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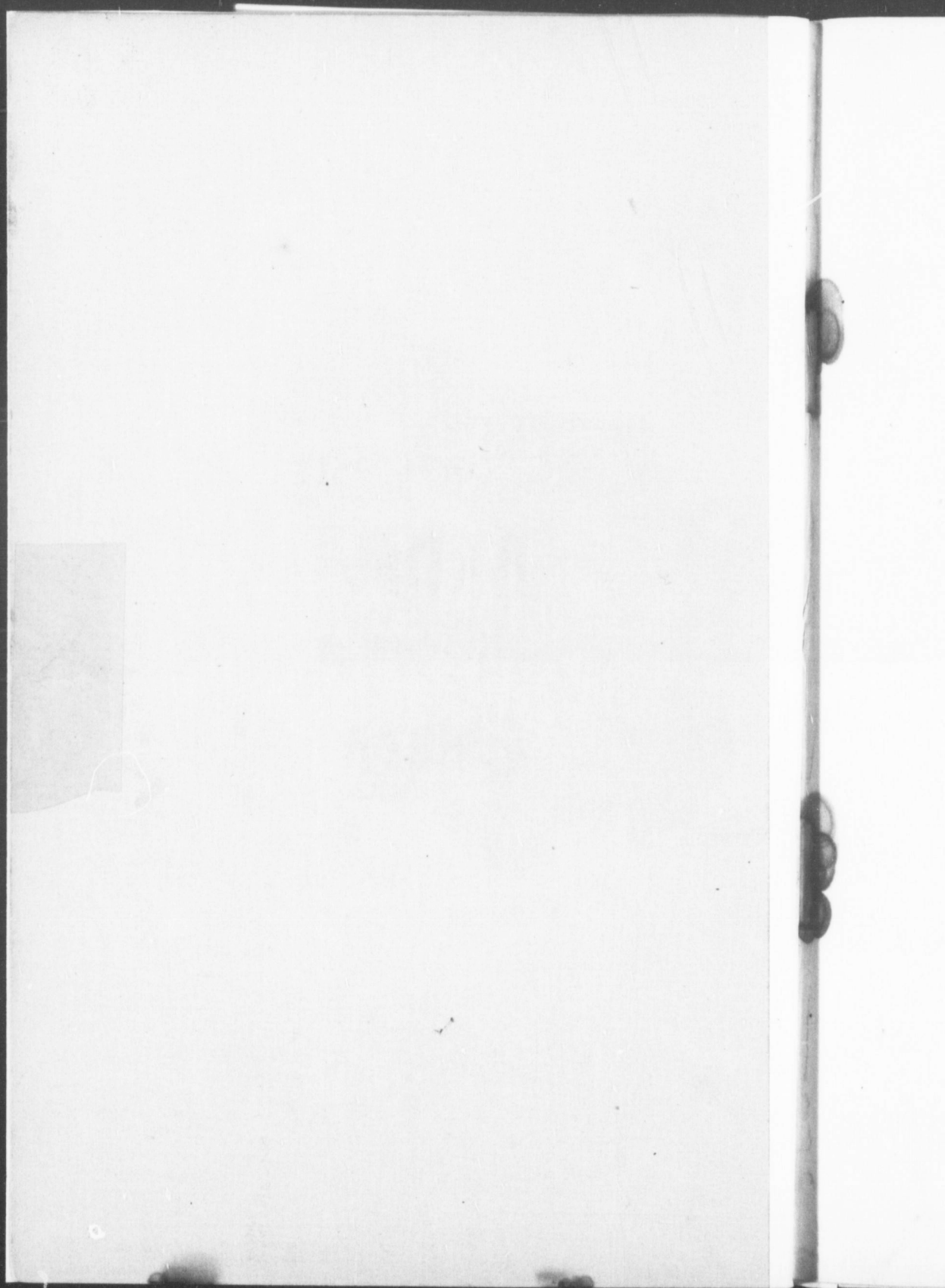
REPORT OF

**McNab Street
Presbyterian
Church**

HAMILTON, ONTARIO,

FOR THE YEAR 1899. ❧





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" Johnson
" McKenzie
" Quarrier
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		" McLean
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" Fletcher		" McNab
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		" McQuesten
<i>Vice-Presidents,</i>	- - - - -	{ " Fletcher
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<i>2nd Vice-President,</i>	- - - - -	" Moncur
<i>3rd Vice-President,</i>	- - - - -	" Murphy
<i>Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	" McQuesten
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - - - -	" Dingwall

JUVENILE MISSION BAND

<i>President,</i>	- - - - -	Miss Davidson
<i>Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	" Effie McFarlane
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - - - -	" Douglas Williams

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

<i>President,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. C. W. Graham
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	- - - - -	" John Proctor
<i>2nd Vice-President,</i>	- - - - -	" A. R. McFarlane
<i>Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	" Dobbie
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - - - -	Miss Malloy

CALENDAR OF Church Services and Stated Meetings

- PUBLIC WORSHIP—Sabbath, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
ELDERS' PRAYER MEETING—Sabbath at 10.30 a. m.
SABBATH SCHOOL—Sabbath at 3 p. m.
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING—Wednesday at 8 p. m.
ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—First Sabbath of June; second Sabbaths of September, December and March.
SESSION MEETINGS—Second Tuesday of each month.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR—At the Manse, every Friday afternoon and evening, and in the Vestry every Sabbath after the evening service.
ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH—First Sabbath in May.
S. S. ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING—In January.
S. S. ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING—First Thursday of each month at 8 p. m.
SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY—In January.
MANAGERS' MEETING—Second Monday of each month at 8 p. m.
PEWS AND SITTINGS—May be secured from the Pew Committee after morning service, or at 7.30 p. m. on evening of Managers' Meetings.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION—Third Wednesday in January.
AUXILIARY OF W. F. M. SOCIETY—First Tuesday of each month at 3.30 p. m.
SENIOR MISSION BAND—Meets in the Manse every Tuesday at 8 p. m.
JUVENILE MISSION BAND—Meets every Monday at 4.30 p. m.
Y. P. S. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—Meets every Monday at 8 p. m.
LADIES' AID SOCIETY—Second Thursday of each month at 3 p. m.

ELDERS' DISTRICTS

- No. 1—North of King and west of Caroline—MR. J. M. DINGWALL.
“ 2—North of King and from Caroline to Catharine.—MR. JOHN TAYLOR.
“ 3—North of King and east of Catharine—MR. G. H. MILNE.
“ 4—South of King and east of Ferguson Ave.—
“ 5—South of King and from Ferguson Ave. to John—MR. A. W. LEITCH.
“ 6—South of King and from John to Park—DR. J. D. MACDONALD.
“ 7—South of King and from Park to Caroline—REV. JAMES BLACK.
“ 8—South of King and from Caroline to Queen—MR. J. G. McILWRAITH.
“ 9—South of King and west of Queen—REV. JOHN GAULD.

Cases of sickness, change of residence, &c., to be reported to the Elder of the District or to the Pastor.

Report of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the McNab Street Presbyterian Church Congregation was held in the Sabbath School, on Wednesday evening, 17th January, 1900, at 8 o'clock, having been duly summoned from the pulpit.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Pastor, who thereupon requested that a Chairman should be appointed, and vacated the chair.

Mr. Alexander Turner was, on motion of Mr. D. McPhie, seconded by Mr. W. H. Wardrope, elected Chairman; and Mr. Jas. Chisholm was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were on motion duly carried, taken as read and confirmed.

Mr. J. G. McIlwraith, Session Clerk, presented the report of the Session, and moved, seconded by Rev. James Black, its adoption.—Carried.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, presented their report concerning the arbitration proceedings instituted by them against the T. H. & B. Railway Co., and the report was, on motion duly made and seconded, received and adopted.

Mr. D. McPhie, Chairman of the Board of Managers, presented the report of the Board and moved, seconded by Mr. C. W. Graham, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. Jas. Chisholm, the Treasurer, presented his report and moved, seconded by Mr. A. Ballentine, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. A. W. Leitch, Superintendent of the Sunday School, presented his report and moved, seconded by Mr. W. Symington, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. W. T. Miller, Treasurer of the Sabbath School, presented his report of the S. S. finances, and moved, seconded by Mr. Geo. H. Milne, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. Storey presented the report of the Y. P. S. C. E., which was on his motion, duly seconded, received and adopted.

Mrs. McQuesten reported verbally for the Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., the written report to be handed in to the Secretary; and Mrs. C. W. Graham reported verbally for the Ladies' Aid Society. Both Societies reported prosperous years and the reports were received with applause.

Miss Mary Cook presented the report of the Mission Band, which was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher reported verbally as to the Mission Schemes of the Church and the 20th Century Fund. The total contributions to the Mission Schemes were \$574, and with the sums collected by the W. F. M. S. and other organizations, amounted to over \$1,300 for the year.

The total subscriptions to date to the Century Fund were \$2,970, of which \$1,000 had already been paid in and no canvassing for the Fund had as yet been done.

Mr. E. Skedden, Choir Master, presented his report, which was, on motion duly made and seconded, received and adopted. Mr. Skedden pointed out certain improvements in connection with the accommodation for the Choir and Organist which he would like to see made and suggested to the Congregation ways and means of encouragement to the Choir.

The retiring Managers, viz.: Messrs. D. McPhie, Jas. Strous and Jas. Chisholm, were re-elected for another term.

On motion of Mr. D. McPhie, seconded by Mr. C. S. Murray, Mr. Adam H. Hope was elected a Trustee of the Church and Manse properties, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Alexander Davidson.

Moved by Mr. Alex. Leith, seconded by Mr. C. S. Murray, and resolved, that the following be elected Ushers for the year 1900:—From the Board of Managers—Messrs. Sutherland, Ballentine, Chisholm, Hossack, Murray, Graham, Symington and Leith; From the Congregation—Messrs. J. N. McDougall, Stewart T. McPhie, W. Ainslie, W. T. Miller, J. Y. Taylor, W. P. Graham, Wm. James and Reginald Glassco.

Messrs. R. A. Robertson and R. A. Ptolemy were duly elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

On motion duly made and seconded the Missionary Committee was re-appointed.

Votes of thanks were then passed and tendered to the Missionary Association and Collectors; the Organist, Leader and Choir; the officers and teachers of the Sabbath School, and the officers of the various organizations connected with the Church. A special vote of thanks was, on motion of Mr. Geo. H. Milne, seconded by Mr. D. McPhie, passed in favor of and tendered by the Chairman to Mr. Jas. Chisholm for his services to the Congregation as Solicitor for the Church in the litigation with the T. H. & B. Ry., which Mr. Chisholm suitably acknowledged.

After the reporters for the city newspapers had been thanked for their attendance, the chair was vacated by Mr. Turner on motion of Mr. A. Sutherland, and taken by Rev. James Black. Mr. Sutherland then moved, seconded by Mr. J. M. Dingwall, that the thanks of the Congregation be tendered to Mr. Turner for his conduct in the chair. The vote was passed unanimously and tendered to Mr. Turner by Rev. Mr. Black, to which Mr. Turner replied in appropriate terms.

The meeting was then closed and the benediction pronounced.

JAMES CHISHOLM,
Secretary.

Report of Session

The Session in presenting their Annual Report desire to express unfeigned gratitude to God for His continued goodness to the Congregation, and for all the tokens of Divine favor which the various organizations, connected with the Church, enjoyed during the year. The services of the Sanctuary on the Lord's day were carried on without interruption during the year. The Session desire to impress affectionately on the members and adherents of the Congregation the duty and benefit of waiting upon God regularly in the appointed services of the Sanctuary, and also of attendance at the weekly congregational Prayer Meeting; and would remind them also of the obligation to keep sacred the Lord's day by carefully abstaining from all unnecessary labor, and by devoting the day to the gracious purposes for which it was designed.

The Session, feeling deeply interested in the religious instruction of the young, would commend the Sabbath School to the warm sympathy and support of the members and adherents of the Congregation. They express thankfulness to God for the earnest and efficient labors of the teachers, and would urge the members of the Church, especially parents, to encourage these teachers by their sympathy and by taking a more practical interest in the work of the school.

The Society of Christian Endeavour held regularly a weekly meeting which was well attended. We believe that this meeting for prayer and study of God's word has been promotive of spiritual good among the young.

The plan of study prepared by the General Assembly's Committee was faithfully carried out.

The needs and claims of the Mission work of the Church, especially that of the ever expanding work in the great North-west are increasingly urgent. While some of the members are faithfully and generously contributing towards this work, it is a matter of regret that a considerable number fail to do so.

The Session commend the Century Thanksgiving Fund to the sympathy and liberal support of all connected with the Congregation. We believe that this scheme which the General Assembly has so heartily undertaken, is not only a fitting expression of gratitude to God who has so abundantly blessed us, but will largely meet the pressing needs of the Lord's word, and will revive and strengthen our faith in the great head of the Church, and thus lead us prayerfully to expect a great spiritual awakening and a mighty "forward movement" in all good works.

There were 15 meetings of Session held during the year.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed 4 times.

The following members were removed by death :—

WALTER R. MACDONALD.	MRS. LEITCH.
ALEXANDER DAVIDSON.	ROBERT CHISHOLM.
JAMES M. VINCENT.	WILLIAM FAIRLEY.

The death of these beloved friends is a solemn call to all to be ready, "for we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh." It is a call to earnestness and devotion in the Master's service, "while it is day for the night cometh, when no man can work."

The Session after due consideration of the needs of the Congregation, and of the fact that several of the brethren now in the eldership are advanced in life, beg to intimate that steps will be taken, in the near future, to make an addition to the eldership.

There were 29 names added to the Communion Roll during the year; removed by certificate 22, and by death 6. There were 9 baptisms. With thankfulness to God for all past mercies, the Session would impress on themselves, and upon all connected with the Congregation the duty of labouring by prayer and work to secure the promised blessing.

J. G. McILWRAITH,
Session Clerk.

D. H. FLETCHER,
Moderator.

Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of the Church and Manse properties of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, beg to report as follows :

In accordance with the instructions of the Congregation your Board instituted arbitration proceedings to compel payment by the T. H. & B. Railway of the damage caused by the Railway to the Church property in consequence of the building of the Railway upon Hunter Street. The proceedings proved very tedious and expensive, and it was only on the 5th December last that we were informed by the Church Solicitors that the matter had been definitely settled. At a meeting of the Trustees held on that day at the office of Mr. Chisholm, a statement of receipts and disbursements in connection with the arbitration was submitted. From this statement, a copy of which is hereto annexed, it appears that out of the \$1000 damages eventually secured by the Church as the fruits of the arbitration, the net amount coming to the Trustees after repaying to the Church Treasurer all interest paid by him on moneys provided for taking up the first award and the disbursements of the Church Solicitors not recovered from the Railway Company is \$693.57.

The Trustees, while thankful that the Congregation have escaped the very heavy costs entailed by the arbitration, were unanimous in condemning the costly and tedious procedure provided for ascertaining damages in such cases, the manifestly unjust and harsh construction placed upon the law bearing on such cases as viewed from the property owners' standpoint, and lastly the vexatious conduct of the Railway Company in indulging in numerous, unnecessary and futile appeals, resulting only in delay and expense to both parties.

Your Board desires to heartily thank those members of the congregation and others who voluntarily gave evidence in the arbitration on behalf of the Church, and in many ways assisted the Church in its fight against the Railway Company.

The Church Treasurer was instructed to refund all interest paid by him to the Bank of Hamilton upon the moneys borrowed to pay the arbitrators' fees and take up the first award, and out of

the balance, namely—\$693.57, to repay such amount as the mortgagee of the Sabbath School may be willing to accept upon her mortgage, and to deposit the balance in a special account bearing interest.

In accordance with these instructions the Treasurer has repaid upon the Sabbath School mortgage the sum of \$250, and deposited the remainder, namely—\$443.57, in the Bank at 3% interest.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

ALEX. TURNER.

McNAB STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
In account with CHISHOLM & LOGIE.

Macdonald v. T. H. & B. Ry.

RECEIPTS.

1899			
Sept. 20—	Amount of award	\$1000 00	
	Interest on \$500 from date of first award and on		
	\$500 from date of second award	91 35	
Dec. 4—	Cash paid arbitrators returned	1192 00	
			\$2283 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
June 29—	Cheque C. G. Snider, arbitrators' fees	\$1192 00	
			\$1192 00
Nov. 1—	Interest, 4 months	\$ 25 15	
1898.			
March 4—	" 4 "	24 75	
June 8—	" 3 "	18 75	
Oct. 12—	" 4 "	24 65	
1899.			
Jan. 14—	" 3 "	18 75	
May 17—	" 4 "	24 26	
Sept. 20—	" 4 "	25 35	
			161 66
	Chisholm & Logie, Solicitor and Client Bill,		
	disbursements only	\$ 236 12	
			236 12
			\$1589 78
	Balance on hand	\$ 693 57	

CHISHOLM & LOGIE.

Hamilton, Dec. 4th, 1899.

Managers' Report

The Board of Management begs to present the Forty-fifth Annual Report of the temporal affairs of the Congregation.

Your Board notices with pleasure that the weekly collections are about \$200.00 in excess of those of 1898, and greater than they have been any year since 1895. A special collection was taken up in December to prevent any possibility of a deficit, and the amount received in response to the call was \$142.20. For the first time in many years your Board has not been called on to make special efforts to meet their obligations. This is no doubt attributable to the marked revival of trade, and the general prosperity of the community after a season of prolonged depression.

Your Board further congratulates the Congregation on the final successful termination of the lengthy litigation with the T. H. & B. Railway, extending over a period of four and one-half years. While the net result in dollars and cents is small, and not worth the struggle it cost to secure it and the risk involved of having to pay heavy costs, we feel satisfied that the attempt to secure reasonable compensation from the Railway Company has been made, and we feel warranted in condemning unstintedly the costliness of the procedure by arbitration provided by the Railway Act, and the one-sidedness of the law applicable to such cases, which practically confiscates private property abutting on a street over which a railway gets right of way. But, under the existing law, individuals are made to suffer. Is it not reasonable to ask that the law be so changed as to secure justice to even the humblest citizen whose property is either taken or injured in the construction of works needed to further the public interest?

A report will be submitted showing the net amount received from the arbitration to be \$693.57, out of which \$250 has been repaid on the S. S. mortgage and \$443.57 is deposited in the bank bearing interest.

Your Board confidently anticipates that the Congregation will be able to pay off the S. S. mortgage by 1st March next, and the Manse mortgage by 1st June, 1901, the date fixed for the closing of the century fund. The start made in connection with this fund in our Congregation is very encouraging and justifies the sanguine expectations of the members of the Board.

The retiring managers are Messrs. Strous, McPhie and Chisholm, who are eligible for re-election.

You are also asked to appoint a new Trustee of the Church and Manse properties to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alexander Davidson.

Respectfully submitted,

D. McPHIE,
Chairman.



Treasurer's Report

ABSTRACT STATEMENT

OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1899.

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1898.....	\$ 3 80	
Envelopes and open collections.....	3,907 21	
Anniversary collection.....	146 15	
Special Collection.....	142 20	
		\$4,199 36
Augmentation Fund.....	\$ 80 00	
Sabbath School.....	50 05	
A. & I. Ministers' Fund.....	61 10	
Charitable Fund.....	31 53	
		222 68
Pew rent.....	\$ 149 00	
Sabbath School rent, Macrae lecture.....	2 50	
Rent, L. T. Mewburn.....	1 00	
Award re T. H. & B.....	1,000 00	
Interest on same.....	91 35	
Arbitrators' fees repaid by T. H. & B.....	1,192 00	
		2,435 85
		\$6,857 89

DISBURSEMENTS

Minister's stipend.....	\$2,400 00	
Special Collections:		
Augmentation Fund.....	\$ 80 00	
Sabbath School.....	50 05	
A. & I. Minister's Fund.....	61 10	
Charitable Fund.....	31 53	
		222 68
Musical Service:		
Organist.....	\$ 250 00	
Miss Fraser.....	100 00	
E. Skedden.....	150 00	
Water power for organ.....	75 00	
Music.....	24 24	
		599 24
		\$3,221 92

Brought forward.....	\$3,221 92
General Expenses:	
Taxes on Manse.....	\$ 123 00
Water rates.....	36 00
Insurance ..	24 50
Fuel	158 77
Gas.....	129 55
Printing and Stationery.....	99 20
Incidentals	64 42
Caretaker's salary.....	360 00
Assembly Fund	38 32
Com. Elements.....	4 50
Improvements and repairs	83 18
Pulpit supply.....	30 00
Interest.....	1,151 44
Interest on arbitration note	275 00
Arbitration note	\$ 68 36
Arbitration award, \$1,000, less interest on note additional	1,200 00
to \$91.35 received on Sept. 20th, 1899	929 69
Balance on hand.....	2,198 05
	11 48
	<u>\$6,857 89</u>

JAS. CHISHOLM,

Treasurer.

LIABILITIES

Mortgage on Manse.....	\$2,500 00
Sabbath School.....	2,750 00
	\$5,250 00

ASSETS

Cash, net balance after settlement T. H. & B. award, \$693.57, less	
\$250.00, repaid on S. S. Mortgage.....	443 57
Net indebtedness.....	<u>\$4,806 43</u>

We certify that the Receipts and Disbursements as set forth are correct as per the vouchers submitted.

A. H. HOPE, }
R. A. ROBERTSON, } *Auditors.*

Hamilton 17th, January, 1900.

Sabbath School Report

The time has come on which to report for another year, and we do so with pleasure unexcelled in past days, not because we are able to intimate numerical growth or great strength towards what is falsely named "modern improvement," but because our progress has been towards the solidation of character and the spiritual upbuilding of the young who are entrusted to our care. No attractive, glittering methods are used to make the School what is called to-day a "success." Sabbath after Sabbath teachers and scholars come together, the one desiring to do, the other to become—good. He who superintends knows this to be truth. The future men and women of the Church are to-day in its nursery, therefore we seek to realize how great is our responsibility.

Numerically the School is as under :

Officers and Teachers.....	25
Scholars on roll.....	146
Average attendance	106

The Treasurer's statement will show our financial condition, of which, in this year of many demands, we need not be ashamed.

The Century Fund had our attention, and will again have our care in the coming year, part of which shall be applied towards the debt of our own Church.

The library continues to be a valued auxiliary in our work, and under able management is very helpful. In these days of moderate-priced literature we do not hesitate to ask gifts to our Library, and feel sure the pleasure of donating and receiving would be mutual.

We thank the Congregation for their usual,—and we must admit,—expected generosity in the form of their annual collection.

We go forward to the closing year of the century full of hope that it shall be a great year here, and elsewhere, for the glory of Him who has said, "Lo, I am with you always."

The Superintendent on his own behalf desires to thank his fellow-workers for their extreme kindness to him during the year.

A. W. LEITCH,
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

SABBATH SCHOOL

RECEIPTS	
Collections for 1899	\$ 136 89
EXPENDITURE	
Lord's Day Alliance	\$ 5 00
Century Fund	20 00
Home Missions	45 00
Foreign Missions	25 00
Bursary for French Students	40 00
Balance on hand	1 89
	<u>\$ 136 89</u>
EXPENSE ACCOUNT	
Balance from last year	\$23 37
" Pic-nic account	13 75
Received from Managers	50 00
	<u>\$ 87 12</u>
Account Organ	\$ 7 00
Lime light views for Anniversary	5 00
Dishes, &c.	6 83
Supplies	49 00
Balance on hand	19 29
	<u>87 12</u>
Library Fund	46 45
Paid for fixing Library	\$ 6 75
Balance on hand	39 70
	<u>46 45</u>
WM. T. MILLER,	
<i>Treasurer.</i>	

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS	
Balance in Bank	\$ 3 17
Fees	\$ 6 50
Collections	18 75
Mite boxes	4 85
Net proceeds, garden party	113 90
Interest	2 17
	<u>146 17</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Stationery	\$ 25
Help	1 00
Flower	1 50
Balance in Bank	146 59
	<u>\$149 34</u>
J. MALLOY,	
<i>Treasurer.</i>	

REPORT OF THE Auxiliary Women's Foreign Missionary Society

We have just completed the 13th year of the McNab Street Church Auxiliary to the W. F. M. S., and in presenting the Annual Report we are sorry not to be able to claim an increase of membership over previous years. In 1887 this Auxiliary was inaugurated with a membership of 49, and an average attendance of 19, while the total offerings during the year amounted to \$202. In the past year the membership was 38, the average attendance 22, and the total offerings \$185.50.

It is with some regret, therefore, we find that after 13 years work we are not able to report more progress; still we feel we have much to be thankful for, and that any discouragements we may meet with will only call for more earnest prayer, and greater zeal and faithfulness.

During the 13 years we have contributed in all \$2,600 to the work. We feel thankful for the measure of success that has crowned our efforts, and grateful as well for the privilege we individually have had in our pleasant meetings during the past years, and we pray that our contributions have been truly consecrated to God, as we pray that the coming year will, with His blessing, show greater increase in our membership, and greater increase in our contributions. May our motto "The World for Christ" take a firm root in our hearts, and may every Christian woman throughout the whole of God's dominion personally feel deeply the individual duties devolving upon her. On this, the dawn of a new era, may their energies be given increased strength and impetus in the work of evangelizing the world, and their efforts be crowned in winning "The World for Christ."

Money and clothing to the value of \$32.67 were forwarded by our Auxiliary to the North-West.

Eighty copies of the "Missionary Tidings" are distributed monthly among the women of the congregation.

In January we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Riach, returned Missionary from Japan, and also to Mrs. Gregory, of Mansewood, who addressed our annual Thankoffering Meeting.

It is with sorrow we have to record the death of an old and valuable member, Mrs. Leitch, who after much patient suffering passed away; and although sickness prevented her presence with us at the monthly meetings, her interest in the welfare of this Society was warm and constant.

We have also been called upon to extend our sympathy to other members to whom the past year has brought sorrowful bereavements; we pray that grief and mourning be removed from their hearts, and may they be sustained by the knowledge that those dear departed ones have been called to a home where all is happiness, and where there is no parting, death or disease.

B. McKEAN,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor

In presenting this our annual report we would express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and help throughout the year. Early in the year we were saddened by the loss of one of our members, Miss Jury, who was called home on January 2nd. The thought of her life—patient and helpful even in the midst of suffering—has spurred us on to greater efforts in the Master's cause. "She being dead, yet speaketh."

We were pleased to receive eight new members into the Society during the year. We have now forty active members and fifteen associate members.

Our prayer meetings have been well attended and very helpful to us all. We conducted four prayer meetings at the Bethel Mission, and on the evening of January 2nd the Society entertained the men at the Mission.

The North-west Missions have interested us greatly throughout the year, and after hearing the powerful appeals of Dr. Robertson, Rev. Mr. Gandier and Rev. Mr. McQueen, last June, we decided to make a special effort to help in the North-west work. We have now \$41.00 to send to Dr. Robertson and hope to increase the amount next year.

We have spent \$5.80 in helping poor families in this city. Some of these we have helped with fuel, provisions and clothing, while for others we have obtained work instead. Nine well-filled "comfort bags" were sent to Mr. Bone for the sailors on the Welland Canal, and at Christmas time we sent cheer to several families in the city.

The work of collecting and distributing books and papers has been continued; 1,326 religious papers and magazines and 45 books have been sent to various lumber camps and Sunday Schools in Barrie Presbytery. The Sunday School of Stoke's Bay, Bruce County, received copies of the Children's Record for six months, and two copies of the "Ram's Horn" reached Mr. Bone weekly, for distribution among the canal men. A religious paper was also placed in one of the city hotels, and Sunday School and Christmas cards were sent to Mrs. Morton, one of our Trinidad missionaries.

We have all enjoyed the work of carrying flowers to the sick in the Congregation, and have received many grateful acknowledgments from them.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN B. BLACK,
Secretary.

Senior Mission Band Report

The Band has held weekly meetings throughout the greater part of the past year, and also monthly business meetings.

It is a matter of regret that the attendance at the meetings of the Band was not as large as in some previous years, the average being only ten, and number of members fifteen.

Those attending, however, have shown deep interest in the work, and it is encouraging to note that the amount raised for the Mission Fund shows an increase over that of many previous years, the sum of \$175 having been forwarded to the W. F. M. S.

A thank-offering meeting of a very earnest and interesting nature was held in the schoolroom on the evening of Nov. 9, when Mrs. Fletcher gave a very interesting and helpful address on the meeting of the Pan Presbyterian Council at Washington. The thank-offering amounted to \$18.50.

The annual sale of work, which was held in December, was a very successful one, the proceeds adding considerably to our contributions for missions.

As a Mission Band we feel thankful to God that He has blessed our efforts, weak and imperfect though they have been.

We are conscious of our need of more consecrated work, and pray that God will lead us to take a deeper interest in the great work of sending the Gospel tidings to those who know them not.

May we, by more prayerful and earnest endeavor, do all in our power to hasten that glorious time, "When every knee shall bow, and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

ISABEL B. BLACK,
Secretary.

Juvenile Mission Band Report

Our Band met weekly during three months to work for the annual sale. Out of a membership of 25 the average attendance was 10.

The sale of the Band was held in December, and the amount received was \$54.18. This is the most successful year we have had. We had \$3 contributed, thus making a total of \$57.18.

We made a quilt valued at \$2.50, which we sent to the North-West.

Out of this, \$50 was given to the W. F. M. S., and the remainder reserved for commencing work with next year.

EFFIE B. MCFARLANE,
Secretary.

Choir Report

In presenting my report on the work of the Choir during the past year, I may state that the attendance at Choir practice and also the services of the Church, has been good, considering that we have not a large choir. Their work during the year was an improvement on the previous year, and we are looking forward to still better results during the coming one.

The concert held in the Church on 8th May last was a success financially as well as musically, and the Choir takes special pleasure in thanking the Ladies' Aid Society for the excellent manner in which they entertained those taking part on that occasion.

In closing my report I again thank our organist and all the members of the Choir for work and the interest shown during the year that has passed.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN SKEDDEN,
Choir Master.

Schemes of the Church

RECEIPTS

Contributed through Missionary Association.....	\$ 562 40
“ by Sabbath School.....	110 00
“ W. F. M. Auxiliary.....	185 00
“ Senior Mission Band.....	175 00
“ Juvenile “.....	50 00
“ for famine sufferers, India.....	47 00
“ by Christian Endeavor for North West.....	44 00
	<u>\$1,173 40</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Knox College.....	\$ 59 00
Manitoba College.....	20 00
	<u>\$ 79 00</u>
Home Missions, (Congregation).....	\$224 00
“ (Sunday School).....	45 00
“ (Christian Endeavor).....	44 00
	<u>313 00</u>
Foreign Missions, (Congregation).....	\$110 00
“ (Sunday School).....	25 00
“ (W. F. M. Auxiliary).....	185 00
“ (two Mission Bands).....	225 00
	<u>545 00</u>
French Evangelization.....	\$ 80 00
Bursary for French Students.....	40 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	32 00
For famine sufferers, India.....	47 00
120 copies <i>Presbyterian Record</i> for 1900.....	30 00
Balance in hand, Missionary Association.....	7 40
	<u>236 40</u>
	<u>\$1,173 40</u>
Contributed to A. & I. Ministers' Fund.....	61 10
“ Augmentation.....	80 00
“ sundry missionary objects.....	136 00
	<u>\$1,450 50</u>

COLLECTED BY THE
Missionary Association

District 1

MISS McLAUGHLIN

Miss Bayne	\$ 1 00
Mrs. Gaston	1 00
Mrs. Currie	25
J. M. Dingwall	2 00
Miss Dingwall	1 00
Miss B. Dingwall	2 00
Alex. Anderson	50
Misses Brass	1 00
	\$ 8 75

District 2

MISS JAMES

John Taylor	\$ 2 00
W. D. Taylor	1 00
John Taylor, Jr.	1 00
R. B. Ballentine	1 00
Misses Johnstone	75
Mrs. G. Henderson	2 00
John Smellie for:	
Home Missions	4 00
Foreign Missions	4 00
French Evangelization	2 00
David Ross	60
	\$18 35

District 3

MISS QUARRIER

Miss McKay	\$ 2 00
Miss Quarrier	1 00
Gilbert Quarrier	1 00
G. H. Milne	10 00
Wm. Fairley	1 00
K. MacKenzie	1 50
Mrs. Wakeley	1 00
D. Sutherland	50
	\$18 00

District 4

MRS. McLELLAN-SCOTT

Mr. A. Finlayson	\$ 5 00
Miss Warrack	50
Mrs. J. Stuart	1 00
A friend	50 00
Elizabeth Still	1 00
Mrs. McKenzie	1 00
Mrs. McL. Scott	30 00
Mrs. N. McKay	40
Mrs. Alton	75
Mrs. D. Mitchell	50
Mrs. Wm. Addison, Jr.	50
Mrs. Wm. McKay	40
	\$91 05

District 5

MISS TURNER AND MISS GILLIES

Alexander Turner	\$25 00
Mrs. Turner	25 00
Mrs. John McKean	3 00
Duncan Lavrock	5 00
Mrs. Malcolm	3 00
Mrs. R. Thomson	20 00
Miss Harvey	1 00
Miss A. Stewart	1 00
	\$83 00

District 6

MISS McQUESTEN

Dr. Macdonald	\$10 00
D. H. Fletcher	40 00
W. H. Wardrope	3 00
Mrs. McQuesten	15 00
Miss H. E. J. Buchanan	5 00
Mrs. Osborne	10 00
Mrs. W. R. Macdonald	10 00
T. H. Macpherson	5 00
Mrs. Leitch	6 00
Miss Holmes	1 20
Robert Murray	50
Robert Ptolemy	5 00
Mrs. McQueen	1 00
Mrs. Harper	50
	\$112 70

District 7

MISS MCKAY AND MISS COOK

W. Murray	\$20 00
C. S. Murray	20 00
Miss Dow	3 00
Miss McKay	2 00
Mrs. Nicholson	1 00
Norman Nicholson	25
C. W. Graham	5 00
R. A. Robertson	3 00
Mrs. C. Ferrie	1 00
Miss McIlwraith	2 00
Rev. J. Black	5 00
Miss Isa Black	3 00
Miss Jean Black	3 00
James Martin	1 00
J. Y. Osborne	6 00
Mrs. A. H. Hope	1 00
Mrs. McNab	1 50
Mrs. McLellan	2 50
Miss McKeand	25
James Brown	1 50
Ian McKenzie	50
Mrs. James Stevens	1 00
Mrs. Waters	1 00
Bella Munro	25
Elizabeth Macpherson	1 00
Mrs. James Smith	1 00

\$86 75

District 8

MRS SYMINGTON

Mrs. Ewing	\$12 00
Mrs. Hunter	30 00
Edwin Tinsley	2 00
Mrs. Gillies	5 00
Mrs. Joseph Henderson	1 00
Mrs. Kennedy	6 00
Mrs. Castell	3 00
Rev. J. Gauld	1 00
David Graham	5 00
Angus Sutherland	3 00
James Sellars	25
Mrs. John Ferrie	3 00

\$71 25

District 9

MISS MONCUR AND MISS THOMSON

William McLaughlin	\$ 25
John Thomson	1 00
James Thomson	3 00
Mrs. C. Robertson	6 00
Mrs. Miller	2 00
W. Miller	1 00
Mrs. McFarlane, for Home	
Missions	3 00
Henry Dow	1 00
W. Dow	1 00
William James	1 00

\$18 25

District 10

MISS MURPHY

Mrs. Proctor	\$ 2 00
Miss Leith	1 15
Alex. Leith	2 00
Robert Stewart	50
Mrs. Fyles	50
Mrs. Will	50
James Chisholm	5 00
Miss McPhie	1 00
Mrs. R. Davidson	6 00

\$18 65

Additional

Collection at prayer meeting	\$ 9 60
For Home Missions	12 00
R. Ritch	1 00
Murray Gollan	1 00
Mrs. Vincent	2 00
Missions	50
"	50

\$26 10

**For the Relief of
Famine Sufferers in India**

A friend to the sufferers	\$10 00
A. Finlayson, for Dr. Mc-	
Kellar, Neemuch	5 00
The Misses Turner	3 00
Mrs. Ferrie	1 00
W. M.	1 00
Mrs. Ewing	5 00
Mrs. Fletcher	2 00
A Friend	20 00

\$47 00