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KNOX CHURCH, STRATFORD.

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Annual Report.

Pastor, Rev. M. L. Leitch.

MEMORANDA.

DIVINE SERVICES—Every Sabbath at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M.

SABBATH SCHOOL-Sabbath at 2.45 P.M.

BIBLE CLASS-Sabbath at 3 P.M. + .

Y.P.S.C.E.-Monday at 7.30 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING-Wednesday at 8 P.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE-Friday at 8 P.M.

W.F.M.S.—First Friday of each month at 3.30 P.M. GORDON MISSION BAND—First Saturday of each month at 3.30 P.M.

BAPTISM-Last Sabbath and first Wednesday in each month.

LORD'S SUPPER-First Sabbath in March, June, September and December.

JUNIOR Y.P.S.C.E.-Every Friday at 4.30 P.M.

J. H. SCHMIDT, PRINTER, STRATFORD



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ANNUAL . REPORT

Year Ending December 31st, 1891.

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Report of Session for 1891.

SEVERAL changes have taken place in the Session during this year. The Rev. Mr. Turnbull having accepted a call to West End Church, Toronto, it was necessary to appoint a new Moderator, and Rev.

Mr. Tully took his place. The Session gratefully acknowledges the services of both these gentlemen. On the 23rd of June the Rev. M. L. Leitch was duly inducted as Pastor. The year has been one of deep sorrow, on account of the removal by death of some of its old and most honored members. During the month of April the Session sustained a heavy loss by-the death of the Rev. Thomas McPherson and Mr. Alexander Stewart, the former having been the founder and for nearly thirty years the faithful Pastor of the Congregation. "He has rested from his labors and his works do follow him." Mr. Stewart was a diligent, active, respected member of the Church and Session and was for some time Clerk of Session. Scarcely had we realized this loss when in the month of July one of the oldest Elders, Mr. Ralph Donaldson, entered on his eternal rest. In the early history of the Congregation, he was closely identified with Mr. McPherson in the work, for many years led the service of praise and until shortly before his death was active in everything pertaining to the prosperity of Zion.

The Bession would express its sympathy with those of its number who are in affliction and also with the bereaved families of the Congregation, and trust that to each of them the promise will be verified : "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee."

We are pleased to notice the increase in attendance at Sabbath Services and weekly Prayer-Meeting, also at the Sunday School and Bible Class, and would remember with gratitude the zeal and untiring efforts of the Superintendent and those associated with him in the work. The services rendered by the Organists and the Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Freeland, are deserving of our heartiest thanks.

The interest in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been well sustained. We are gratified to find that seventeen young people united with the Church from this Society and the Sunday School. Under the fostering care of the Session a junior Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized and is well attended.

The Session regret that the increase in the giving to Missions has not been greater and would commend these schemes to the *prayerful* consideration of every member.

In April (Mr. Tully acting as Moderator) the Communion Roll was purged, when the actual membership was found to be 550, the number of names removed being 132 During the year there have been added 71 new members, 47 by certificate and 24 by profession of faith. The actual membership now is 577. We cannot insist too strongly on kindness being shown to all strangers within our gates and to the new members. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed four times during the year and the Sacrament of Baptism administered to 21 persons. In presenting this Report the Session feel thankful to the Great Head of the Church for his many favors and blessings bestowed on us during the year, especially for the happy settlement of a Pastor after a long vacancy.

IN MEMORIAM.

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Edna Brown	6 years	Jan. 6
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James Barton		
Alex. Stewart		Apr. 11
Rev. T McPherson		Apr. 12
Mrs. Wm. McIntosh		os. Apr. 25
Miss Gunn	48 years	Jun. I
Elizabeth Edmonds		os. Jun. 30
J. C. Hoffman's child	I yr. 2 mo	s. July r
Ralph Donaldson		
Agnes H. Murray		July 26
Nellie Garden		Aug 15
Donald Ross		Aug 9
Mrs. Jas. Wright	35 years	Aug 24
Jessie Brownlie	I 3 years	Sep 14
Mabel A. Campbell	13 years	Oct 3
Duncan Kippan	78 years	Nov 3
John Hamilton		Nov 9
James Callin		Nov 20
Hugh M. Byers	79 years	Nov 21
Fred Edmonds		Nov 27
Michael Ballantyne		Dec 23

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Members of Session.

REV. M. L. LEITCH, Minister.

Mr. Wm. Dunn.

- " James Callin.
- " Wm. Ireland.
- " Geo. Hunter.
- " S. Rankin.
- " J. Barton.

- Mr. H. Duncan
 - " R. Hamilton.
- " H. McDermid.
- " Wm. Douglas.
- J. Mills.
- " W. Jeffrey.

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KNOX CHURCH, STRATFORD

Managers' + Annual + Report

for the Year Ending December 31st, 1891.

Churches are not run in order to create surpluses, but as little, we are of opinion, should they be run to create debts, or be run to go on paying interest on debts, those of gratitude excepted, and we are persuaded the time has come to wipe out this debt, and it is for you, one and all, to say whether it shall be done in one year or in seven years, as it only requires the long, strong pull altogether to have it done as you please.

The Porch, which you authorized us to have erected, is now nearly finished, only a little painting and gold-leafing yet to be done when the weather permits. Your Board are pleased to have been permitted to have made this addition to the Church property without adding to the liabilities of the Congregation. seats. for th pairs years your datio and 1 shing that ough Chur chur this mort of ar our i when whic vanc time tyre R. 1

HE Board of Managers in submitting their annual financial report, are pleased in being able to congratulate the Congregation upon its- prosperity. We find an increase in the revenue from sittings and collections since the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Leitch amongst us as our stated minister. Commencing the year 1891 with cash on hand, \$308.64, we paid out during the year as particularized in the printed financial statement, the sum of \$4,561.03, and we closed the year with cash on hand in bank \$464.59, leaving only one item of \$26 outstanding against this larger balance. To this amount, if we add the arrears of Pew Rents, \$648.80, one-fourth of which has since been paid, and all of which should be as good as gold, though not available by your Board until received by the Treasurer, these two sums would amount to over \$1,000, and with this the Church Building mortgage debt, which has too long remained at \$7,500, could this year be reduced at the least by that amount.

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Improvements made to the furnace, library, doors, seats, vestry, choir and pulpit platform carpeting, account for the increased amount spent this year in property repairs as compared with the three immediately preceeding years. With the opening of spring we would recommend your new Board to have the stone-work of the church foundation and stone-work of the church buttresses recemented and repointed, and unless your new Board decide to reshingle or slate the Church roof during the year, we think that by balance sheet this year we have entered upon, ought to be the most prosperous in the history of Knox Church.

Efficiency with strict economy are well-tried lines in church management and were never more necessary than at this juncture, that finds us carefully holding on to a large mortgage debt, as if afraid to let it go, while still speaking of an increased surplus which amounts to but a fraction of our indebtedness.

We as a Board are thankful if through the position wherein you have placed us, in the past, the name and cause which are "high over all" have been in any measure advanced.

The retiring Members of the Board by effluxion of time are :--James Dow, Robert Brownlie and John McIntvre.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. DONALDSON,

- Sec'y-Treas.

JAMES BENNOCH, Chairman, pro tem.

MANAGERS FOR 1892.

Mr. Andrew Johnston. M

C. E. Nasmyth.

" Jas. Bennoch.

- James Dow.
- Mr. F. D. Hamilton. "J. P. Macdonald. "R. Donaldson. "D. Stewart.

Mr. John McIntyre.

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Mr. Alex. Stewart. "Wm. Neil. Mr. W. C Orr. " R. McLeod.

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Knox Church Financial Statement for 1891.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash on hand and in Bank\$	308	64
	Pew Rents	2233	80
	Collected on Arrears, 1888, 1889 and 1890	454	25
	Sabbath Collections	1508	45
	" " for Hospital	128	00
#.	Preparatory Services	35	93
44 -	Poor Fund Collection	53	70
	Special Contributions	25	00
**	Contributions for Porch	. 277	85

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We hereby certify that we have examined the Books of Accounts and Vouchers of R. DONALDSON, Treasurer of Knox Church, for 1891, and found them correct.

CHARLES SCOTT, JAMES MACDONALD, AUDITORS.

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Knox Church Sabbath School + REPORT. +

For the year ending December 31st, 1091.

In again submitting our Annual Report we have to acknowledge our dependence on Divine Providence for success in our work. Since the arrival of the Rev. M. L. Leitch amongst us as our Pastor, we have been greatly strengthened by his earnestness and kindness and the interest he has shown in the School and Bible Class, and young people of the congregation, the teachers and officebearers.

The superintendent and teachers thankfully own our Heavenly Father's care in guarding our scholars amid so much sickness in our midst during the year. We lament the death of four of our number, but we trust our loss is their gain. The total number of pupils on the roll is now 485, the average attendance being 336.

After remodeling' the Library, sifting it of worn-out books, we have still 800 volumes on hand, and during the next few weeks this number will be augmented by \$25 worth of new books.

We are pleased to note the continued prosperity of the Bible Class under the leadership of Mr. George Malcolm. All the Teachers and Office-Bearers have been found faithful at their post, and fulfilled their arduous duties with fidelity during the year. We would remind all parents of their duty to co-operate with the teachers in seeing that their children have their lessons well prepared at home, as this is necessary to make the teaching in the Sabbath School a success. The superintendent is under deep obligation to the Y.P.S.C.E. for the work done by their Sabbath School committee. The financial statement shows the school's finances to be in a prosperous condition. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE HUNTER, Superintendent.

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* * Financial Statement,

for the year ending December 31st, 1891.

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RECEIPTS.

January 1st	Balance on hand\$			
	Collection from Church	32	50	
Feb'y 24th	Sabbath School Anniversary			
	Mission Barrels			
	J. Callin, Library			
	Ordinary Sabbath School Collec. 2	71	16	
	Bible Class to Queen's College			
	Mission	15	00	
	Interest	2	62	

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EXPENDITURE.

S. S. Convention	3	00
Delegates	T	70
Mission Barrels, Etc	1	30
S. S. Papers, 1891	56	18
" " half year, 1892	46	50
Dr. Moffatt	10	00
Library	70	00
Rev. R. H. Warden	50	18
Printing Cards	4	00
Pic-nic	6	75
Roll Books and Catechisms	3	06
Queen's College Missions	15	00
Balance on hand	126	68
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Office-Bearers.

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- MR. G. HUNTER, Superintendent.
 - W. IRELAND, Assist.

" W. NEIL, Secretary.

" G. HAMILTON, Assist.-Secretary.

. R. DONALDSON, Treasurer.

" G. MALCOLM, Teacher of Bible Class.

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MESSRS. G. MCINTOSH, G. HAMILTON, R. McLEOD, Librarians.

MISS MCLENNAN, Organist.



Teachers.

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Ser.

Mrs. Hislop. " Brown. Miss Orr. M. S. Miller. .. i Kyle. Turnbull. .. Johnston. Fortune. .. Gourlay. ... Moderwell. .. E. Stevenson. ii. Hyde. .. Smith. McLennan. 11 . M. Miller. 11 T. Hamilton. ... A. McIntyre. ...

- Miss Forbes.
 - " M. McDonald.

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- " Rattray.
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- " A. Duncan.
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- " Grant.
- Mr. Ireland.
- " A. Hamilton.
- " McKay.
- " Williamson.
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The Missionary Committee

deeply regret to record the decrease in contribution towards the great schemes of our church. A few years ago we were able to give double to what we are giving now.

Notwithstanding the decrease, receipts show that we are still doing something for our Lord and Master.

We find that the contributors to the Woman's Foreign Missions have not decreased their giving to the general schemes. Knowing that it involves the labor of the collectors every month, we should encourage them in their labor of love and help on the good work by giving what we can, which is undoubtedly the correct principle of Christian iiberality, and we would like to see it adopted by a much larger percentage of the members of this congregation. Of the 580 members on the communion roll only 150 appear as regular or occasional subscribers to Missions, which unmistakeably proves that the majority are as yet uninterested in the great cause, and no doubt also accounts for the smallness of our contributions as compared with sister congregations. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DONALDSON, Sec'y.

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Knox Church Missionary Association

Financial Statement,

for the year ending December 31st, 1891.

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	Duncan,	16	2:
	Moderwell	18	0
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	Easson	24	7
	Matthews	27	
	McDonald and Ballard		

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Miss McDonald	16	50		
" McKellar	10	30		
" Hyde		63		
··· McIntosh	14	80		
Baxter and Fortune	16	80		
" Hamilton	6	65		
8 individual persons gave	33	50		
Pay for Records put in seats		50		
Y. P. S. of C. Endeavor	53	84		
Interest		62		
		\$	408	86
J. Croil for Records				68
Dec. 31 Balance		\$	359	18
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In presenting their ANNUAL REPORT, the members of the

Auxiliary of the W.F.M. Society

desire to express their gratitude to God for another year of prosperity. In the year just closed the Auxiliary has shown signs of increased interest and activity in the work of Missions. Although not so large in numbers as might reasonably be expected from the size of the congregation, they confidently hope that many additions may be made to their number during this year, and would cordially invite all those who have any interest in this good work, to join them.

A new feature of the year was a thank-offering meeting, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The meetings have been kept up regularly during the year, the average attendance being twelve, The number of members is thirty-six.

The sum of \$107.32 was raised by the voluntary contributions of the members of the Auxiliary without anyaid from any other source whatever. After deducting \$4.50 spent in literature, &c., \$102.82 was handed to the Presbyterial treasurer.

Instead of, as usual, sending clothing to the indians of the North-West, the Auxiliary and Gordon Mission Band,

with the assistance of a few other members of the Congregation, sent a sewing machine, costing with thread, &c.\$31 to the Round Lake Mission School—Rev. H. Mackay's.

Names of Officers for the year 1892.

Hon. President, Mrs. Leitch. Sec'y, Mrs. Mayberry

President, Mrs. Hislop. Treas., Mrs. A. J. McPherson 1st Vice " Mrs. Rankin. 2nd Vice " Mrs. Macfadden.

3rd Vice " Mrs. Ireland.

KATE HOSSIE, Secy Aux. W. F. M. Society.

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Report of Gordon Mission Band

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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The Mission Band are pleased to report a prosperous year. Our meetings have been held regularly, and the attendance has been larger, with a deeper interest in matters pertaining to Mission Work.

Two meetings were held in private houses, which were much enjoyed.

Number on the roll, 33. Members of Gen. Soc., 4. Average attendance, 14. Amount contributed during the year, \$100.37—ot this amount \$11.25 was raised for a sewing machine for the Indian School at Round Lake, leaving a balance of \$89.12. Paid to Presb. Treasurer. A Mission Leaflet is placed on the literature table of the Y. P. S. C. E. every month. The Mission Band desire to thank friends in the Congregation for the help they have given from time to time.

President-Miss Moderwell.

Vice — Duncan, Miss Macdonald Secretary— M. Johnson. Treasurer— J. Macdonald.

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At this the close of the second year of our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, we are pleased to be able to present to you a year of great blessing and progress.

During the year 22 have joined our Society as active members and 33 as associate members, making in all an increase of 55 members. And during the year 5 have withdrawn from our Society. 24 have been placed on the absent list.

\$53.84 has been collected for Missions, and handed over to Mr. Donaldson, Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, and \$66.-36 has been collected at consecration meetings, for the general expenses of the Society, making a total of \$120.20 collected during the year.

17 have become members of the Church who were members of our Society. There are now on our roll 70 active members, 52 associate and 2 honorary members, a total of 124, with an average attendance between 80 or 90.

There has been steady growth in the spiritual development and some of the associate members have become earnest christians during the year.

We have 11 committees at work in our Society. The Executive Com., Look Out Com., Prayer Meeting Com, Social Com, Mission Com., Sunday School Com., Visiting and Flower Com., Literature Com., Music Com., Temperance Com. and Relief Com.

All of these Committees have been doing excellent work, but we may call special attention to the following :--S. S. Com., Vis. and Flower and Relief Committees. The S. S. Com. has been doing a good work in the way of providing children with clothing in order that they might attend Sunday School. There are quite a number of young people connected with our Church, who do not attend Sunday School or Bible Class and this Com. is making an effort to reach them and induce them to attend the Sunday School or Bible Class. Their efforts have not proved unsuccessful in some cases, and they are still working and looking for better results of their labors.

As regards the Visiting and Flower Com., they have been doing an excellent work by sending bouquets of flowers to the sick in our Congregation, and I might say that in almost every case these flowers were greatly appreciated by the sick ones. It has cheered the hearts of the members of this Com., to know that their work was appreciated, for they have received many a*kind

word, testifying as to the blessings these flowers have been to them. During the past year 223 bouquets have been sent, 252 sick calls and 160 congregational calls made.

The Relief Com. commenced active work in October, and since then have to report an expenditure of \$53.75, among poor and destitute families. This money has been contributed by friends. They have also distributed clothing, boots, etc., bread tickets, jelly, etc., besides 17 Christmas baskets for poor children.

I might go on and speak of the good work done by the other Committees, but time will not permit. It is true we have made mistakes in our work, but we have always tried to profit by them, and to avoid them in future, and with the Lord on our side, we mean to do greater things and in all our work to honor H is name.

Respectfully submitted by

E. PATTERSON,

Rec. Sec'y Knox Church Y.P.S.C.E.

米 OFFICERS.

President, -	2	Miss Jessie Duncan.
Vice-President,		Mr. A. Stewart.
Rec. Secretary,		Miss Patterson.
Cor. Secretary,	-	Miss Bel Kyle.
Treasurer, -	-	Miss Gorrie.

The Following is a Summary

of the Financial Statements, showing the Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending December 31st, 1891.

		RECEI	PTS.	DISBURSEN	TENTS	
Per	Managers	\$4716	98	\$4561	03	
"	Missionary Association		53	49	68	
	Auxiliary, W.F.M.S		32	107	32	
"	Gordon Mission Band	100	37	100	37	
"	Extra, A. W.F.M.S	19	75	19	75	đ
"	Sabbath School	308	53	267	67	11 .
"	Y.P.S.C.E	120		-120	20 6	6.50
		\$5667	68	\$5172	18	