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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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TEMPORAL COMMITTEE

—OF—

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TOGETHER WITH

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1870.

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

The Temporal Committee of Knox Church, Ottawa.

At the close of another year your Committee beg to submit their customary Report and Financial Statement.

To enable you to compare more readily the Receipts and Expenditure of the year now closing with those of previous years, they beg to present the following comparative Statement:—

RECEIPTS.

ORDINARY REVENUE.	1869.	1870.
Subscriptions to Church Fund.....	\$1735 42	\$1740 64
Ordinary Sabbath Collections	450 66	524 04
Arrears collected	64 70	102 17
Prayer Meeting Collections	29 66
Collection on Thanksgiving Day	4 88
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		\$2401 39
Add—Cash on hand 1st January, 1870..	69 73
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Total of Ordinary Revenue...	\$2250 78	\$2471 12
 EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS.		
Proceeds of Soiree.....	\$ 91 83
Donation from Ladies' Association....	500 00
Special Col. for paying off Church Debt.	309 00
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Total.....		\$ 900 83
 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.		
Home Mission	\$ 121 30	\$ 122 28
Sabbath School.....	41 11	43 50
Protestant Hospital	42 15	87 20
Foreign Missions.....	43 00	92 88
Montreal College.....	100 00	91 57
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Total	\$ 347 56	\$ 437 43
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.		
Ordinary Revenue, including balance on hand 1st Jan.		\$2471 12
Extraordinary Receipts.....		900 83
Special Collections.....		437 43
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Total.....		\$3809 38

EXPENDITURE.

	1869.	1870.
Current Expenses.....	\$2186 23	\$2519 73
Special Collections paid.....	475 23	437 43
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Total	\$2661 46	\$2957 16
Amount of debt paid.....	833 33
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		\$3790 49

From above statement it will be seen that there is a decided improvement in our financial affairs. In ordinary revenue, including arrears, there is an increase of \$150.61. The special collections noted above show an increase of \$89.87. In reality, however, there is a decrease in this branch of our receipts. Last year the total amount collected being \$475.23, an excess of \$37.80 over this year. This, however, is accounted for by the fact that collections were made for several schemes last year for which there were none this; such as the Synod Fund, the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and several others. It will be noticed that our current expenses have been considerably increased, the excess this year amounting to the sum of \$333.50. This excess has been met by the increase in ordinary revenue, and from several other sources mentioned in above summary. Your Committee would further state that there are no outstanding accounts, but that all the expenses connected with the past year have been paid, and the commencement of 1871 will see us entirely free from debt.

It is a subject of congratulation that we have at last been able to liquidate the debt of \$800, which has so long lain as an incubus upon our church. For this we owe a debt of gratitude to the ladies of the congregation. To their industry and energy it is mainly owing that this successful result has been attained. The accounts will show that they placed the handsome sum of \$500, the fruits of their bazaar, at the disposal of your Committee. The balance of the required amount has been contributed by members of the congregation within the last few days.

Your Committee feel it to be their duty to allude to an unwelcome subject—that of arrears to the Church Fund. While it is undoubtedly a subject of congratula-

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tion that the arrears this year are less than last, there still remains the unpleasant fact that the sum of \$253.86 remains outstanding. This ought not to be, and your Committee would ask all to bear in mind that the principal item of disbursement connected with our finances being payable monthly in advance, it is of the utmost importance that all subscriptions to this fund should be paid in like manner. Were this done promptly and regularly the question of arrears would not be forcing itself upon our attention so often as it does. The following statement will shew more clearly the extent of our arrearages.

Last year, 1869, the deficiency amounted to...	\$385 10	
Of this there was collected this year.....	102 17	
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Leaving outstanding from 1869		\$282 93
For the present year the subscriptions amount-		
ed to	\$1994 48	
The amount actually received is.....	1740 64	
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Leaving outstanding from 1870		253 84
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Making a total in two years of.....		\$536 77

A serious diminution of our resources.

Your Committee beg to report that the Church Manse having been found by Mr. McLaren to be unsuitable as a residence for his family, it has been rented to Mr. Hugh Masson for the sum of \$160 per annum.. This amount, according to agreement, is paid to Mr. McLaren. They would also report that they have an offer for the purchase of said building, at what they consider a fair price, and it is for the congregation to say whether or not they are willing to sell, or otherwise what disposal they would wish to be made of it. This question will in all probability come up for decision at no distant date, and your Committee refer to it now in order that members may have an opportunity of making up their minds on the subject beforehand.

Connected with this question of the disposal of the Manse property is that of Church extension. This important work is one which will early call for serious consideration. The increased attendance at public worship, together with the growing difficulty of providing

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pew accommodation, points clearly to this, and your Committee would fail in their duty were they not to urge upon you the necessity of keeping this matter steadily in view, and asking every one to give it their most earnest and conscientious consideration.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without adverting to the position and circumstances of the congregation at the present time, in comparison with those of the corresponding period last year. Then we were like a flock without a shepherd. We had but recently been deprived of the services of an old and much esteemed pastor, Mr. Wardrope, and were without any immediate prospect of having his place supplied. Our congregation was becoming unsettled—our church attendance was decreasing, and we knew not in what direction to look for one as his successor. In the course of Divine Providence we were at last directed where to look, and in the month of July last, in response to a most unanimous call, the Rev. Mr. McLaren took his place amongst us. For this happy termination to our trials, as a congregation, we have much reason to feel deeply thankful. Since the advent here of Mr. McLaren, the attendance at public worship has increased in a striking manner. Where before were empty pews, there are now full ones, and it is not too much to say that never at any time was there less spare accommodation in the church than now. For this we feel that under God we are indebted to the services of our pastor, and we most sincerely trust that in his labor of love amongst us, he may continue to carry with him the blessing of our Heavenly Father—aiding and encouraging him in the work of building up and strengthening our Zion, and in the end that he may have many souls for his hire.

In conclusion, your Committee would pray that the Divine blessing may continue to rest and abide upon us as a congregation, in the future as in the past, and that the hands of their successors in office may be strengthened for the performance of the important work allotted them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HENDERSON,
Secretary.

H. McCORMICK,
Chairman.

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ABSTRACT OF CHEQUES PAID BY TREASURER, PER ACCOUNT.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS—

Geo. Hay, \$110.89; Doorkeeper, \$25.00; T. Isaac, \$44.00	\$179 89
A. Kennedy, \$80.00; Stewart & Stockand, \$55.55	135 55
A. Spittal, \$20.00; Precentor, \$33.33	53 33
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	\$368 77
Doorkeeper's Salary	100 00
Precentor's do	200 00
Montreal College	100 00
Home Mission	113 85
Missionary Meeting expenses	4 00
Foreign Missions	43 00
Presbytery Fund	11 72
Protestant Hospital	96 25
Communion Expenses	5 50
Pulpit Supply	450 83
Minister's Salary	825 00
Donation to Mr. Moore	50 00
Expenses of Delegates to Belleville	30 00
Repairs on Manse	105 00
Interest on Church Debt	80 00
Induction Expenses	29 00
Law Expenses	3 60
Insurance	40 50
Discount on Silver	11 82
Gas Account	76 20
Wood Account	39 40
Blyth & Kerr's Account	9 73
Printing	19 50
Stationery	12 75
Hardware Account	12 75
Sundries	21 49
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	\$2870 66

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KNOX CHURCH, IN ACCOUNT WITH

1870.

To Cash paid Cheque—

No. 176.....	\$ 68 40
No. 177, \$110 89; No. 178, \$ 25 00....	135 89
No. 179, 80 00; No. 180, 55 55....	135 55
No. 143, 44 00; No. 114, 20 00....	64 00
No. 181, 20 00; No. 182, 85 00....	105 00
No. 183, 50 00; No. 184, 181 88....	231 88
No. 185, 344 85; No. 186, 4 75....	349 60
No. 187, 50 00; No. 188, 9 73....	59 73
No. 189, 19 50; No. 190, 57 00....	76 50
No. 191, 50 00; No. 192, 12 75....	62 75
No. 193, 30 50; No. 194, 81 62....	112 12
No. 195, 12 75; No. 196, 93 17....	105 92
No. 197, 450 00; No. 198, 50 00....	500 00
No. 199, 50 00; No. 200, 51 00....	101 00
No. 201, 4 00; No. 202, 54 50....	58 50
No. 203, 75 00; No. 204, 76 25....	151 25
No. 205, 150 00; No. 206, 150 00....	300 00
No. 207, 50 00; No. 208, 80 60....	130 00
No. 209, 50 00; No. 210, 33 33....	83 33
No. 212, 34 60; No. 213, 1 40....	36 00
No. 214, \$1 65; No. 215, 75c.; No. 216, 84c.	3 24

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To Cash paid Foreign Missions.....	43 00
“ In hand in favor of Sabbath School, as per Special Collection	43 50
“ Paid Mr. Kennedy to clear off debt on Church..	833 33
“ To balance in hand of Treasurer	18 89

\$3809 33

Ottawa, Dec., 1870.

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ALEX. MUTCHMOR, TREASURER.

Dr.

1870.

Jan'y 1—	By balance on hand from last statement.....	\$ 69 73	
	“ Balance to credit of Home Mission.....	21 30	
	“ Cash from Weekly Contributions.....	1740 64	
	“ Cash from Ordinary Collections.....	524 04	
	“ Cash from arrears of previous years.....	102 17	
4—	“ Cash, proceeds of Soiree.....	91 83	
March 6—	“ Cash, Special Collection, County of Carleton General Protestant Hos- pital	\$ 40 95	
Octr. 7—	“ Cash, do do	45 25	
			87 20
	“ Cash from Prayer Meeting Collec- tions		29 66
	“ Cash collected by Ladies for Foreign Mission.....		92 88
	“ Cash collected by Ladies for Home Mission.....		100 98
	“ Cash collected by Ladies for Mon- treal College		91 57
Nov. 17—	“ Cash collected Thanksgiving Day.		4 88
Dec. 24—	“ Cash, proceeds of Ladies' Bazaar.	500 00	
	“ Cash collected per Mr. McMillan to pay off debt.....	297 00	
	“ Cash collected per Mr. Fairbairn to pay off debt.....	12 00	
			809 00
	“ Cash, Special Collection for Sabbath School		43 50
			<u>\$3809 38</u>
	By Cash, balance in hand of Treasurer.....	\$18 89	
	By Cash, to credit in favor of Sabbath School, as per Special Collection.....		43 50

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REPORT KNOX CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL,

For 1870.

Attendance, 1870	5940
1869	4922
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No. of Classes, 1870.....	18
1869.....	22
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LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN CLASSES.

- 1st, Mrs. Torney.
- 2nd, Mr. Robertson.
- 3rd, Miss Cherry.
- 4th, Miss Kennedy.

Miss Jamieson present every Sabbath.

Mr. Graham present every Sabbath.

Mr. Potts absent two Sabbaths, cause, sickness in the family.

Mr. Shearer absent one Sabbath.

Mr. Waddle " "

SCHOLARS PRESENT EVERY SABBATH.

M. A. Masson,	R. Mathews,
A. Perry,	J. G. Hodson,
L. Perry,	Chas. Masson,
F. Dyde,	A. Cunningham.
J. Waters,	M. J. Irvine,
W. Mathews,	C. Masson.
W. Hodson,	

ABSENT ONE SABBATH.

C. Mathews,	A. Mutchmor,
H. Spittal,	B. Freel,
J. Lindsay,	E. Irvine,
H. Kerr,	Wm. Irvine.

Attendance at Bible Class, under charge of Pastor, 56.

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