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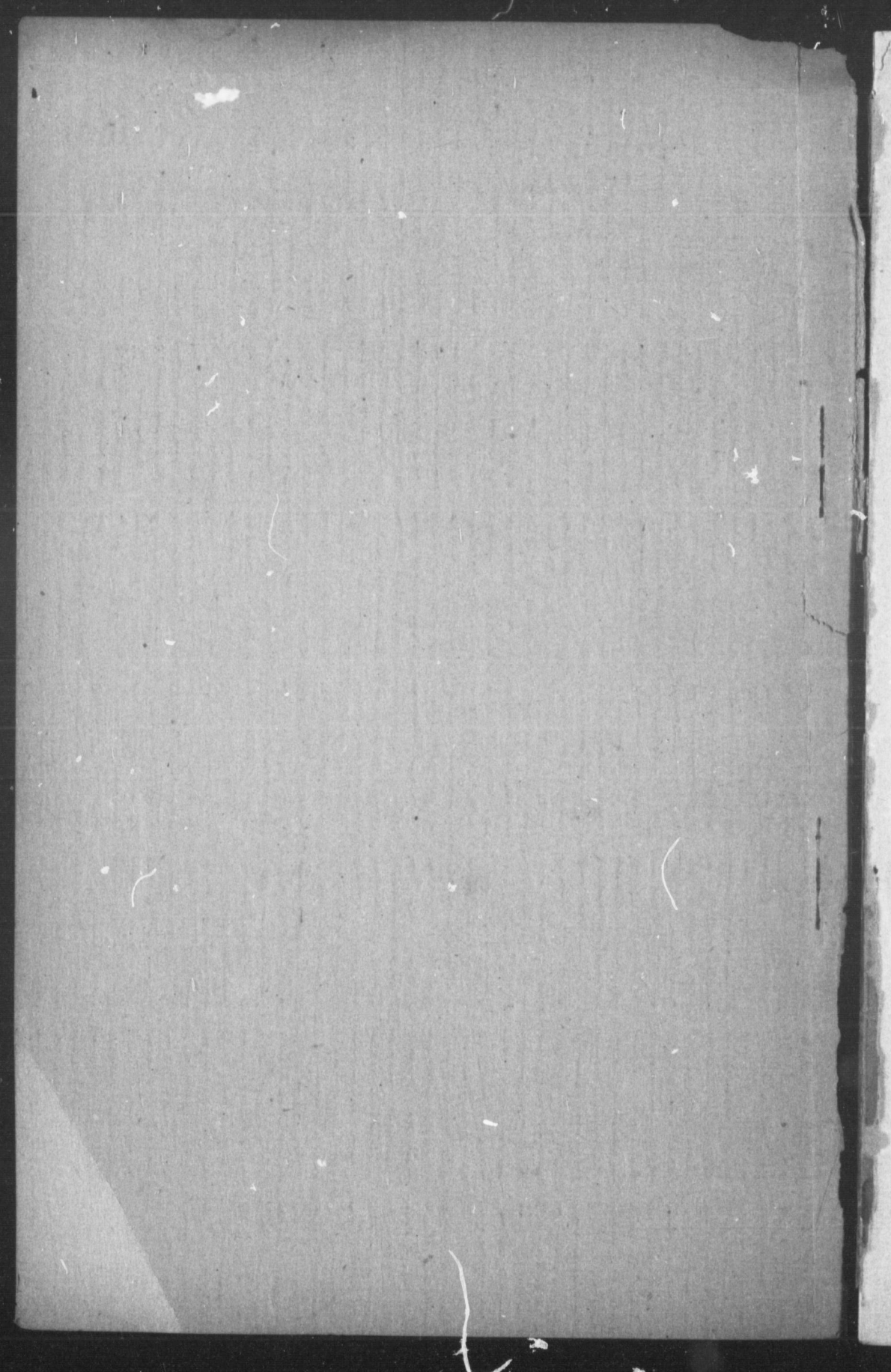
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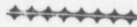
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ELDERS' DISTRICTS.

- No. I. Bounded on the north by Salter Street and Spring Garden Road, and on the west by South Park Street.
SAMUEL CRAWFORD, Elder in charge.
- No. II. Bounded on the north by Sackville Street and Jubilee Road, and on the east by South Park Street.
_____, Elder in charge.
- No. III. Bounded on the south by Sackville Street, on the west by Brunswick Street, and on the north by Buckingham Street.
GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, Elder in charge.
- No. IV. Bounded on the south by Buckingham Street, on the west by Brunswick Street, and on the north by Gerrish Street.
H. W. CAMERON, Elder in charge.
- No. V. Bounded on the South by Cogswell Street, on the west by North Park and Agricola Streets, and on the east by Brunswick Street, and on the north by Gerrish and West Streets. JAMES McINTOSH, Elder in charge.
- No. VI. Bounded on the south by Gerrish and West Streets, on the west by Agricola Street, and on the north by Young St.
JAMES CRAWFORD, Elder in charge.
- No. VII. Bounded on the east by Agricola and North Park Streets, and on the south by Sackville Street and Jubilee Road.
THOMAS FORBES, Elder in charge.

Office-Bearers of the Congregation, 1894.

THE KIRK SESSION.

MINISTER :

REV. JOHN McMILLAN, B.D. 1 Fawson Street.
 Ordained 26th March, 1866. | Inducted 29th April, 1884.

ELDERS :

JAMES CRAWFORD ... Elected 16th Oct., 1862 ... 46 Victoria Road.
 GEORGE CUNNINGHAM. " 20th Nov., 1872 ... 201 South Park Street.
 SAMUEL CRAWFORD... " 13th Oct., 1875 ... 32½ Spring Garden Rd.
 JAMES McINTOSH.... " 13th Oct., 1875 ... 20 Gottingen Street.
 THOMAS FORBES..... " 1st May, 1892 ... 18 Moran Street.
 H. W. CAMERON..... " 1st May, 1892 ... 219 Brunswick Street.

Clerk GEO. CUNNINGHAM.
Treasurer of Session JAMES CRAWFORD.
Treasurer for Mission Funds..... JAMES McINTOSH.
Representative Elder..... GEO. CUNNINGHAM.

TRUSTEES.

JAMES CRAWFORD, *Chairman*,
 JAMES McINTOSH, ARCHIBALD MILLAR,
 WM. RHIND, RICHARD CURRIE,
 ROBERT DAVISON, JOHN EWING.

MANAGERS.

A. McDougall, *Chairman*. JAMES HILL, *Secretary*.
 JAMES CRAWFORD, ARCHIBALD MILLAR,
 THOMAS FORBES, H. W. CAMERON,
 M. A. GUILD, DANIEL McLEOD,
 T. G. CURRIE, THOS. FORBES, *Treasurer*.
Pew Committee : THE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, and TREASURER.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

Superintendent WILLIAM T. KENNEDY.
Secretary MISS MAGGIE McCURDY.

OTHER OFFICERS.

Choir Leader SAMUEL CRAWFORD.
Church Officer CHARLES MORRISON, 1 Granville St.
Ushers The Managers, and others appointed by them.

Memoranda.

- 1.—PUBLIC WORSHIP every Lord's Day, at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M.
- 2.—PRAYER MEETING at close of Sabbath evening service, as announced.
- 3.—SOCIAL PRAYER MEETING in Chalmers Hall every Wednesday at 7.45 P. M. The subject to be considered each meeting will be announced the previous Sabbath.
- 4.—SABBATH SCHOOL in the Hall every Sabbath at 3 P. M.
- 5.—PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS every Sabbath at 3 P. M. in the Class Room of Hall.
- 6.—TEACHER'S MEETING at the close of Prayer Meeting, on Wednesday evening, as announced.
- 7.—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be dispensed on the Second Sabbath of the months of March, June, September, and December, at the Morning Service. The PREPARATORY SERVICE, at which new communicants will be received, will be held on the Friday preceding the day mentioned, at 7.30 P. M.
- 8.—THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY meets on every Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.
- 9.—The MISSION BAND meets weekly on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
- 10.—Pastor's "At Home" on Friday evening, as announced.
- 11.—The SESSION will meet from time to time on the call of the Moderator.
- 12.—The TRUSTEES and BOARD OF MANAGERS will meet on the call of their respective Chairmen.
- 13.—The ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation will be held on the third Wednesday of January in each year, at 8 P. M.
- 14.—The WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY will meet from time to time as announced.
- 15.—The CHOIR will meet for practice every Saturday evening at 7.30.
- 16.—APPLICATIONS FOR SITTINGS in the Church, ALL OF WHICH ARE FREE, may be made to the PEW COMMITTEE.
- 17.—The CHURCH IS SUPPORTED BY THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF members and adherents. Envelopes are distributed by the managers, and all are expected to take them and give every Lord's Day, according to their ability.
- 18.—CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS and other Schemes of the Church may be placed in the plate on Wednesday evening; or in *marked* envelopes with the ordinary Sabbath collections. (See Session Report for 1892).
- 19.—CASES OF SICKNESS and CHANGE OF RESIDENCE should be reported to the Pastor and Elders without delay.
- 20.—STRANGERS are requested to make themselves known at once to the Pastor and Elders, and members of the congregation are urged to show uniform and kindly attention to all strangers, accommodating them with seats, and supplying them with books.
- 21.—MEMBERS are requested not to leave the city without a certificate.

Historical Notes.

- In 1842 Chalmers Church, then called St. John's Church, was organized
 5th Oct., 1843, Rev. Ralph Robb was inducted as first pastor.
 25th Oct., 1843, the first communion roll was formed.
 5th Nov., 1843, the first communion was held.
 14th Dec., 1843, the first Ruling Elders were ordained.
 14th Oct., 1848, the present church was dedicated, and called Chalmers
 Church. Rev. Dr. Burns of Toronto, and the pastor,
 Rev. A. Forrester, conducted services. Collection.
 £103 N. S. currency.
- In 1862 the present St. John's Church was organized, most of the
 members and adherents having been connected with
 Chalmers Church.
- In 1870, the system of free will offerings was adopted.
 In 1871, the Trustees were incorporated.
 In 1872, a large number of members and adherents united with a num-
 ber from Poplar Grove Church, to form Fort Massey
 Church.
- In 1872, the Church spire, 120 feet high, was shattered by lightning.
 It was replaced by the present tower.
- Oct., 1885, Congregational year changed to correspond with Calendar
 year.
- 27th Jan., 1886, first Annual Report of Congregational Work ordered
 to be printed
- In 1886, the property adjoining the Church to the southward, was
 purchased by the Trustees, for \$6,300.
- 27th Nov., 1886, Chalmers Hall was dedicated to the service of God.
- 22nd May, 1888, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was
 organized.
- 3rd July, 1892, the Church, having been renovated internally, was
 re-opened.
- 6th—8th Oct., 1893, Jubilee Services held.

List of Pastors of Chalmers Church.

- REV. RALPH ROBB (Oct. 5, 1843—March, 1847).
 REV. A. FORRESTER (Nov. 16, 1848—June 18, 1855).
 REV. JOHN HUNTER (1856—1861).
 REV. W. MAXWELL (Sept. 4, 1863—Oct., 1869).
 REV. E. ANNAND (June, 1870—April 4th, 1872).
 REV. C. B. PITBLADO (July 11, 1872—Nov. 3, 1881).
 REV. W. S. WHITTIER (June 12, 1881—Oct. 15, 1883).
 REV. JOHN McMILLAN, April 29, 1884.

List of Elders.

In the Order of Seniority.

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| 2. A. CARSON, | 2. G. G. GRAY, |
| 3. ANGUS FRASER. | 4. ARCH. McCULLOCH, |
| 5. JOHN LIDDELL, | 6. GEORGE McLEOD, |
| 7. JOHN SMITH, | 8. W. S. STIRLING, |
| 9. GEORGE BUIST, | 10. JAMES FORMAN, |
| 11. JAMES HUTTON, | 12. ANDREW MACKINLAY, |
| 13. F. W. GEORGE, | 14. JAMES CRAWFORD, |
| 15. WILLIAM GARVIE, | 16. JOSEPH TODD, |
| 17. JOHN WATSON, | 18. ROBERT MURRAY, |
| 19. S. G. MATHESON, | 20. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, |
| 21. A. McKENZIE, | 22. S. CRAWFORD, |
| 23. JAMES McINTOSH, | 24. THOMAS FORBES, |
| 25. H. W. CAMERON. | |

Collections for Missions.

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| 1. January and February | <i>Home Missions.</i> |
| 2. March and April | <i>Augmentation.</i> |
| 3. May and June | <i>College and Bursary.</i> |
| 4. July, August, and September | <i>French Evangelization,
 A. and I. Ministers'
 Fund, &c.</i> |
| 5. October, November, and December .. | |

Congregational Meeting.

CHALMERS HALL, 24th January, 1894.

The Annual Congregational meeting postponed from last week, was held this evening. The attendance was good. After devotional exercises, Mr, James McIntosh was appointed chairman. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The Report of the Session was read by the Pastor. It showed progress during the year in all departments of the church's work. It was listened to attentively and cordially approved.

The Report of the Trustees was read by Mr. James Crawford. Much valuable work was done during the year. Mr. Crawford's management of the Whitehall property was highly commended. On motion the report was heartily approved, and Mr. James Crawford, junr., was appointed to assist the Chairman in caring for the property.

The Managers' Report was read by the Secretary, Mr. James Hill. It was approved and the managers thanked for their zeal and diligence. The deficit of former years was reduced. Messrs. James Crawford and Thomas Forbes and James Hill, were re-elected managers, and will serve three years. The other managers are—Messrs. D. McLeod, M. A. Guild and T. G. Currie, for *two* years—and Messrs. H. W. Cameron, A. McDougall, and A. Millar, for *one* year. Mr. Forbes was re-elected Treasurer, and Mr. Hill, Secretary.

The Ladies' Aid Society Report was read by Mr. McMillan ; that of the Sunday School by Mr. Forbes, in the unavoidable absence of the Superintendent ; that of the Christian Endeavor Society by Miss Nettie McCurdy ; that of the Mission Band by Mr. T. G. Currie, for Miss Currie ; and that of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary by Miss Nettie McCurdy. All these reports were approved. They all showed that excellent work was done during the year. and that the congregation possesses a large band of earnest and faithful workers.

The Pastor and Mr. Cunningham were appointed to prepare the different reports for publication. The meeting was then closed with Prayer.

JAMES MCINTOSH, *Chairman.*

JAMES S. HILL, *Secretary.*

Report of Kirk Session.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF CHALMERS CHURCH :—

Dear Brethren,—The Session have much pleasure in presenting their ninth Annual Report. In doing so, they desire to express their deep humiliation and sorrow because of many short-comings, their sincere gratitude to the great King and Head of the Church, who has continued to bless and prosper the congregation, and their great confidence and courage for the future. “The Lord hath been mindful of us, and He will bless us still.”

The past year has been one of the most memorable in the history of Chalmers church. It was the Jubilee year of the congregation, the first minister, the Rev. Ralph Robb, having been inducted on the 5th Oct., 1843. Early in the year at a joint meeting of Session, Trustees and Managers, it was resolved to celebrate our jubilee in a suitable manner. A circular was sent to all the old members and adherents of the church, whose addresses could be obtained, conveying cordial greetings, and an earnest invitation to be present if possible, at the Jubilee Services. These services were held on the 6th and 8th Oct. They were largely attended and were exceedingly interesting and profitable. A full account of them, taken largely from the daily papers, will be given as an appendix to this report in the printed report for the year. This cannot fail to be of much interest and value not only to the present members of the church but to future generations. Shortly after the Jubilee the Session obtained portraits of Messrs. Robb, Forrester, Hunter and Maxwell, which having been suitably framed, now adorn the walls of the hall. They hope ere long to secure pictures of the three other former pastors of the church.

Owing to the formation of the new congregation of Coburg road during the year, Chalmers church lost several families, and the Session lost one of their oldest members—Rev. Robert Murray, who was also for many years their very efficient clerk. In his letter of resignation, Mr. Murray referred in most touching terms to his connection with Chalmers church for 37 years, and with the Session 31 years, and to the dissolution of the

intimate relations which so long existed between him and them. At a meeting held on the 16th Nov., the Session, on bidding farewell to Mr. Murray, presented him with a copy of the following minute, and a photograph of the Session as a memento :—

“The Session cannot accept the resignation of Mr. Murray without referring in some measure to the manifold services rendered by him to the congregation, in days of darkness as well as in times of prosperity. Indeed his unfailing readiness to promote in every way in his power the interests of Chalmers church, was so well understood, that on every occasion, when any question of doubt arose, or counsel was required, his good services were called for. The history of Chalmers church during the past thirty years, bears clearly the impress of his thought and planning. Much of the success it achieved during these years was the fruit of his wise and thoughtful counsel, which always sought its peace and prosperity. As a member of Session, Mr. Murray's presence meant help, and his thorough knowledge of all the requirements of the congregation, as well as of church law, gave confidence to all his associates. His services as clerk were efficient and greatly valued. It is therefore no light matter for the Session to accept his resignation. Mr. Crawford, the father of the Session, with whom Mr. Murray has been a co-labourer for over thirty years, will keenly miss him, whilst the younger members who have all learned to look up to him with esteem and confidence, will do so also. His vacated position in the church and Session cannot be easily filled. The Session earnestly pray that in his new sphere, Mr. Murray's labours may be more fully blest than in the days that have gone by, and that he may be long spared to aid by his mature judgment, wise counsel, and earnest work, the cause of the Lord. The Session regret exceedingly to part with Mr. Murray and his family—but thankful for their past services to Chalmers church, they commend them to the favour of the loving Lord, and wish them increased prosperity.”

Thus the eldership has been again reduced to *six* members. Several more are needed, in order that the work of the church may be efficiently carried on.

During the year, the services and work of the church were well sustained. In addition to the *regular services*, which were held regularly, and on the whole were well attended, two Gaelic services were conducted by Messrs. A. J. McDonald and D. Campbell, of the Presbyterian College, and were much appreciated. The *work* of the church has been carried on with increased zeal and faithfulness by the different office-bearers, societies and other workers, and by God's blessing has been attended with a good measure of success. The Ladies' Aid Society, after several years of earnest and

self-denying work, which brought in a large amount of money for church purposes, has disbanded for a time. The congregation owe a deep and lasting debt of gratitude to this Society. The Session rejoice that the ladies have not ceased work for Christ and the church altogether. Their zeal and love are to be manifested in another way. A Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been formed with good prospects, and will begin active work at once. The Session believe that it will be the means of fostering the missionary spirit of the church, and increasing the contributions for Foreign Missions.

In submitting the usual *Statistical* and *Financial* returns, the Session earnestly request the whole congregation to examine very carefully these indicators of the church's life and work, so that gratitude for the past may be increased, and zeal and diligence in the future may be stimulated.

A. STATISTICS.

1. Families.

(1).	No of families at the beginning of 1893.....	134
(2).	“ “ removed during 1893.....	9
(3).	“ “ received “ “	9
(4.)	“ “ 1st January, 1894.....	134

Thus it will be seen that notwithstanding heavy losses by death and removal the congregation has held its own numerically. Our families are scattered all over the city. Many of those who live farthest from the church attend the services with great regularity. New families are cordially welcomed, and invited to enter at once upon the work of the church. All *can* and *should* give needed help. We cannot afford to have any drones or dead-heads in our church.

2. Young people. Many young men and women, not connected with families, regularly attend our services. They, as well as all strangers, are ever welcome. It is very desirable, however, that they should report themselves at once to the minister and elders. Many will be overlooked and may consider themselves slighted, if they do not introduce themselves. All are asked to remain at the conclusion of the services, and to visit the pastor on his "At Home" night each week, so that they may become acquainted. As usual, a great many of the students, who are attending the different colleges, worship with us, and assist us in our work. In the prayer meeting and Endeavor meetings they are especially helpful. The Session hope that all who occupy pews

will always give a cordial welcome to the young people, and to strangers, and do everything possible to make them feel at home. May they all *get* much good from us, and *do* much good to us!

3. *Communicants.*

(1). On Roll 1st January, 1893.....294

(1). Received during the year :—

a. At March Communion.....	11
b. At June “	6
c. At September “	3
d. At December “	4

Total24

(3). *Removed* during the year :—

a. By death.....	6
b. By certificate.....	21
c. By purging roll.....	1

Total.....28

(4). No. on roll 1st January, 1894290

Of those *removed*, *eight* received certificates to Coburg Road. Of those *received*, 14 were by certificate; and 10 by profession of faith. 17 are females and 7 males. Of those whose names are now on our roll, 190 are females and 100 males. Several communicants have been absent from the city for some time, and their names must soon be removed from the roll. Who will come and take their place?

4. *Deaths.* During the year, thirteen persons connected with the congregation were removed by death. The Session sincerely sympathize with the bereaved, and pray that they may be enabled to bow submissively to the will of God. Six of the departed were communicants and adorned their profession by a consistent life. Several were called away very suddenly, reminding us all of the necessity of being always ready, for at such an hour as we think not the Son of Man cometh. The list of “the dear departed” is as follows :—

(1). WILLIAM MCCOLLOUGH.

Died on 1st January.....29 Almon street.....Communicant.

(2). MRS. EWAN MORRISON.

Died on 5th January.....17 Compton Avenue... Communicant.

- (3). MRS. ALEX. J. MANN.
Died on 26th January.....12 Poplar Grove.....Adherent.
- (4). ALEXANDER DANIEL MANN.
Died on 30th January.....12 Poplar Grove.....Infant.
- (5). DONALD MATHESON.
Died on 4th February.....7 Gottingen street.....Adherent.
- (6). JOHN GRIERSON DENNIS.
Died on 28th March.....1 Coburg Road.....Child.
- (7). CHAS. WILLIAM FERNANDOS.
Died on 8th April.....7 Brunswick Lane.....Child.
- (8). HENRY CHASE DICKSON.
Died on 21st April.....Student.....Communicant.
- (9). JOHN D. FISHER.
Died on 13th May.....15 Moran street.....Communicant.
- (10). MRS. ANDREW MCMAHON.
Died on 15th June.....21 South Hollis street..Communicant.
- (11). JOHN ANGUS FERGUSON.
Died on 18th August.....7 Poplar Grove.....Child.
- (12). PHILIP MCVICAR.
Died on 21st August.....199 Grafton Street.....Adherent.
- (13). ANGUS CAMERON.
Died on 8th September.....14 Victoria Lane.....Communicant.

V. *Church Services, &c.*

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| (1). | Average attendance at each Lord's Day service..... | 280 |
| (2). | “ “ Prayer Meeting about..... | 100 |
| (3). | “ “ Communion Services..... | 180 |
| (4). | No of Baptismal services..... | 15 |
| (5). | “ Marriage services..... | 3 |
| (6). | “ Visits made by pastor..... | 2141 |

The Session rejoice that the attendance at all the public services has continued as large as in former years. There is, however, much room for improvement. All the *children* should be brought to church at least *once* on the Lord's Day, and certainly all communicants should try and attend the prayer meeting as well as both Sunday services. The Session earnestly ask all interested in the Church's welfare to attend regularly themselves and to endeavour to bring in others.

Of those baptised, 12 are children and 3 adults; 9 are males and 6 females.

6. *The Choir*.—The choir is now composed of the following members:

<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
SAMUEL CRAWFORD, <i>Leader.</i>	MISS MAGGIE CURRIE,
W. T. KENNEDY,	“ BESSIE CURRIE,
EDMUND HALL,	“ LILY MCCURDY,
SAMUEL THOMPSON,	“ FANNY GRIERSON,
T. G. CURRIE,	“ ANNIE GUILD,
ROBERT GRIERSON,	“ JANET MCINTOSH,
D. S. DUNLAP,	“ MINA CRAWFORD,
	“ MELINDA McDONALD,
	“ JANIE MCLEOD.

Miss Annie McMillan has acted as organist during the year. The thanks of the congregation are due to all the members of the choir for their faithful services. The Session rejoice that the congregation as a whole, join heartily in the praises of the Sanctuary.

B. FINANCES.

The Session are happy to report that the congregation contributed towards missions and general benevolence with their usual liberality. Considering the circumstances of our people the following returns are very credible.

I. *Schemes of the Church.*

Mr. McIntosh, our Treasurer, reports the following receipts:

(1).	At the Weekly Prayer Meetings.....	\$ 71 91
(2).	From 85 Envelopes in Jan., and Feb.....	117 00
(3).	“ 81 “ March and April.....	106 75
(4).	“ 46 “ May and June.....	48 00
(5).	“ 48 “ July, August and Sept....	47 00
(6).	“ 123 “ Oct., Nov. and Dec.....	137 39
(7).	“ Session Fund.....	8 85
(8).	“ Special contribution.....	5 00
	Total.....	\$541 90

The *Expenditure* was as follows :

(1).	Foreign Mission Fund.....	\$100 00
(2).	“ “ Debt.....	75 00
(3).	Augmentation Fund.....	110 00
(4).	Home Mission Fund (East).....	100 00
(5).	“ “ “ (North-West).....	20 00
(6).	College Fund.....	50 00
(7).	Bursary Fund.....	20 00
(8).	French Evangelization Fund.....	20 00

(9).	Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	15 00
(10).	Presbytery, Synod and Assembly Funds.....	18 85
(11).	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	5 00
(11).	Manitoba College	5 00
	Total.....	\$538 85

The balance of \$3.05 has been paid towards the *Record* fund. The total amount raised by the Session for the Schemes exceeds that of 1892 by \$64. If the amount of \$137 contributed by the Sunday School; \$65.29 contributed by the Christian Endeavor Society; and \$66 given by the Mission Band, be added to \$538.85 paid by the Session, the total for *Missions* from the congregation will amount to \$807.14, or just about \$100 more than in 1892. *Thankful* for what God has prompted us to do, let us abound yet more and more in the grace of liberality! The same plan of collecting will be followed as last year; but it is hoped that the contributions during the summer months will be much larger. Our average last year was about \$6 per family, and \$2.78 per communicant. Let it be higher still next year. "God loves a cheerful giver."

2. *Session Fund*.—Mr. James Crawford, the Treasurer, reports as follows :

Receipts.

(1).	Balance from last year.....	\$ 8 86
(2).	Received from Communion Collections.....	157 74
	Total.....	\$166 60

Expenditure.

(1)	Paid Presbytery Fund.....	\$ 8 85
(2).	“ Communion Expenses &c.....	20 35
(3).	“ Poor of Congregation.....	144 81
		—————\$174 01
	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 7 41

3. *Choir Fund*.—Mr. S. Crawford reports as follows :—

Receipts.

(1).	From Concert by Choir.....	\$ 57 30
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Expenditure.

(1).	Paid for rent of Organ.....	\$ 10 00
(2).	“ for Music, Hymnals, &c.....	19 53
		—————\$ 29 53
	Balance on hand.....	\$ 27 77

4. *General Benevolence:—*

The *Thanksgiving* collection in November amounted to \$122.25. The congregation was not large, and the amount contributed fell below that of the previous year. That fact the Session deeply regret. *Money-giving* is one of the best forms of *Thanksgiving*.

(1)	Paid Infants' Home.....	\$ 30 00
(2)	“ City Mission.....	25 00
(3)	“ Dispensary.....	20 00
(4)	“ Industrial School.....	10 00
(5)	“ Orphans' Home.....	10 00
(6)	“ Sailors' Home.....	10 00
(7)	“ Women's Home.....	10 00
(8)	“ Association for relief of po r.....	7 25
	Total.....	\$122 25

5. *Various Religious and Benevolent Objects.*

(1)	Contributed towards Record.....	\$ 25 00
(2)	“ “ Poor of congregation... ..	50 00
(3)	“ “ other objects.....	160 00
	Total.....	\$235 00

Thus the total contributions under the control of the Session not reckoning the sums raised by the Sunday School, Mission Band, and Christian Endeavor Society, amounted to \$1102 29—a small advance on 1892.

In conclusion, brethren, relying upon the united and enthusiastic efforts of all connected with the church, young and old—and above all, depending upon the favor and blessing of the Great King and Head of the Church, promised to all who sincerely strive to serve Him, the Session look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year for one beloved church. “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.” “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all “Amen.”

JOHN MCMILLAN, *Moderator.*
GEO. CUNNINGHAM, *Clerk.*

Jubilee Services.

6th October, 1893.

The congregation acknowledge their indebtedness to the Daily Papers for their excellent reports of the Jubilee Services, given by them. These are given below with a few necessary corrections and additions.

(From *Morning Herald* of 7th Oct.)

There is rejoicing in Chalmers church, Halifax. Fifty years ago the congregation was established, and during all the intervening time the church has been actively at work. The celebration of the jubilee began last evening.

In 1842 a number of members and adherents of St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's churches combined to organize a church in the north-end of the city. They secured a building on Gerrish street and called it St. John's church. Rev. Ralph Robb, of Scotland, was called, and on October 5th, 1843, he was inducted pastor. In 1848 the congregation secured the present site on Barrington street, and in the following year the church was opened for worship.

It was a pleasant sight that met the eye in Chalmers hall last evening. Between 400 and 500 members of the congregation, past and present, assembled to do honor to the occasion, and make the opening Jubilee service a success. The hall was prettily decorated with bunting, flowers and evergreens. On the walls of the hall were hung portraits of seven pastors of the church, all except one—Rev. Mr. Maxwell. Besides there was the picture of Rev. R. Burns, D. D., father of the late pastor of Fort Massey church. He was in the city from Toronto at the time the Barrington street site was selected and took a prominent part in securing it for Chalmers church. After an hour or so looking on the portraits of former pastors, and indulging in pleasant conversation, the company surrounded the refreshment tables up stairs. A more luxurious and bountiful display it would be difficult to imagine. The tables, set with silver service and adorned with flowers, bent beneath the load of good things spread upon them. The fair ladies of Chalmers church could not have been more charming or more attentive to the wants of their many friends. The sight was so pretty that few left the refreshment room without a glance back to see the magnificent display.

The speech-making in the church began about 8 o'clock. The pulpit was adorned with rich plants and flowers as was also part of the gallery. On the platform were seated, besides the pastor and members of Session, and several ministers of other city Presbyterian churches, J. C. Mackintosh, Principal McKnight, Principal Forrest, Robert Murray, H. A. Taylor, James Gordon, Rev. Wm. Grant, Cow Bay; Rev. Geo. McMillan, Malpeque.

In the audience were very many former members of Chalmers church. Three surviving members of the original number of communicants are yet in the city. They are Mrs. William Mackay, Mrs. Principal McKnight, (nee Miss Katherin Kidston) and Mrs. James Liddell. The two first named were present last evening, and a letter of regret for her absence was read from Mrs. Liddell. James Gordon is the oldest male communicant of the church.

Rev. John McMillan gave out the 100th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. Dustan. Then came a brief address by the pastor. He heartily welcomed all members of the church who had formerly worshipped with Chalmers church. Good lessons could be gained by looking backward. What wonderful changes during those 50 years. But few of the past members remain. The speaker said he was the eighth minister of the congregation, and he is about one month longer pastor than any of his predecessors—9 years and 6 months. Rev. C. B. Pitblado was the next. Mr. McMillan, to show the changing character of the congregation, and its growth, said there were 163 names on the communion roll ten years ago. 375 had been received into the church and 248 had been removed by certificate and death, leaving a net gain of 127, and the present number 290.

Letters were read from a number who could not be present. Among them were: Rev. Mr. Robb's son George C. Robb, now of Toronto; Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Sherbrooke; Danl. Ross, Boston; Miss Hurrwey, Lynn; J. B. Johnson, Loch Broom, Pictou; Rev. Mr. McRae, Trinidad; Rev. J. W. McLellan, California; John Ross, Pictou; Rev. John Matheson, Alberta; Rev. Arch. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Douglas, Manitoba; Rev. Dr. Currie, Halifax; Rev. D. M. Gordon, Halifax; Samuel Crawford, jr., Buffalo; Professor Fowler, Kingston; Mrs. James Liddell; Rev. H. K. Maclean; Mr. and Mrs. Thos Clark; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Macdonald; Mrs. Grace McDonald; Miss A. McPherson, Boston; Rev. J. B. Logan, Edinburgh; Rev. D. McDonald, Port Hastings; Hon. Robert Boak, Halifax, sent a kind letter next day.

The letter from George C. Robb inclosed several valuable historical documents. Among them was a letter from Rev. John Martin to Rev. Dr. Welsh, of Edinburgh, asking him to seek out a minister to come

to Halifax. Also a copy of the call and bond to be presented to Rev. Ralph Robb. It was signed by Alex. Keith, R. H. Skimming, D. Angus, John Oat, A. S. Reid, G. C. Morton, James Souter, R. M. Barratt, Gasper Roast, Thomas Rhind, Hugh Ross McKenzie, John McDougall, Alex. Barron, Geo. McKenzie, Thomas Humphrey Arch. McColough, William Carson, John Fraser, Henry Mendell, Alex. Fraser, Wm. Caldwell, Thomas Cooke, Andrew Nisbett, Arch. Scott, Arch. Morrison, Francis McKay, Mrs. Abigail Scott, Donald Murray, R. D. Clarke, Neil McQuarrie, John Richardson. J. Munro, John Gibson, Samuel McColough, Alex. Bain, James McIntosh, Mrs. E. Swan.

The letter from Rev. Mr. Maxwell whose connection with the church began 30 years ago, was interesting. He mentioned the names of some of his co-workers in the church—Andrew McKinlay, Geo. Buist, W. S. Sterling, James Barnes, and other old members of the church.

After an anthem by the choir, led by Samuel Crawford, came an address by REV. R. MURRAY, as follows, on Chalmers church during 50 years.

The swift years have brought us to our happy Jubilee, when nothing becomes us so much as to recount with grateful hearts the mercies of God. The storms of 50 winters have beaten upon us; the sunshine and rain of 50 summers have blessed us; the lightning from heaven smote us once; death and time have changed once and again and yet again the occupants of our pews; many have gone to organize or to strengthen other congregations; many have gone to other lands, and many we have followed to their last resting place; but to-day our church is filled as it never was before, and its mission is being fulfilled not less faithfully than in the past. Ours is but a little one among the twenty-five thousand churches of the Presbyterian order, but she feels the inspiration of being one of a mighty host, and she has ever sympathized with all other efforts for good. In the first year of her history she gave her modest contribution for missions to Jews and Gentiles, and she has never ceased to remember such missions in her prayers and her gifts. We occupy but a little spot of the earth and are but a small band of God's children, yet from among us have gone forth influences that have been felt far away. Brethren, once members of this church have preached in every quarter of the globe; scores, hundreds, of our young men and women have left us for new homes in new lands, and have become centres of light and beneficence.

Early in 1842, Rev. John Martin, then minister of St. Andrew's, Halifax, wrote to Dr. Welsh, Edinburgh, urgently asking that a minister be sent at once to take charge of St. John's church, Dutchtown.

A salary of £150 was promised. A call was sent, the name to be filled in by Dr. Welsh. On the 15th July, 1843, in response to this

call, Rev. Ralph Robb arrived here, his heart aglow with the enthusiasm which burned so brightly in Scotland in 1843. On the 5th October, 1843, he was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. John's church, Rev. John Martin officiating. These brethren were appointed to assist Mr. Robb in organizing the congregation. Chalmers church will gratefully remember that in her infancy she was aided by the pastors of St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's.

The first roll was formed Oct. 25th, and consisted of 41 members. Three of the 41 are now living,—two, Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. McKay, became members of St. John's church. One, Mrs. McKnight, is a member of Dartmouth church. The first name on the roll was Mrs. Kidston; the second name was Miss Katherin Kidston (now Mrs. McKnight).

Our first elders were Alex. Carson, G. G. Gray, Angus Fraser, and Archibald McCulloch. They were ordained December 14, 1843. Mr. Fraser was the first Session clerk; Mr. Gray the first representative elder. In the spring of 1847 the Session had before it the first and only heresy case with which it has had to deal in fifty years. Mr. Gray owned to being unable now to accept the confession of faith which he had subscribed. He was accordingly declared to be no longer an elder of the congregation.

Shortly afterwards Mr. Robb resigned his charge and accepted a call to Hamilton, Ontario, where he died in 1850. His departure from Halifax was deeply regretted. I did not know Mr. Robb, he was before my time—but I have heard him warmly eulogised as a preacher, pastor and friend. Hon. Joseph Howe, speaking to me many years ago of his own neglect of church services, remarked, "Your preachers do nothing but chew dead theology for us; I can't stand it. But Robb—I walked miles to hear him. He had a glowing imagination, and to listen to him was like a delightful walk in green fields. You breathed summer, and felt God was not far away." Mr. Robb exercised his ministry in Scotland sixteen years, in Halifax four years, and in Ontario three.

Mr. Robb was succeeded by another Scotsman, Rev. Alex. Forrester, who was inducted November 15th, 1848; a man of varied attainments, superior scholarship, rare ability as a preacher and lecturer; his knowledge of scripture was thorough; he could quote and apply the holy oracles most fittingly. His tastes were scientific. His sermons were tinged with theological science to a degree not usual in those days. At the commencement of his work he found 81 members on the roll. In 1855 Dr. Forrester accepted the position—highly laborious—of superintendent of education and principal of the Normal School of Nova Scotia. In the educational sphere he toiled with signal success until he died in New York, where he had gone for medical advice, in 1869.

Dr. Forrester was succeeded by Rev. John Hunter, a man of fine rhetorical powers. He was popular, and the congregation parted with him regretfully when, on account of health, he, in 1861, returned to England, where he still lives and wields a vigorous pen in the interests of Protestantism in church and state.

He was succeeded by Rev. William Maxwell, a most estimable pastor, and a preacher of the fine old Puritan school. He won the affectionate respect of all, and ministered among us six years, not unfruitfully. Mr. Maxwell is still an active pastor and has rendered service in several congregations in our synod.

Our next pastor was Rev. Edward Annand, a lovable, winning and attractive pastor and preacher—popular alike with old and young. The congregation parted with him sorrowfully in May, 1872. He died in Boston in his early prime.

After the shortest vacancy on record, Rev. C. B. Pitblado became our pastor, and continued with us eight years. A son of thunder, a son of consolation, a man of genius, of patriotism, sympathizing with all that is best and freest and noblest; a man of deep piety and faith in God. I know not where to look for his superior as an edifying, effective and earnest preacher; or as a sympathetic and faithful pastor. During his eight years with us did any of us ever hear from him a dull or aimless sermon? He left us for Winnipeg, and he is there again building up a new congregation with his characteristic pluck and heroism.

Our next pastor was Rev. W. S. Whittier who did not remain long with us, as his heart was set on preaching his way round the world. He has made a record in California and Australia for which any man ought to be thankful. His ministry with us ceased Oct. 15th, 1883. On the 29th April, 1884, Rev. John McMillan was inducted into the pastorate of this church. As his pastorate has been the longest in our chequered history it has been the most fruitful. All that is becoming one to say is that with God's blessing on the preaching of the pure gospel, his organizing skill, his business tact, his unexampled vigilance and activity as a pastor,—the congregation has grown, and prospered and done wonders. The congregation was at no time larger than it is now; the prayer meeting was never so well attended or so lively; the people were never so liberal, and never did they more fully manifest the fruits of the Spirit.

Time will not allow me to refer as I would like to our elders and members that are gone. Andrew Mackinlay, to know him was to honor him; Sawyers Sterling was a singularly good, gentle and devout man; George Buist and James Hutton were sturdy Scotsmen, hard headed and warm hearted; George Macleod and John Smith were meek

and Christlike men; William Garvie was brilliant, scholarly, a man of genius, a wit, an orator. I have never ceased to regret him most pungently. He was a loss to the church and the country. All the men I have mentioned were elders and have been taken from us.

Of our members whom we cannot meet again on earth, time would fail me to speak; let me mention John Mackintosh, who was called away suddenly in 1857, and whose death I remember as if it had been yesterday. I never missed a friend more keenly. James Barnes, whom we lost in 1882, was long a pillar of the church, and we have not ceased to feel and mourn his loss. As chairman of our committee of management his services for a series of years and at a critical period of our history were inestimable.

If I were to allow myself to speak of the living who are not now members of our congregation, but whose service in other years were of great value, I would mention first, Hon. Robert Boak, who was not only a liberal contributor to all our funds, but who paid personal attention for many years to the temporalities of the church. Next let me name John Watson, a respected elder and S. S. teacher and superintendent; and last, but not least, James C. Mackintosh, who graduated into hard work for the Sabbath school class into the position of teacher and superintendent, and who rendered valuable service for many years in connection with the choir and the managing committee. Did time allow I would gladly add other names, especially James Gordon, now the eldest male surviving member of the church. Principals McKnight and Forrest rendered invaluable service to the congregation during its vacancies, and whenever called upon.

During Mr. Robb's ministry this congregation was known as St. John's church. In January, 1849, the Session resolved that the new church in the centre of the town should be Chalmers church. This building was completed and dedicated before the end of 1849. An afternoon service was held in St. John's church for many years, and in 1862, families and individuals belonging to Chalmers church were formed into the congregation of St. John's, which now is a large and prosperous church and which happily owns, besides its property on Brunswick street, the old historic site of the first St. John's church and school, and the college hall on Gerrish street.

Our own building here, as I have stated, was completed in 1849. It had a lofty spire; its gallery also was lofty, and its pulpit was remarkable for its height and depth, and for its mysterious proportion. Changes have come over the old building. Its old mysterious pulpit has vanished; its gallery has been lowered, and the spire that was so lofty was smitten with lightning on a dark day in 1872. Its lofty head was brought low and a modest tower occupies its place. Recently

Chalmers hall was built and the interior of the church renovated, and now the congregation is very comfortably housed and owns a property of great value.

That the coming half century may be prosperous in all that makes a church of the Lord Jesus Christ worthy of His glorious name is, I am sure, the earnest prayer of all our present officers and members.

(From *Morning Chronicle*.)

At the close of Mr. Murray's interesting sketch Mr. McMillan said he was sorry to state that Chalmers church would shortly lose Mr. Murray, as he will hereafter cast in his lot with the Coburg road church.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, who was the "precentor" when the church was first opened and afterwards leader of the choir, made some happy references to the old time services.

Mr. John Watson, a member of the church for many years, also spoke briefly.

"Presbyterianism in Halifax for 50 years" was allotted to Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, and the subject could not have fallen into better hands. Mr. Mackintosh prefaced his remarks with some interesting reminiscences.

Fifty years ago there was not a Protestant church north of Gerrish street nor south of Spring Garden road. Yet in those early days the leading men in the business and professional life of Halifax were Presbyterians. No better evidence of the growth of our churches can be found than in the large number of charitable institutions now maintained in our city. Of all men who have done most for these charitable institutions, the names of three Presbyterians will stand out first and foremost—Sir William Young, Alex. McLeod and William Murdoch. Mr. Mackintosh was warmly applauded at the close of his vigorous speech.

Rev. H. H. McPherson followed in a stirring address on "Presbyterianism in Canada during 50 years."

Rev. Principal McKnight, whose wife was one of the ladies on the first church roll and to whom Chalmers church is much indebted, was the next speaker. Always felicitous in expression, the learned professor was last night at his best. He said no better example of the thorough union of the Presbyterian church could be found than in this meeting, where there was a "kirkman" in the chair, celebrating the jubilee of a free church congregation.

Rev. Dr. Forrest said it was just forty years ago since he first entered Chalmers church. Then it had the old-fashioned galleries and

the box-like pulpit stretching from side to side. Then the galleries were filled with the 42nd soldiers. The speaker himself was a sort of a ninth pastor of the church, as he had assisted in obtaining three of the pastors.

The meeting was closed with the doxology and prayer by Rev. McGregor McKay.

SERVICES LORD'S DAY, 8TH OCT., 1893.

FORENOON SERVICES.

(From *Morning Herald of 9th.*)

The Jubilee services of Chalmers church yesterday were attended by large congregations. They were in progress in the forenoon, in the afternoon, and again in the evening. At the morning service the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, of Tatamagouche, moderator of the general assembly. Dr. Sedgwick preached a thoughtful discourse which was listened to with marked interest and attention, from Acts 25:18—"Whom, when Paul saw he thanked God and took courage." The preacher in his introductory remarks spoke of the trying times the apostle Paul had experienced on his way to Rome, and the dangers and tribulations he might well expect on reaching the imperial city, with nothing save his innocence to defend him. The words used by Paul are often applicable to our own circumstances. We are frequently called upon to suffer. Complete freedom from suffering would be injurious to us, and equally disastrous would be tribulation if continuous and uninterrupted. We, like the apostle, have our afflictions and consolations. Does not a light often illumine the Christian just when he thinks he is at his darkest, like Paul when he was met by friends at "Appii forum and The Three Taverns."

In the second place, the preacher said, taking a wider view, might we not use the words in regard to our country. We are told that it was a good land which God gave to his people of old, and it is a good land in which our lot is cast, and which the Lord our God has given to us. Indeed it had often occurred to the preacher that there was a remarkable similarity between the land of Canaan as described in the book of Deuteronomy by Moses, and our own land, and more especially that part of it in which we dwell. "The Lord thy God," we are there told, "bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water; of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of oil, wine and honey; a land where thou shalt eat bread without scarceness; thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land where stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass." But, be this the

case or not, it is a good land which the Lord our God has given us. Well, indeed, may it be so called. We have but to think of the extent and variety of its natural resources; its fertility throughout a large part of it, and how it abounds in all the products of the sea, the forest and the mine; of the character of its population, diverse, it is true, in race, in religion, in temperament, in character, but yet, on the whole, a people happy, and for the most part enjoying the golden means between poverty and riches. Intelligent, God-fearing as any people on the face of the earth, nay, more so I believe than most; of the nature of its institutions, combining liberty and order; and lastly of its religious advantages. We have but to think of these things to see how well it deserves to be thus described. What, then, shou'd be our feelings with respect to it—they cannot be better set forth than in the text. They should be feelings of thankfulness and of encouragement. Here, as well as in other places, there are two extremes against which we should be on our guard. There are those who tell us on the one hand in regard to our country and its condition and prospects, that everything is as it should be, that everything is right. This is one extreme against which I would warn you. Good as our land is, it is far indeed from being the case that everything is right among us, that everything is as it should be, and as it might be. There are not a few things among us which are fitted to cause the utmost solicitude and to awaken the most lively apprehension on the part of every lover of his country, things which need to be remedied and which ought to be remedied. But there is another extreme which is as much to be deprecated as this one just spoken of, that nothing is as it should be, that nothing is right. Here as elsewhere the golden mean, the truth lies between, and is pointed out to us in the text. Far from living in a fool'a paradise on the one hand, or in abandonment of hope on the other, conditions of mind which are in both cases unreasonable and fatal, perhaps equally fatal to all true national prosperity and progress. Let us feel as we ought to feel—in spite of all that is fitted to excite anxiety and apprehension—as the apostle felt when the brethren met him, and let us thank God and take courage.

The words of the text may be applied to the church with which we are connected and to which it is our privilege to belong, if we think of its past history, its present condition, and of its future. The words of the text were much in the speaker's mind during the past week in reference to the church while attending the maritime synod, and not very long ago while attending the general assembly—over which in the providence of God it was his honor and privilege to be called on to preside. Day by day as he watched and took part in the proceedings of those courts, the thoughts which were uppermost in his mind were

those to which expression is given in the text—whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage. How inspiring are the memories of our past history and what grounds of thankfulness which are furnished by the present occasion. How have we been made to take deep root and to flourish in this land? What a contrast in this respect between the present condition of our church and its condition at the time when he began his ministry, and the time, 17 years before, when Chalmers church began as a congregation? True it is we make no high pretensions. We do not claim to be *the* Church of Christ in our land as some others do. But we claim most certainly to be a Church of Christ, and we rest our claim as we are surely entitled to do, on the application to ourselves of the principles which our Lord lays down. A tree is known by its fruit. The truth is, there is no church in our land, and I believe there is no church in the world which has a clearer idea than our own of the great ends for which our Lord instituted His church here upon earth, and is setting itself more intelligently and earnestly to accomplish them. We have reason, much reason, to thank God, as we think of our church's past history, as we contemplate its present condition, and if so may we not take encouragement and hope for the future? True enough there is not a little to discourage us as we go forward to do the Lord's work. It is a great work, our powers are feeble, evil seems hard to subdue, and time is short. But there is more, far more, to enhearten than to discourage us. God has been with us. He is with us. He who has brought us so far will bring us further, even to the end, and "if God be for us, who can be against us." It seems that on a sober review of our church's condition, our feelings can be no better expressed than in words of the text, "Like Paul, we should thank God and take courage."

The preacher finally applied the words to Chalmers church. Its origin was considered,—its foundations laid by men with fidelity to principle and truth as their highest motive; the sterling character of the men who have occupied its watch tower was remembered,—not the least worthy of whom was his brother, the present pastor. The elders were men of mark, not only in the church, but in the community. The membership has consisted of a noble band of men and women. Chalmers has been the mother of churches, and, peculiarly, is the church of the stranger. Never before was it so large and so abounding in the works of the Lord. What are all these but so many grounds for encouragement and hope? Dr. Sedgwick concluded by urging his hearers to be true to Christ as their fathers had been. God would then make them more and more a blessing. He was glad he had been permitted to be present on this occasion, and that he had, would remain one of the cherished memories of his life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES 3 P. M.

The Moderator of the Synod, Rev. Allan Simpson, was the principal speaker at the afternoon service. He addressed the gathering of Sunday school children, their parents and friends, most acceptably. Following him was a brief speech by Rev. W. M. Fraser, pastor of Coburg road church. Then former superintendents of the Sunday school, who occupied seats on the platform, were called upon by the present superintendent—W. T. Kennedy—who was in the chair. John Watson, who held the position when George Cunningham, a subsequent superintendent, joined the school in 1865, was the first speaker. J. C. Mackintosh was the next superintendent, but he was not present yesterday, and Robert Murray, who succeeded him, made an interesting speech. He was followed by George Cunningham. Then there was an anthem by the choir, and the Moderator of the General Assembly addressed the gathering. The proceedings were very pleasant.

EVENING SERVICE.

(From Morning Chronicle of 9th Oct.)

Rev. Dr. Forrest, President of Dalhousie University, who has been intimately connected with the congregation for many years, was the preacher at the evening service. His text was from Deut. 4:32—"Ask now of the days that are past," from which he preached an eloquent and impressive sermon. He spoke in part as follows: The Hebrew prophet here, at the close of the many wanderings of the Israelites, reviews the history of the past. He remembers the sufferings of his people, of the plagues and of the exodus and of all the wonderful incidents on the way; and now after forty years of wandering he has come to the border of the land of promise. Well might he say to the people, "Ask now of the days that are past."

But might not the words have a meaning for the people of this church? The past fifty years have witnessed many changes; the period has been one of the most remarkable of the history of the world.

In our own nation look at the wondrous increase of territory and population! And yet these are but mere indices of the nation's greatness. But it is the religious aspect we are especially called to consider. Never probably in any period of the past has there been such manifestations of Christian philanthropy as during the past fifty years. In Great Britain poverty has decreased by 50 per cent. and crime by 80 per cent. during the half century. In work among foreign missions, marvellous progress has been made.

Let us look a little more closely at the picture of the past. In 1843 Halifax was a city of 16,000 or 18,000 inhabitants, confined in its

extent from Jacob street to Spring Garden road, and from Brunswick street to the water's edge.

At that time, apart from the national societies, there was only one charitable institution in Halifax and that was a small dispensary on Granville street, near the Province building. When we look at our splendid charitable institutions and then at the picture of the past, we cannot doubt but that the city has grown. The greatness of a city is its holiness, and if there is anything which stamps the work of our Master upon our city, it is this evidence of man's love for suffering humanity.

In 1843 there were no public schools in Halifax. One of the first things this congregation did was to establish a school; this was known as St. John's school.

In those days the country districts were sparsely settled, and often a clergyman had charge of a district many miles in extent. Who that looks at our country to-day and at our churches can doubt that we have advanced?

But all this is due to the faithful work of the pioneers of our country. Chalmers church, too, has prospered, and that too is due to the zeal of the pioneer founders of the church. From its very beginning its members seemed to be fired with zeal, but its success is most due to its band of godly women, who afterwards were the moving spirits in founding many of our charitable and benevolent institutions.

I believe this church has told upon the religious life of this city, of the whole province and of the whole church. Well then may we say of this church, "Ask now of the days of the past."

But you must not rest content with the record of the past. I appeal to the young men and women to press on in the good work which their fathers had inaugurated. Enter heartily into this service and allow yourselves to be influenced by the spirit of this Jubilee season. "The Lord of us hath mindful been," and we have cause ever to sing His praise.

The anthem was, "Be joyful in the Lord."

A large congregation was present at the evening service, the church being crowded to the doors. On the platform in addition to the pastor were Revs. Dr. Sedgwick, George McMillan and Andrew Robertson, of New Glasgow.

The choir rendered several pretty anthems during the services in splendid voice. Mr. Samuel Crawford is the leader, and he is assisted by a band of splendid singers.

The choir was stationed in the gallery during the Jubilee services, and a great improvement was noticed, the singing being much softer and more melodious. The choir would not make a mistake if they permanently took up their place in the gallery.

Rev. John McMillan concluded the service by expressing his hearty thanks to all those who had assisted in the Jubilee celebration, particularly the speakers at Friday evening's and yesterday's meetings. He regretted that it had been impossible to find the names and addresses of all those who had been former members of the congregation. To do so had been the aim. He urged the congregation to go forward with renewed effort in the work of the Master.

Sabbath School Report.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS FOR 1894.

OFFICERS.

<i>The Pastor</i>	REV. JOHN McMILLAN.
<i>Superintendent</i>	W. T. KENNEDY.
<i>Secretary</i>	MISS M. R. McCURDY.
<i>Treasurer</i>	W. T. KENNEDY.
<i>Recorder.</i>	D. S. DUNLOP.
<i>Librarians.</i>	{ HECTOR FORBES. JOSEPH McDONALD.

TEACHERS.

THE PASTOR	THOMAS FORBES.
MISS M. R. McCURDY	W. T. KENNEDY.
MISS L. M. ROSS	MISS FRANCES GRIERSON.
MISS JANIE McLEOD	MISS BESSIE CURRIE.
MISS LILY McCURDY	MISS ANNIE LOGAN.
MISS GRACE THOMPSON	MR. SAML. THOMPSON.
MISS HELENA POLSON	MISS MILLIE McMILLAN.

<i>Organist</i>	MISS GRACE THOMPSON.
<i>Leader of Praise</i>	THOMAS FORBES.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The year 1893 has come and gone and its record of our work can now be neither altered nor amended. What the world thinks of that work matters little ; what the Master thinks of it matters much. While scanning the year in order to report to the Congregation we are solemnly conscious of the fact that to the eye of Omniscience what we have accomplished may seem quite different from what it does to ourselves or our fellows. Yet we are cheered to reflect that our Lord is pleased with faithfulness even when not crowned with success, and that in His sight "not failure but low aim is crime."

The attendance of pupils, teachers and officers during the year has been gratifying. We began with an enrolment of 150 and ended with 166, the average for the year about 130. Maximum attendance on Oct. 29th, 143; minimum Aug. 13th, 73. While these figures show a decided improvement, yet we are not satisfied. Although the S. S. Committee of our Christian Endeavor has done valuable work in bringing in new pupils and in looking after those already enrolled, yet while there are children belonging to our own Congregation and other children in our immediate vicinity profaning the day by idleness and learning in the school of Satan rather than in the school of Christ, we ought not to be satisfied. As Sabbath School workers we need to exhibit that eternal vigilance which in Christian, no less than in secular work, is the price of success.

We have now 13 classes and the Pastor's Bible Class, 3 less than last year. Mr. James McIntosh, elder, after very many years of faithful service, has retired for a much-needed rest. Mr. Hugh Gunn, who would fain have continued with us but for circumstances beyond his control, is now an elder and an esteemed worker in a sister Church. Miss McCurdy's Class has been merged with his. Miss Lizzie McDonald transferred her class to Miss Janie McLeod, and the class was doing admirably. Miss Grace Thompson, much to the regret of her class and of the whole school, was forced to resign her place as a teacher. For some months the class had the benefit of Mr. Robert Grierson's teaching, and when he could remain no longer, Mr. Samuel Thompson, who had been our efficient librarian for years, took his place. Mr. Thompson and Miss McLeod are the only teachers who have begun work in 1893, and we hope they may long continue it with their present energy and success. Mr. Joseph McDonald has kindly come to our assistance in the library.

Among the additions to the membership of the Church during the year, six were from the Sabbath School. The nearer we come to being a nursery of the Church of Christ the nearer we come to occupying our true place.

We had a pic-nic at Donaldson's Grounds on June 21st. The Congregation heartily co-operated with the School, and a very pleasant day was spent. The proceeds, after paying all expenses, were over \$50.00.

Financially we have done well. A debt of over \$125 has disappeared. Our papers, with which we had to dispense last year, have again been ordered.

The jubilee year of our congregation did not pass unknown to our Sabbath School. The School assembled in the Church, the attendance of visitors was large, the full choir was present, and the music as well as the addresses was worthy of the occasion. The earnest and eloquent words of Dr. Sedgwick, Moderator of Assembly, Rev. Allan Simpson, Moderator of Synod, Rev. W. M. Fraser and others fell upon attentive ears, and may possibly be told again in part at our next Jubilee.

Fellow-teachers! We have much to be thankful for. Ours is the blessed privilege of work, not the harder task of standing still. Let us be wise in our work, and let us work wisely. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever."

W. T. KENNEDY, *Superintendent.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Paid Balance due Treasurer from 1892	\$ 15 72
" " " Book and Tract Society from 1892	109 05
Children's Record	15 00
S. S. County Association	15 00
N. S. Printing Company	2 50
Rev. T. F. Fotheringham	6 00
100 Copies Childrens' Hymnal	4 50
Balance with Treasurer	1 51
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	\$169 28

Or.

Amount of 12 monthly collections	\$ 94 08
Special contribution received in March from Mr. Dennis	10 00
Proceeds of Picnic	52 20
Use of organ	3 00
A Friend	10 00
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	\$169 28

COLLECTED FOR MISSIONS.

First Quarter	\$ 33 36
Second Quarter	34 51
Third Quarter	30 92
Fourth Quarter	38 94
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	\$137 73

Distributed as follows:

Point Aux Trembles School	\$ 50 00
Dayspring	40 00
North West Mission	20 00
Sabbath School Association	10 00
Foreign Mission Debt	17 73
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	\$137 73

W. T. KENNEDY, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Ladies' Aid Society.

It is with much satisfaction and with fervent gratitude to God that the members of this Society review the work accomplished since the formation of the Society in 1884. As will be seen in the accounts to be submitted, they raised over \$3000 in all for congregational purposes. They contributed over \$1,500 towards the hall, and \$1,250 towards the renovation of the church. They will not say that these important works would never have been undertaken but for their assistance and encouragement—but they heartily rejoice that they have had such a *large* share in the bringing of them to a successful completion. They ask to be remembered by the good they have done. During the past year they contributed \$100 towards the removal of the debt incurred on account of the renovation of the church, and they have now on hand a respectable sum to be devoted to such purposes as they may hereafter determine. They acknowledge with thanks the kindness of Rev. Mr. Carruthers in giving Readings, and of the pastor of the church in giving a Lecture—by both of which their funds were considerably increased. The Society assisted heartily in making the Jubilee services a success, and they rejoice that now there is no debt on the church, and that the revenue from the property owned by the church fully covers the interest of the debt on the hall. The Society therefore feel that they can disband for a time at least, and turn their efforts in another direction—more especially as very few ladies have lately attended their meetings. They are *glad* that they have been able to do so much for their beloved church—and they beg to assure the congregation that though they cease their labours as a Society, their love for their church and their desire for its prosperity will not be diminished.

The Mite Collectors, Misses Annie McMillan, Mina Crawford and Maggie McIntosh, have done a noble work during the year, for which they deserve to be held in grateful remembrance by the whole congregation. In most cases they were heartily welcomed, and the mites were given cheerfully. They were not discouraged by occasional grumbling and by weary tramps at times for nothing.

By gathering \$142.77 during the year they have illustrated "the power of littles." The same collectors have kindly agreed to continue their labors throughout this year. Let them receive a hearty welcome everywhere! As the Aid Society dies to-night, let the Mite Society receive increased encouragement and support. During the past eight years the Mite Collectors gathered \$858 00. Surely such persevering labor deserves hearty praise!

The following figures will show at a glance what a help the Society has been to the church:—

I. ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1893.

Receipts.

1.	On hand at the beginning of the year	\$100 58
2.	Received from interest	1 40
3.	“ “ Mite Collectors	142 77
4.	“ “ Readings by Rev. Mr. Carruthers	27 00
5.	“ “ Lecture by Pastor and Fancy Sale	56 00
6.	“ “ Articles disposed of since sale	10 28
7.	“ “ the Treasurer, Mrs. Cunningham	2 85
	Total	<u>\$340 88</u>

Expenditure.

1.	Paid on 2nd Feb., for church renovation	\$100 00
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Leaving a balance to the credit of the Society of

This amount is deposited in the Dominion Savings Bank.

II. ACCOUNT SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY.

Receipts.

1.	Received up to Jan. 18th, 1893 (see last report)	\$2793 46
2.	“ “ during 1893	240 30
	Total	<u>\$3033 76</u>

Expenditure.

1.	Paid toward Chalmers hall	\$1542 88
1.	“ “ “ Church renovation	1250 00
	Total	<u>\$2792 88</u>

Leaving a balance as above of

\$ 240 88

Respectfully submitted by

ELIZABETH MCMILLAN, *President.*

SARAH CUNNINGHAM, *Secy-Treasurer.*

Report of the Mission Band.

OFFICERS FOR 1894.

<i>President</i>	MISS BESSIE CURRIE.
<i>Vice-President</i>	MISS LIBBIE GUILD.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MISS LILLIE MCCURDY.
<i>Secretary</i>	MISS MAGGIE MACINTOSH.

The attendance at the meetings of the Band during 1893 has been fairly good, although there are still some children in the congregation who, we think, might attend. Why cannot all the little girls of the Sunday School join us, we need them all. Mothers could you not help us in this noble work, by sending your children to spend an hour with us on Thursday afternoons?

Financially the past year has been better than previous ones. In March a sale of articles, made by members of the Band, was held. A concert under the leadership of Mr. S. Thomson was held and proceeds put to the credit of the Band. We extend our thanks to Mr. Thomson for his untiring efforts in making the concert a success.

We submit the following statement. Hoping that an increased interest in the work of the Band will be shown. This report is respectfully submitted by

BESSIE CURRIE, *President*.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Received from retiring Treasurer	\$ 1 81
“ fees of Members.....	4 75
“ Mite boxes.....	5 20
“ private sale of aprons	4 05
“ Bazaar	43 80
“ proceeds of Concert.....	25 20
	<hr/> \$84 81

Expenditure.

Paid for Sundries....	\$16 50
“ to W. F. Society.....	66 00
	<hr/> \$82 50
Balance.....	\$ 2 31

MAGGIE MACINTOSH, *Treasurer*.

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

We have come to the close of another year—the sixth of our life as a Christian Endeavor Society, and as we let it go from us, we look back to see what has been accomplished for Christ, and the church. We can say for ourselves that God has been with us and blessed us in our meetings and in our fellowship with one another, and we hope and trust we have let the blessing of God which was upon us shine forth on those with whom we came in contact, and that we have been the means of helping some others, if only in a small degree. Our membership has largely increased since last year. At the last annual meeting we reported 42 members; now we have nearly doubled our numbers, having on the roll 80 names, 62 of these are active members, 13 associate and 5 honorary. We have seven committees, all striving, we believe, to do their work faithfully. The visiting committee have made over 1500 visits during the year, providing reading matter for the hospital, and several times some little treat for the inmates of the Poorhouse.

We have raised during the year over \$150.00, which shows that our members are being trained in the grace of giving. Our members are also actively engaged in the work of the church. All the Sabbath School teachers, members of the choir, and Mission Band workers, with a very few exceptions, are members of the C. E. Society. We would be very glad if some of the Elders or older members of the congregation would visit us some times, and give us a word of encouragement and help, and we cordially invite all young people in the church to come with us and help us work for Christ and the church. Our prayer is that God would help us in this new year to keep our pledge more faithfully, to try to do whatever He would like to have us do, and so let our light shine that others may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE MCCURDY, *President last half year.*

Financial Report of C. E. Society for 1893.

SOCIETY ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

(1) Balance from last year	\$ 2 45
(2) Collections	28 60
(3) Collected for Organ	43 00
	\$ 74 05

Expenditure.

(1) Paid C. E. Convention expenses	\$ 5 00
(2) " Montreal "	3 00
(3) " New Organ	43 00
(4) " General expenses	19 68
	\$ 70 68

Balance on hand	\$ 3 37
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II. MISSIONARY ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

(1) Special collection for Home Missions.....	\$ 5 29
(2) Trinidad College	60 00
(3) Collected for Bible Society.....	35 20
	-----\$100 49

Expenditure.

(1) Paid to Rev. P. M. Morrison.....	\$ 65 29
(2) " Bible Society.....	35 20
	-----\$100 49

Total raised by C. E. Society.....\$172 09

GRACE THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

Report of Auxiliary of W. F. M. Society.

An Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed on 29th Nov. with a membership of 15. The following officers were appointed for 1894:

<i>President</i>	MRS. JOHN McMILLAN.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	{ MRS. W. T. KENNEDY.
	{ MRS. ALFRED McDONALD.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. JOHN RYAN.
<i>Secretary</i>	MISS NETTIE MCCURDY.

It was resolved to begin active work with the New Year. All the ladies connected with the Church are heartily invited to join this important Society, and help in extending our Redeemer's Kingdom throughout the world. The prayers of the Congregation are asked for this new Society that it may be blessed and be a blessing.

ELIZABETH McMILLAN, *President.*

NETTIE MCCURDY, *Secretary.*

Report of Trustees.

The Trustees beg to submit a brief report of their work during the past year. The property of the Congregation is in good condition. The subjoined figures will show the exact state of the finances.

I.—Total Receipts for the year.

Cash in hand	\$ 192 91
Cash from Tenants for Rent	934 00
Cash from Managers	50 00
Cash collection from Church	6 43
Total	\$1183 34

II.—Total Expenditure for the year.

Paid Interest Account	\$ 665 00
“ Insurance Account	93 00
“ Repairs	255 84
Total	\$1013 84
Balance to Credit	\$ 169 50

I.—Estimated Expenditure for 1894.

Interest to be paid, \$13,000 bearing Interest at 5%	\$650 00
“ “ “ \$250 “ “ 6%	15 00
Total amount of Interest	\$665 00
Insurance Account	108 00
	\$773 00

II.—Estimated Receipts for 1894.

Rents from Property	\$900 00
Amount from Managers	50 00
	\$950 00
Balance to Credit	\$177 00

From which is to be deducted the cost of any repairs necessary.

During the year all bills incurred for renovation of the Church have been paid. The account is as follows:—

Receipts.

From Jubilee Collection, &c.	\$301 05
“ Ladies' Aid Society	100 00
	\$401 05

Expenditure.

Paid bills as per last year's Report (page 25)	\$371 87
Paid Printing for Jubilee, Portraits, &c.	29 18
	\$401 05

Respectfully submitted by
JAMES CRAWFORD, *Chairman Trustees.*

Report of the Managing Committee.

At the close of another year your Managing Committee beg leave to report that we have, to the best of our ability, discharged the duties assigned to us. During the year we attended nine regular meetings and three special ones. The love we cherish for our Church and Pastor encouraged us greatly to do the work you appointed us for.

At the beginning of 1893 envelopes were issued to 83 contributors, who promised to give an aggregate of \$1818.20. During the year 10 contributors removed from the congregation, causing a deficit of \$108.95. 9 regular contributors are in arrears \$70.25; yet we are pleased to say the majority have paid even more than they promised.

Collections during the year :

By envelopes.....	\$1642 30
" open collections.....	784 24
Total.....	\$2426 54

We began the year with a debt of \$229.86; closed with a debt of \$195.42. Net gain of \$34.44. Our cry always has been to the congregation to wipe off the debt, and it is still louder now. The only way to encourage your committee is to give liberally, so that we may be able to present a balance on the right side at the close of each year, and cause your hearts to rejoice. We are pleased to know we are gaining ground, but yet we expect more of the congregation during this year than ever before, as the outside of the church must be attended to, and at least \$350.00 will be required to do the work, your committee feel satisfied that Chalmers congregation will not let their place of worship go to ruin for want of repairs. We therefore, on behalf of our successors in office this year, ask for greater liberality on the part of members and adherents, in view of the much needed repairs that must be done. Please bear this in mind and give Sabbath after Sabbath, as the Lord prospers you, so that you can look at the outside of the church with satisfaction as you do now at the inside.

Our successors in office must be encouraged as we have been. We ask for your prayers as well as your giving, in order that Divine blessings will be bestowed more abundantly upon our labors.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous year,

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of Managing Committee,

ALEX. MCDUGALL, *Chairman.*

JAMES S. HILL, *Secretary.*

CHALMERS CHURCH *in account with* THOS. FORBES, *Treasurer.*

1893.		DR.	
Jany. 1.	To balance from last year.....	\$	229 86
	To paid Minister's Stipend.....	1500	00
	" Leader of Choir.....	200	00
	" Janitor.....	241	50
	" Fire Insurance.....	120	00
	" Coal Account.....	37	00
	" Water Rates, 93-94.....	32	20
	" Gas, Church, \$48.80 ; Hall, 38.00.....	86	80
	" Printing Reports, Envelopes, &c.....	48	47
	" Trustees Interest.....	50	00
	" Cleaning Church and Hall.....	10	12
	" Repairing Stoves, &c.....	19	55
	" Chas. Hilchie, screens for back pews.	24	53
	" Sundry small bills.....	21	93
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			\$2621 96

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By Collections :

First quarter.....	\$641 68
Second ".....	586 79
Third ".....	552 17
Fourth ".....	645 90
To Balance.....	195 42
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	\$2621 96

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Jany. 1. To Balance due Treasurer\$ 195 42

Audited.

A. MILLAR.

H. W. CAMERON.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1893.

1.	Raised by the Session.....	\$1044 99
2.	“ “ Choir	57 30
3.	“ “ Sunday School for Missions.....	137 73
4.	“ “ Expenses	169 28
5.	“ “ Ladies' Aid Society	240 30
6.	“ “ Christian Endeavour Society.....	169 64
7.	“ “ Mission Band.....	83 00
8.	“ “ Trustees.....	940 43
9.	“ “ “ for renovation of Church.....	301 05
10.	“ “ Managers.....	2426 54
	Total for 1893	\$5570 26
	Total for 1892	5505 63
	Increase	<u>\$ 64 63</u>

ACCOUNTS BALANCED, 1893.

<i>In Debt.</i>		
1.	Managing Committee.....	\$ 195 42
2.	Session Fund	7 41
		<u>\$202 83</u>
<i>In Fund.</i>		
1.	Ladies Aid Society	\$ 240 88
2.	Trustees.....	169 50
3.	Christian Endeavour Society.	3 37
4.	Mission Band.....	2 21
5.	Choir	27 77
6.	Sunday School.....	1 51
		<u>\$ 445 24</u>