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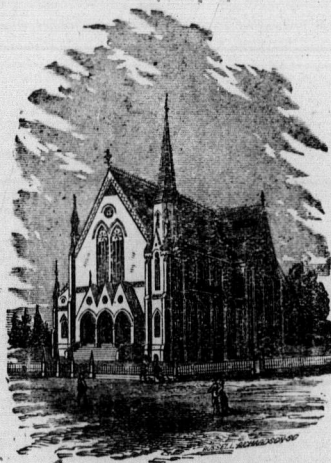
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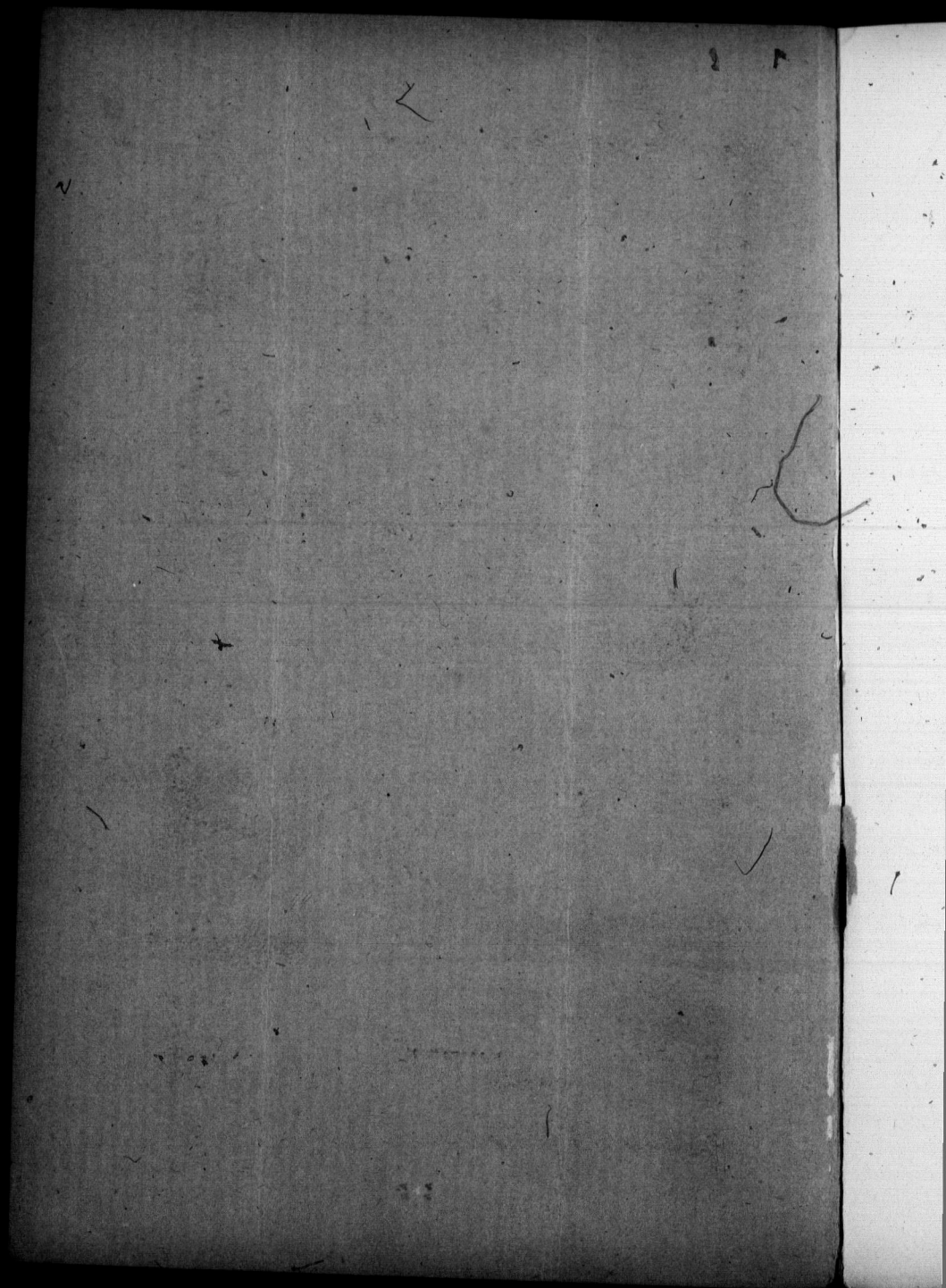
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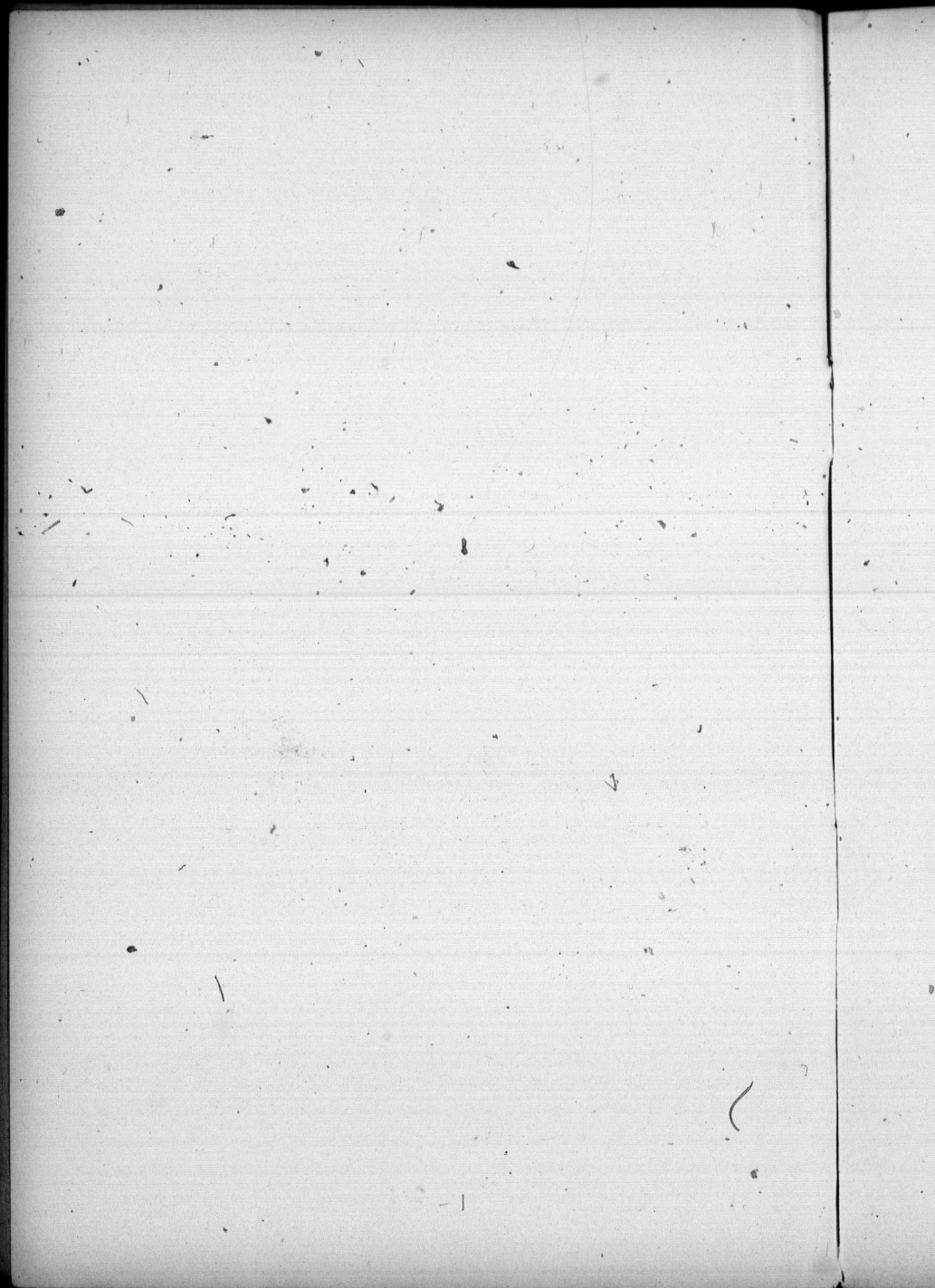
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Session.

PASTOR EMERITUS.....REV. R. F. BURNS, D.D.

MODERATOR.

REV. ALFRED GANDIER, M. A., B. D.97 Pleasant St.

ELDERS.

REV. PROF. CURRIE, D. D.2 Bland St.
REV. PRESIDENT FORREST, D. D.22 Tobin St.
MR. J. C. MACKINTOSHWillow Park.
MR. DAVID BLACKWOOD13 Bland St.
MR. W. H. WADDELL100 Morris St.
MR. WM. ROBERTSONNorth-West Arm.
MR. JOHN S. SMITH24 Bland St.
MR. WILLIAM ROBERTSON, *Treasurer of Mission Fund.*

Elders' Districts.

- No. 1. REV. PROF. CURRIE, D. D., *Elder*.—Pine Hill and all South of Inglis Street.
- No. 2. MR. JOHN S. SMITH, *Elder*.—North of Inglis Street, South of Victoria Road, and East of Tower Road.
- No. 3. REV. PRESIDENT FORREST, D. D., *Elder*.—North of Inglis Street and Victoria Road, East of Queen Street, and South of South Street.
- No. 4. MR. DAVID BLACKWOOD, *Elder*.—District bounded by Victoria Road on South, Tower Road on the West, Spring Garden Road on North, and Queen Street on the East.
- No. 5. MR. W. H. WADDELL, *Elder*.—North of South Street and East of Queen Street.
- No. 6. MR. J. C. MACKINTOSH, *Elder*.—West of Tower Road and South of Spring Garden Road and Coburg Road.
- No. 7. MR. WILLIAM ROBERTSON, *Elder*.—All North of Spring Garden Road and Coburg Road.

Managing Committee.

<p>H. A. FLEMING, <i>Chairman</i>. HON. WM. ROSS, B. W. CHIPMAN, JAMES IMRIE, ARTHUR BARNSTEAD, ANDREW MUIR, GEORGE E. BOAK, <i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>.</p>	<p>C. W. ANDERSON, CHARLES ARCHIBALD, DR. JOHN STEWART, W. H. TROOP, ROBERT McCONNELL, ALEX. U. WOOD,</p>
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Choir Leader	GEORGE E. BOAK.
Organist	CHARLES C. HOLE.
Sexton	MR. HENRY BROWN, 116 Atlantic St., off Inglis St.

Church Directory.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—Lord's Day, 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS meet each Lord's Day at 3 P. M.

"The Life of Christ" is the subject of Study in the Pastor's Bible Class.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING.—Wednesday evening, 7.45.

SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—Monday evening, 7.30.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Saturday, 7.45.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF SESSION, 1st Tuesday of each month.

FORT MASSEY AUXILIARY OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3 P. M.

MISSION BAND meets every alternate Monday afternoon.

All seats are free and all Church Funds are obtained by voluntary contributions.

Persons so desiring, can have sittings allotted to them by applying to MR. GEO. E. BOAK, Secretary, 78 Morris Street, or West India wharf.

A Weekly offering for Missions is made by means of special envelope. Packages of envelopes may be had by applying to MR. W. ROBERTSON. The wishes of contributors as to the appropriation of their gifts are carefully regarded. The amount not specially designated is apportioned by the Session according to the need and importance of the various mission schemes of the Church.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed on the second Sabbath of March, June, September and December. Preparatory Service on the previous Friday Evening, when new communicants are received.

The Pastor will be glad to meet with any who wish to speak to him, at the close of either service on Sabbath, and will usually be found at home on Friday afternoons from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Statement of the Session.

A review of the work of the past year gives abundant reason for thanksgiving to God. As a congregation we have had a year of progress. Outward signs of prosperity have abounded, and we trust that this is but an indication of deepening spiritual life and increased interest in the work of the Lord.

The year 1894, which the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Eastern Section, has celebrated as the Jubilee year of Foreign Missionary effort, has been a red-letter year in respect of the development of liberality to missions on the part of this congregation. A *weekly offering* to the Lord, for the extension of our Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad, is not only the ideal method, but in this congregation has proved to be the best practical method.

The Pastor asked for a weekly offering of at least \$50.00 during the jubilee year. The Treasurer's account shows that the actual average per Sabbath has been slightly over \$58.00, or \$3037.11 in all. This is six times the amount for the previous year, and three times the average amount of past years.

Comparing ourselves with ourselves and with those about us, we have a right to say that we have done well; but when we consider Christ's love, the world's need, and our ability, we still have cause for humiliation. Still have we need to forget the things which are behind, and reach forth unto those which are before.

As will be seen from the Managers Report this increased offering, for the Church's work outside our own congregation, has in no way lessened the contributions to the ordinary revenue. A people who are deeply interested in Home and Foreign Missions will not fail to provide for their own household of faith.

The increased attendance at the church services during the year, and the large addition to the communion roll, are most cheering. Our congregation is small compared with many, but the gain in communicants during the year has been equal to one-third of the total number on the roll at the beginning of the year.

The special services held last April, when the ministers of the city united with Rev. B. Fay Mills in holding Union Evangelistic meetings, brought spiritual quickening and refreshment to many,

and led a number of the young people belonging to our families to confirm their baptismal vows and openly confess Christ as Saviour and Lord. It is the earnest desire of minister and session, as well as of the many godly parents in the congregation, that during this year many more of our young people may vindicate before God and man the position claimed for them in baptism as members of Christ's Church.

The net increase in the number of families is not large, as one or two have moved away during the year, and a couple have withdrawn to connect themselves with the young and growing congregation at Cobourg Road; while of those received by certificate, many do not represent families, but are young people spending from seven to ten months of the year in the city at school and college. No class are more welcome than these young students, and we trust they will always form a goodly portion of our congregation.

The reports presented from the Sunday School, and various societies connected with the congregation, shew commendable activity in many different departments of christian work.

It is cause for gratitude that a large number of our members are found willing helpers in connection with the various religious and philanthropic institutions of the city, and have a share in all that makes for the well being of our fellow-citizens. May this spirit of self-forgetful service more and more abound.

As usual, the Reaper Death has gathered from both old and young. The number of deaths is exactly the same as during 1893.

OBITUARY.

COLIN MACKINTOSH	January 27th.
MRS. ROBERT ROMANS	February 7th.
MRS. GEORGE STAIRS	April 13th.
MRS. MURDOCH MCLEOD	June 4th.
MRS. JAMES SCOTT	September 1st.
EDITH JANE ROMANS	November 22nd.
WILLIAM BRUCE CLARKE	December 26th.

With the bereaved families the Session desire to express their sympathy, commending them to Him who, "though he cause grief, will have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies."

The following are the Statistics of the Congregation for 1894 :

Number of families in the Congregation	100
“ single persons not connected with families	125
“ communicants reported last year	205
“ added during 1894 { By profession	37
“ { By certificate	46
“ removed by certificate	12
“ removed by death	4
Net increase during the year	67
Number of communicants on roll, January 1st, 1895	272
Baptisms { Adult	2
{ Infant	6
Deaths during 1894 (see list given above)	7

The following statement sets forth what has been given by the Congregation during the past year to the Missionary, Educational, and Benevolent Funds of the Church :—

1.	To General Fund from Weekly Offering	\$400 00
2.	North West Missions, from Weekly Offering . .	500 00
3.	North End City Mission, Halifax, from Weekly Offering	50 00
4.	For Teacher at Goodwood, from Sunday School	25 00
		<hr/> \$ 975 00

From Weekly Offering\$ 275 00

1.	From Weekly Offerings—	
	Jubilee Fund	\$350 00
	General Fund	900 00
2.	From Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ..	175 00
3.	From Mission Band	60 00
4.	From Sunday School—	
	Day Spring Fund	50 00
	Trinidad College	20 00
5.	From Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, for support of student in Trinidad	60 00
		\$1615 00

Carried forward	\$2865 00
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Brought forward\$2865 00

French Evangelization :

1. From Weekly Offering\$ 100 00
 2. ' Point-aux-Tremble School, from S. S. 50 00
 -----\$ 150 00

Colleges :

1. Presbyterian College, Halifax\$225 00
 2. Bursary Fund 25 00
 3. Manitoba College 50 00
 4. Queen's College 25 00
 5. Knox College (subscriptions to Jubilee Fund). 50 00
 -----\$ 375 00

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund :

From Weekly Offering \$ 30 00

Assembly Fund :

From Weekly Offering\$ 12 00

Presbytery and Synod Fund :

From Weekly Offering \$ 20 50

General :

"Presbyterian Record," from Weekly Offering...\$ 31.50
 British American Book and Tract Society 68 00
 British and Foreign Bible Society 106 00
 Halifax Dispensary { Collections 66 70
 Individual gifts 35 00
 Assistance given from Session Fund 116 50
 Nova Scotia S. S. Association (from Sunday School) 25 00
 General Assembly's S. S. Committee and Scheme
 of "Higher Religious Instruction" (from
 Sunday School). 10 00
 Albermarle Street Night School (from S. S. and
 Y. P. S. C. E.) 40 00
 Contribution toward expenses of B. Fay Mill's
 meetings 80 00
 Contribution from Bible Class for Missionary
 Library 47 05
 -----\$ 623 75
 Balance in hands of Mission Treasurer 1 71

Total contributions for Missionary, Educational and Benevo-
 lent Work of the Church\$4077 96

In the name of the Session,

ALFRED GANDIER, *Moderator.*

FORT MASSEY SESSION FUND *in account with the* TREASURER.

1894.	Dr.	
Jan'y. 1.	To Balance from 1893.....	\$32 27
	Received on account B. Fay Mills meetings.....	23 00
	Repayments from Managers.....	77 97
June 11.	Collection at Communion.....	22 60
Sept. 12.	" ".....	15 00
Nov. 23.	" Thanksgiving Day.....	65 10
	Repaid from General Mission Fund.....	37 50
	Special Contribution.....	10 00
		<u>\$283 44</u>
1894.	Cr.	
Feb'y. 19.	By Paid North End Mission.....	\$ 25 00
Mar. 26.	" B. Fay Mills services.....	80 00
" 29.	Coal Account.....	52 70
Oct. 24.	Cash Outlay.....	10 00
	Funeral Expenses.....	10 00
Nov. 15,	North End Mission.....	12 50
Dec. 5.	Paid for Furniture.....	34 70
	Communion Roll.....	1 25
31.	Nurse.....	6 50
	Coal Account.....	2 50
	Balance.....	48 29
		<u>\$283 44</u>

Mission Fund.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Payments.

Paid for "Record"	\$ 31 50
to Augmentation Fund	275 00
Home Missions	400 00
Jubilee Fund	350 00
Foreign Missions	900 00
North-West Missions	500 00
French Evangelization	100 00
College Fund	225 00
Bursary Fund	25 00
Queen's College	25 00
Manitoba College	50 00
North End City Mission	50 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	30 00
Assembly Fund	12 00
Presbytery and Synod	20 50
Session Fund	5 00
W. F. M. S.	5 00
Expenses, Envelopes, Cards, etc.	31 40
Balance in hand of Treasurer	1 71
	<u>\$3037 11</u>

Receipts.

Weekly Offerings by Envelope for 52 Sabbaths of 1894	<u>\$3037 11</u>
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WM. ROBERTSON, *Treasurer.*

January 16th, 1895.

Report of the Managing Committee.

THE Managing Committee beg hereby to submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the congregation of Fort Massey Church for the year 1894

Though the current expenses of the congregation have been nearly a third more than they were for the year 1893, your Committee are happy to state that the sum received through the weekly envelopes has been fully adequate to meet all liabilities. Considering the greatly increased liberality of the congregation in support of the "Schemes of the Church," this result is eminently satisfactory.

In response to a request by the Committee for a special collection towards the extinction of the floating debt for repairs incurred during last year, the sum of \$529.91 was paid in, leaving a balance still due of \$600.00. As quite a number of the regular contributors to the funds of the church have not yet responded to this call, your Committee are pleased to remind them that a voluntary offering for this object will be acceptable at any time.

The account of expenditure and receipts herewith submitted shows an adverse balance of \$10.92, but it is only fair to state that \$140.95 has been paid from the regular revenue of the Church towards the floating debt for repairs. By placing this sum on the credit side of the account, there would be a credit balance of \$130.03.

The average collection per Sabbath for 1894 was \$88.41. In order to meet the estimated current expenses for 1895, a weekly offering of \$93.27 will be required.

Your Committee record, with gratitude to Almighty God, the fact that the present prosperous condition of the Congregation is mainly due, under Providence, to the able and devoted ministrations of our beloved Pastor, who, in the short period of fourteen months, has endeared himself to all who come within the scope of his pastoral oversight.

Your Committee also desire on behalf of the Congregation to express their tender sympathy with our loved Pastor Emeritus in his long period of retirement and affliction, and trust that in his blessed experience he has found that the promises of God

in Jesus Christ "are yea, and in Him amen, unto the glory of God." To Mrs. Burns and her family our affectionate regards are cordially extended.

The improvement in our service of song is a source of gratification to your Committee, and we are sure that the Congregation duly appreciate the valuable services of the choir.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. WADDELL, *Chairman.*

GEORGE E. BOAK, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1894.

Estimate 1894.

EXPENDITURE.

\$2500 00	Rev. A. Gandier.	\$2500 00
500 00	Rev. Dr. Burns.	500 00
200 00	Interest on Mortgage.	200 00
300 00	Sexton.	300 00
14c 00	Sabbath School.	115 00
100 00	Fuel.	86 15
125 00	Gas.	143 40
50 00	City of Halifax Water Rates. .	44 00
180 00	Fire Insurance, 3 years' premium on \$20,000.00.	171 00
550 00	Choir Fund.	435 57
1100 00	Unpaid Accts., Repairs, &c. .	670 86
	Interest Bank of N. S.	45 31
<u>\$5745 00</u>		<u>\$5211 29</u>

RECEIPTS.

Balance Dec. 31st, 1893.	\$ 73 06
Special Collection, floating debt.	529 91
Sabbath Collections.	4597 40
Balance Deficit.	10 92
	<u>\$5211 29</u>

Average collection per Sabbath.\$88 41

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 4th, 1895.

GEORGE E. BOAK, *Secretary.*

Audited and found correct.

A. S. BARNSTEAD, }
H. A. FLEMMING, } *Auditors.*

N. B.—The amount of \$600.00 still due on repairs.

ESTIMATE, 1895.

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. A. Gandier	\$2500 00
Rev. Dr. Burns	500 00
Interest on Mortgage	200 00
Sexton.	350 00
Sabbath School	100 00
Session	150 00
Fuel	100 00
Gas	150 00
Water Rates	50 00
Choir	550 00
Unpaid Accounts	100 00
Incidentals	100 00
	<u>\$4850 00</u>

Average Collection, 52 Sabbaths.....\$ 93 27

Sabbath School.

OFFICERS.

<i>Superintendent</i>	J. C. MACKINTOSH.
<i>Assistants</i>	{ W. H. WADDELL.
	{ J. F. STAIRS.
<i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>	J. C. CLARKE.
<i>Librarian</i>	F. B. MCCURDY.
<i>Assistant Librarian</i>	M. S. CLARKE.

TEACHERS.

MRS. R. D. CLARKE,	MISS M. BLACKWOOD,
" D. BLACKWOOD,	" M. PINEKNEY,
" MURPHY,	" LOUISE BOAK,
MISS MARIA CURRIE,	MRS. MORRISON,
" ETTIE CLARKE,	MR. W. H. TROOP,
" CLARA HOBRECKER,	" H. A. FLEMMING,
" JEAN LYALL,	" ARTHUR BARNSTEAD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

IN March last Mr. John F. Stairs, who for several years had so efficiently acted as Superintendent, was obliged by continued absence from the city to resign the position, and Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, the present incumbent, was selected as his successor.

On 1st January, 1894, the number of Officers and Teachers on the roll was 18 ; scholars, 104 ; while at the close of the year the number of officers had decreased to 16, but the roll of scholars had increased to 116. This does not include the Pastor's Bible Class, which averages about 40.

The average attendance of officers in 1893 was 15 out of 18, in 1894, 15 out of 16. The average attendance of scholars, which in 1893 was 70, in 1894 was 74. The summer vacation is responsible for the low average of our school, as a very large number of the children go out of the city during the summer months.

The missionary collections for the year amounted to \$188.40, which, with \$5.82 interest, made in all \$194.22, or \$23.83 over 1893. This amount was distributed as follows, viz. :

Goodwood Mission	\$25 00
Sabbath School Association, Provincial.....	25 00
Point-aux-Trembles School	50 00
Trinidad College	20 00
Dayspring Mission	50 00
General Assembly's S. S. Committee	10 00
Albermarle Street Mission	14 22

\$194 22

The Library is kept in an efficient condition and now numbers nearly 500 volumes. The Treasurer's account show receipts and expenditures for the year, and the teachers expect a liberal grant from the Managers to carry on the work of the current year efficiently. A very enjoyable picnic was given at the Prince's Lodge on the 10th July, to which the congregation was invited.

A Christmas service was held on Sabbath, 23rd December, in the church, on which occasion the scholars brought gifts of toys, fruit, articles of clothing, books, pictures, money, &c., all of which were distributed among other children and poor families, thus bringing happiness to others.

Fort Massey Sabbath School is in every sense the nursery of the church, no less than 16 scholars having become members of the church during the year ; and in past years the Sabbath School has contributed in no small measure to the growth of the membership roll of the church.

The Teachers have been assiduous and faithful in their efforts from Sabbath to Sabbath to train the children, and to impart to them the knowledge of that precious truth which alone can give a good foundation for time and eternity. Parents little know, and can hardly appreciate the value of the labors of faithful Sabbath School teachers who from year to year, with not a little discouragement, cheerfully assume and carry out to the utmost of their ability the duties devolving on them in connection with Sabbath School work.

Changes and improvements in lesson helps, in memorising passages of Scripture, and in other features of the work, will, we hope with the blessing of God, give a good result for the year 1895.

J. C. MACKINTOSH, *Superintendent.*

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Collected for S. S. Picnic.....	\$ 46 00
By Cash from Church.....	115 00
	<u>\$161 00</u>

Dr.

To balance forward, from 1893	\$17 71
Scholars and Teachers Lesson Papers	24 85
General Expenses.....	6 86
British American Book and Tract Depository (Books and Papers)	64 98
Sunday School Picnic	43 50
Balance on hand.....	3 10
	<u>\$161 00</u>
By balance on hand	\$3 10

C. CLARKE, *Treasurer.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

(1.) Since the last report of a year ago the Library has been greatly improved by the addition of about 150 new books, which were purchased with the grant of \$50 which was voted for that purpose at the last annual meeting of the church.

(2.) The total number of books now on our shelves is about 500, and 250 of these are in general circulation, the balance of 250 having been read and re-read until they have grown to be an old story.

(3.) After the purchase of the new books last year fully 300 of the old books were given away to parties to whom they would be as new; of these 100 went to assist in the formation of a library at the Coburg Road school, and the larger part of the remainder was sent to Labrador.

(4.) In connection with the Bible Class a library has been instituted consisting of 58 books at present, which include the best literature on modern missions, several "Lives of Christ," and other books likely to be helpful in the study of the subjects which are brought up before the Pastors Sunday afternoon class.

(5.) It is pleasing to note that 86 scholars avail themselves of the privileges of the library, in the place of 55 for the preceding year, or an increase of 54%. This is largely owing to the improvement occasioned by the additions made to the library during the past year.

F. B. MCCURDY, *Librarian.*

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

<i>President</i>	MR. GEO. ARTHUR.
<i>Vice-President</i>	MISS CLARA HOBRECKER.
<i>Secretary</i>	MISS MARY PINCKNEY.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MR. FRED C. CLARKE.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	MR. A. S. BARNSTEAD.

In reviewing the work of the past year, we think we can safely say that our feeble efforts have been crowned with success. The interest in our meetings has been well sustained, and our numbers have increased to such an extent that we have been obliged to vacate the class-room for the lecture room—the first time in the history of the society.

Besides our weekly prayer-meetings we have striven to do both *home* and *foreign* missionary work. We provide for the support of one student at the Trinidad College, and by holding frequent Missionary Meetings our members are kept interested and acquainted with the work in foreign fields. Our Home Mission work is chiefly centered in the Albermarle Night School; this school is open four evenings each week, and many of our members act as volunteer teachers. We also assist in paying the salary of the regular teacher, and the running expenses of the school. We have an active Temperance Committee, which is trying to exert a good influence. The Hospital and Poor Asylum are visited weekly, also any strangers, poor or sick in the congregation.

The collections in aid of the Bible Society for this year have been made entirely by members of the Society.

We arranged to hold a series of Literary and Social Entertainments during the winter months, two of which have already taken place, namely, a most instructive and entertaining lecture by our pastor, and an enjoyable Social in December, to which the Congregation were invited.

On behalf of the Society,

M. A. PINCKNEY, Secy.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FORT MASSEY Y. P. S. C. E., FOR YEAR 1894.

The contributions of the Society for the year amounted to \$121.93,
made up as follows :—

CR.

By Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1894.....	\$ 13 75
Collections for Missions by weekly envelopes.....	60 91
Loose Collections.....	21 57
Collection at Lecture by our Pastor.....	11 45
Amount from Sabbath School in aid of Albermarle St. Night School work.....	14 25
	<u>\$121 93</u>

DR.

To cash for running expenses.....	\$16 72
Albermarle St. Night School.....	25 30
Maritime Convention Expenses.....	6 53
Support of Pupil in Trinidad College.....	60 00
Balance on hand.....	13 38
	<u>\$121 93</u>

CR.

By Cash on hand.....	\$13 38
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A. S. BARNSTEAD, }
PERCY SMITH, } *Auditors.*

F. C. CLARKE,
Treasurer.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

President	MRS. JOHN CURRIE.
Vice-Presidents	(MISS FAIRBANKS. MRS JOHN FORREST.
Treasurer	MISS MARY SCOTT.
Secretary	" LOUISE BOAK.

IN giving a report for the year just closed, it is encouraging to note that the signs of growing interest shown last year have been fulfilled, and that we can now tell of a larger membership, a greater average attendance, and more money given than any year in the history of the Auxiliary. We have a membership of 45, with an average attendance of 23. At the November meeting a motion was made that thereafter the meetings of the Auxiliary be held in the class-room of the church, it being thought a more central place. Since that time the Auxiliary has met the second Thursday of each month in the church, with an improved attendance. However, in this way we have not yet reached perfection, and a more regular attendance on the part of the members is still a great need of the Auxiliary.

Two of the meetings were of especial interest - the Thank-offering in November, and the December one, when Mr. Cropper, of St. Lucia, told us such an interesting story of the progress of missions in that island. Several months were taken in studying South American missions.

Financially we have done very well; in addition to the regular fees and monthly collections, \$44 were given as a thank-offering, and \$50 to the "Jubilee Fund,"—in all \$175.

There has been but one blank made in our membership, while we can welcome five ladies to our number, one of them—Mrs. Johnstone, of Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota—being a life member. And thus, with so much for which to thank God, we can confidently look forward to the coming year.

LOUISE BOAK, *Secretary.*

Mission Band.

<i>President</i>	MISS HOBRECKER.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	(MISS CHRISTIE.
	(MASTER GIBBIE STAIRS.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MISS BLACKWOOD.
<i>Secretary</i>	MISS GERTRUDE CURRIE.

ALTHOUGH there has been but a small increase in the membership during the past year, still the interest shown in the meetings is increasing ; and out of a membership of thirty, fully one-third are boys. The meetings are held fortnightly, and are very well attended. A very interesting monthly paper, the *Children's Missionary*, is being taken this year, and is a great help to us in making the meetings attractive. At the last meeting in June the members promised to earn at least fifty cents for missions before the middle of October. A concert was held in November, at which results were given, and, including a collection taken that evening, the whole sum raised was \$46. Mite boxes are still used, and about \$14 were raised in this way.

Ladies Association.

A Ladies Association was organised at the beginning of the year, with

MRS. PETER ROSS	<i>President.</i>
MRS. BARNSTEAD	<i>Vice-President.</i>
MISS ETHEL STAIRS	<i>Treasurer.</i>
MISS KATIE STEWART	<i>Secretary.</i>

Summary of Contributions in 1894.

Revenue from Sabbath Collections	\$4597 40
Special Collection for Floating Debt	529 91
Weekly Offering for Missions	3037 11
Sunday School, for Missions	194 22
Various Societies, for Missions	320 78
Session Fund	116 40
Other Contributions	487 05
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	\$9282 87
Of which was contributed for Congregational purposes	\$5204 91
For Missionary, Educational and Benevolent	\$4077 96

The above statement does not include the gifts of individual members and adherents of Fort Massey to the city charities, and to many religious and philanthropic institutions throughout the city and province. If such gifts were included, the amount reported would be increased by many hundreds of dollars.

Historical Memoranda.

- 1.—Fort Massey Congregation sanctioned by Presbytery of Halifax and Interim Session appointed, 2nd Nov. 1871.
- 2.—New Church opened Sabbath, 10th Dec., 1871.
- 3.—Communion Roll, with 90 names, formed 18th Dec., 1871.
- 4.—Congregation organized by Professor Currie, Wednesday, 20th Dec., 1871.
- 5.—Rev. J. K. Smith, M. A., of Galt, Ont., settled as Pastor, 31st Oct., 1872.
- 6.—First Session elected, 5th Jan., 1873.
- 7.—Rev. J. K. Smith demits his charge, to return to Galt, 10th Dec., 1874.
- 8.—Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D., of Montreal, inducted 18th March, 1875.
- 9.—Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D., demitted his charge on account of ill-health, March 15th, 1892.
- 10.—Rev. Alfred Gandier, M. A., B. D., inducted Oct. 19, 1893.
- 11.—Jubilee Year of Foreign Missions, 1894. System of *Weekly Offering* by envelope to the Mission Schemes of the Church, adopted by the Congregation.