$15.00 to an Armenian missionary.

Dr. Torrance, local treasurer of the fund for the endowment of Knox College, credits individual contributors in the congregation with \$235.00 paid during the past year.

*Of these sums \$22.16 and \$15.00 have already been sent.

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Your Committee have had earnest conference as to what might be done towards the more efficient prosecution of our great work for Missions. An important step has been taken in the way of enlisting and interesting the young by the formation of a Mission Band, now numbering 67 members. These will, by the Divine blessing, grow up prepared to take an intelligent part in work for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Your Committee are at one in believing that the missionary contributions in the city should be taken up monthly instead of quarterly. So far as they know, the result of a change like this has been in every case satisfactory. For this they ask the sanction of the congregation. They would leave it to their successors to devise measures for the more effectual prosecution of the work in the country districts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HOYES PANTON, President.

SECRETARY-TREASURER—J. ARTHUR EMSLIE.

COMMITTEE.—Messrs. E. Hunt, A. J. Little, W. H. Wardrope, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. White, Misses Auld, Little, and Forbes.

COLLECTORS.—Mrs. G. Watson, Mrs. H. Arkell, Mrs. G. B. Hood, Misses Wright, Annie Bruce, Tina Bruce, Darby, Hadden, Stewart, Maggie C. Stewart, McPhail, McCorkindale, Hadden (Paisley Block), McCuen, Hunter, McPherson, McIntosh, A. Girdwood, Brown, Wardrope, Guthrie, McKenzie, Fyfe, Elliott, Dunbar, McFarlane, Newstead, Torrance, Melvin, Stirton, Flaws, and Burgess.

