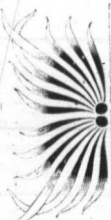


ANNUAL REPORTS

OF



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH,
GUTHRIE.....

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

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ANNUAL REPORT

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

OF THE

AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1887

Session.

Minister.

REV. N. CAMPBELL B.A.

Elders.

MR. JAMES ROSS

MR. D. W. McCUAIG

MR. WM BROWN

MR. THOS. McCULLOCH

MR. DAVID BROWN

MR. ROBERT ROBERTSON

Board of Managers.

MR. ALLAN WATT

MR. GEO CALDWELL

MR. WM. SINCLAIR

MR. ANGUS McCUAIG

MR. WILLIE DUNCAN

MR. HY. GILCHRIST

MR. R ROBERTSON

MR. GEO. LYALL

Auditors.

MR. JAMES ROSS

MR. DAVID BROWN

Choir.

MR. WM. ROBINSON

Organist and Instructor

SERVICES 2.30 P.M.
SABBATH SCHOOL 1.30 P.M.
PRAYER MEETING ALTERNATE THURSDAY EVENINGS. 7.30 P.M.
Y. P. S. C. E. ALTERNATE THURSDAY EVENINGS ... 7.30 P.M.

Minutes of Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the basement of the church on Wednesday afternoon, 29th December at 2 o'clock. The Pastor occupied the chair and the meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer then presented his report and it was found to be most encouraging. The revenue of the church was far in excess of the preceding year, although there was a large falling off in the plate collection. All the Societies of the Sabbath School presented their reports and were highly satisfactory. Mr. Sinclair presented his report in behalf of the fence-building fund and showed that he had collected sufficient to pay for all the work done. The auditors reported the books of the Treasurer are neatly and correctly kept. The same auditors were re-appointed for another year. Messrs Allan Watt, Wm. Duncan and George Caldwell were added to the Board of Managers for three years. Mr. R. Robertson was appointed Sec-Treasurer for another year and Mr. Norman Campbell was appointed his assistant. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Report of Session.

The Session of Guthrie Church has very great pleasure in presenting again the annual report in printed form and in doing so calls upon the Congregation to join with it in thanking the great King and Head of the church for His manifold blessings bestowed so freely upon us all during the year 1897. The year has been one of continual prosperity to the Congregation and there is no lack of interest shown in the work of the church. The services have been largely and regularly attended. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed three times during the year. The attendance was most encouraging to the Session. The accession to the membership of the church was not so large as in previous years, but this is no sign of decay in the spiritual life of the church. Seven new names were added to the roll, and six removed. The membership is now 95.

The Session also rejoices to note the unanimity with which the Congregation received the new book of praise into the church and is pleased to see the heartiness of spirit of the singing. We owe very much to the choir and especially to the organist for their diligence and their great help to the services of the church. All the reports presented were hopeful and a note of progress sounded forth from each of these. There is a hopeful and encouraging outlook for the future of the church. We note with pleasure the large attendance at the Sabbath School and the large average attendance for the year. The teachers have done good work and faithful service will be awarded. We trust the parents will do all they can to encourage their children in the Sabbath School lessons and see that they are sent regularly with their lessons prepared. In closing our report we again call upon the congregation to enter heartily upon the work for the coming year, we cannot afford to slacken the ropes. The work is the Lord's and he will award every man according to his work. Time is short, so that we must be up and doing while it is day for the night. Cometh when no man can labor. May He abundantly bless you.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS

To balance from last year	\$ 27 93
" Sabbath Collections.....	202 85
" Envelopes.....	323 95
" Lady Collectors	32 00
" Other sources.....	51 18
	\$ 637 91

EXPENDITURE.

By paid Pulpit supply, arrears from 1893	\$ 70 00
" Pulpit supply for 1897.....	370 00
" Supply during absence of Pastor at	
Assembly.....	7 00
" Caretaker.....	25 00
" Wood	12 25
" Interest on Church debt	31 00
" Sundry expenses	37 39

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

" Home Missions.....	20 00
" Augmentation	14 00
" Widows' and Orphans' Fund	3 00
" Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	7 00
" Assembly Fund	2 00
" Colleges	13 00
" Presbytery and Synod Fund.....	4 10
" French evangelization	7 00
" Presbyterial Home Mission Fund	1 00
" Balance on hand	14 17

\$ 637 91

Ladies' Aid.

In presenting our report for 1897, we indeed feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for the measure of success which has attended our efforts. Progress can be noted in every department of the work. Twelve meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of nine. We have twenty-one members on the roll, four of these were added lately. Our meetings have been very interesting and instructive, as we have been endeavoring to acquaint ourselves with the needs of the people in the yet unchristianized hands.

The sum of two hundred and sixteen dollars (\$216) was handed over to the building committee, sixty-one dollars and forty cents (\$61.40) of this amount was raised by monthly contributions, eighty six dollars (\$86) was proceeds of socials, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) members' fees, and twenty-one talents when returned amounted to eighty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$88.85).

There were some special contributions as well. The Auxiliary sent \$10 00 to the Treasurer of the Presbyterial Society and clothing valued at thirty one dollar (\$31.00) was sent to the North West.

President MRS. WM. BROWN
 Treasurer MISS DUNCAN
 Secretary MRS. ROBERT ROBERTSON
 Treasurer of Auxillary MISS MUIR

Mission Band.

President MISS E. P. ROSS
 Vice-president MISS M. CAMPBELL
 Treasurer MISS K. MCCULLOCH
 Organist MISS B. BROWN
 Secretary MISS C. E. CAMPBELL

It is with grateful hearts, we present our report for the year 1897. Our work has been very successful. We have now 40 names on the roll. Average attendance was 13. Only 1 meeting was missed during the year. We introduced the Talent System into our band, which proved a great success. We sent a bale of clothing to the North West Missions valued at \$12.50, and we also contributed a small sum towards the Famine Fund. Total money raised was \$18.81.

CLARA E CAMPBELL,
 Secretary.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Hon. President REV. N. CAMPBELL
 President MISS E. P. ROSS
 Vice-president MR. R. ROBERTSON
 Treasurer MR. N. CAMPBELL
 Rec. Secretary MISS MARY CAMPBELL
 Cor. Secretary MISS NELLIE DUNCAN

CONVENERS OF COMMITTEE — G. E. ROSS, G. MASON, MISS Bella McCuaig, Miss Nellie Duncan, Alex. Muir, Mrs. Robertson.

The membership of our society is now 43, active members 21; and associate, 22. We meet in the basement of the church the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Consecration meeting on the first meeting of the month and business meeting on the last. During the year this society has raised \$37.00. \$25.00 was given to home missions and \$5.00 to aid the India Famine Fund. Collections are taken up once per month and the "Fulton system" of giving weekly is still continued in our society. For the prayer-meetings till the semi-annual meeting in June, two leaders have been appointed for each meeting, and as a mark of the interest which is taken in the Endeavor, the leaders very rarely fail to attend. Truly our society has proved a blessing to the young people of Guthrie Church and with God's help may we prove a blessing to others.

MARION H. CAMPBELL,
 Rec. Secretary.

The report of Treasurer for the fence built around the Cemetery and Church property and buildings together with material.

By Cash received from subscriptions	\$ 82 55
To acc. of material and building of fence 62 20	
" Buildings including lumber.....	20 35
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\$ 82 55
ROBERT ROBERTSON,
Treasurer.

S. S. Report.

Superintendent	MR. ROSS
Secretary-Treasurer.....	ALEX CAMPBELL
Organist	MISS DUNCAN

Teachers.

Bible Class	MR. ROSS
Infant Class	MISS A CALDWELL
MRS BROWN	MISS MCCUAIG
MISS DUNCAN	MISS MUIR
MRS. ROBERTSON	THOS E. ROSS
MISS ROSS	N. CAMPBELL

No. of pupils on the roll	125
Average attendance for the year.....	71
No. of teachers	10
Average attendance of teachers.	9

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

1897.	
Jan. 1-	To balance on hand from 1896.....\$ 19 18
" "	Sabbath collections for year..... 40 44
July 12-	" Proceeds of excursion..... 72 70
Dec. 24-	" Proceeds of entertainment
	15 82
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	\$ 148 14

EXPENDITURE.

	By paid Sabbath School supplies for year \$ 40 39
	" Postage and post office orders for year
	70
	" Postage on papers to Muskoka for year
	1 06
Mar. 14-	" Reports of S. S. Convention..... 70
Ap'l 21-	" Oro S S. Association
	1 00
May 14-	" W. Robinson for repairing of basement.....
	3 00
May 16-	" To General Assembly
	1 50
June 26-	" H. Day for repairing chairs of basement
	90
July 12-	" Total expenses of excursion..... 61 25
Dec. 19-	" Expenses of entertainment
	4 18
Dec. 27-	" Balance in Treasury
	32 86
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	\$ 148 14

ALEX. CAMPBELL,
Sec-Treasurer.

Report of Manse Building Fund

RECEIPTS.

Total amount subscribed.....	\$ 287 00	
Total paid on subscriptions.....		\$ 136 70
Balance unpaid, due May, '98	150 30	

EXPENDITURE.

By paid Mr. D. Brown.....	\$ 32 55	
" Interest	97	
" on Mortgage	90 12	
" Balance on repairs	1 34	
" Interest on Note to A. Bell	4 20	
By balance on hand.....	7 52	
		\$ 136 70

WM. BROWN,
Treasurer.

List of Subscribers for Minister's Stipend

Wm. Sinclair.....	\$ 6 00	Geo. Caldwell jr.....	\$ 12 65
Wm. Brown.....	13 00	Mrs. J. Campbell.....	10 00
Allan Watt.....	12 00	Jas. Guthrie.....	6 00
Robt. Muir.....	10 00	John Thompson.....	2 00
Thos. McCulloch.....	10 00	Geo. Caldwell sr.....	7 00
Mrs. McCuaig.....	3 00	Alex. Gilchrist.....	6 30
John McCuaig.....	10 00	Geo. Campbell.....	8 00
Geo. Lyall.....	10 00	John Campbell.....	3 00
H. Gilchrist.....	13 75	Mrs. A. Graham.....	4 00
D. Brown.....	15 20	Ron. Gilchrist.....	6 00
D. B. McCuaig.....	8 00	R. Robertson.....	10 00
D. Gilchrist.....	7 00	Gilbert McArthur.....	3 00
Mrs. Duncan.....	10 00	Miss B. Stoddart.....	2 00
D. McCuaig.....	8 50	Arch. Campbell.....	4 20
Miss Muir.....	6 25	Miss Martin.....	4 00
Alex. Graham.....	8 50	Jas. Armstrong.....	1 00
Jas. Ross.....	12 00	Ed. Fell.....	5 20
Jas. Puem.....	5 00	Mrs. J. McCuaig.....	6 50
Wm. Mitchell.....	3 00	D. Morrison.....	6 00
A. Bell.....	10 00	Mrs. Sampson.....	2 00
Jas. Stoddart.....	5 00	Wm. McCuaig.....	6 00
John McCuaig.....	5 10		209 10
D. Livingstone.....	5 00		
A. R. Graham.....	6 00		
A. Bartholomew.....	6 80		
	209 10		\$323 95

Total Amounts from all Sources during 1897.

Treasurer's Statement.....	\$ 637 91
Ladies' Aid.....	216 00
Sabbath School.....	148 14
Y. P. S. C. E.....	37 00
W. F. M. S.....	41 00
Mission Band.....	18 81
Manse Subscriptions.....	136 70
Fence Building.....	82 55
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