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WILLIAM A. JONASSEN, MINISTER

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MEMORANDA.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, every Sabbath at 11 a. m., and 6 p. m. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is dispensed in the months of January, April, July and October.

PRAYER MEETINGS.—The Congregational Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesday Evening at 8 p. m. from the beginning of May to the close of September, and during the rest of the year at 7.30.

BIBLE CLASS—The Pastor's Bible Class is held in the Lecture Room on Tuesday Evening at 7.30.

MEETINGS OF SESSION are held on the Evening of the first Wednesday of each month.

MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES are held on the evening of the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1874-75.

Members of Session (with Districts.)

Moderator—REV. D. WATERS, LL. D.

Clerk—MR. JAMES ALLAN.

- DISTRICT 1.**—PORTLAND—Indiantown to Mill Street, Mr. John Douglas, Elder.
- “ 2.— “ Mill Street to Garden Street, Mr. James Allan, Elder.
- “ 3.— “ Garden Street to Marsh Bridge, Mr. John Wilson, Elder.
- “ 4.—CITY—Between Hazen, Coburg and Union Streets, City Road and Harbor, Mr. Robert Milligan, Elder.
- “ 5.— “ Between City Road, Waterloo (both sides), Union and Coburg Streets, Mr. Wm. Welsh, Elder.
- “ 6.— “ Between City Road, Brussels and Union Streets, and Courtenay Bay, Mr. David Willet, Elder.
- “ 7.— “ Between the Harbor, Union, Sydney and Duke Streets, Mr. Peter Chisholm, Elder.

OFFICE BEARERS,—Continued.

DISTRICT 8.—City—Between Duke, Sydney and Union Streets and Courtenay Bay, Mr. Robert Cruikshank, Elder.

" 9.— " Between the Harbor, Duke and Carmarthen Sts., Mr. D. M. Sterns, Elder.

" 10.— " Between Duke and Carmarthen Streets, Courtenay Bay and the Harbor, Mr. James Manson.

" 11.—COUNTRY DISTRICTS } Mr. John Stewart, Elder.
 } Mr. Wm. Small, Elder.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Chairman, Mr. JOHN FRASER.

Treasurer, Mr. JAMES MANSON.

Secretary, Mr. W. C. WATSON; Mr. JOHN WILLET, from Jan. 1st.

Mr. JOHN FRASER,

" JAMES HAMILTON,

" ALEXANDER DUFF,

THOMAS MCCLELLAND.

Mr. W. C. WATSON,

" B. HEVENOR,

" JAMES MANSON,

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Superintendent, Mr. JOHN STEWART.

Secretary, Mr. ROBERT LEDINGHAM.

Librarians, GILBERT M. HEVENOR, JOHN THOMPSON, DANIEL WATERS.

Teachers :

Mr. A. BINNING,
" A. MALCOLM,
" R. LEDINGHAM,
" P. CHISHOLM,
" S. E. JACK,
" D. WILLET,
" GEORGE YOUNGER,
" JAMES MANSON,
" D. M. STERNS,
Mrs. BARENSHA,
Mrs. A. BINNING,

Miss QUINN,
" WAYNE,
" M. WILLET,
" ALLAN,
" MISS J. ADAM,
" M. HUNTER,
" J. WILLET,
" G. ADAM,
" A. MILLAR,
" C. WELSH.

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

President, MRS. D. WATERS.

Vice-President, MRS. W. C. WATSON.

Treasurer, MRS. JOHN STEWART.

Recording Secretary, MRS. A. MILLER.

Corresponding Secretary, MRS. A. BINNING.

Members of Committee:

MRS. DR. MILLAR,
" B. HEVENOR,
" R. CRUKSHANK,
" D. WILLET,
" JAMES MILLIGAN,

MRS. D. M. STERNS,
" THOMAS MCCLELLAND,
" MISS PITCAITHLY,
" WELSH,
" ALLAN.

District Visitors:

- No. 1—Mrs. Rogerson and Miss Small.
- No. 2 and 3—Mrs. James Hamilton and Mrs. James Allan.
- No. 4—Mrs. Robert Milligan and Mrs. Binning.
- No. 5—Mrs. B. Hevenor and Mrs. Thomas McClelland.
- No. 6—Mrs. D. Willet and Miss Adam.
- No. 7—Mrs. A. Miller and Miss Welsh.
- No. 8—Mrs. Cruikshank and Mrs. William Ewing.
- No. 9—Mrs. Sterns and Mrs. James Milligan.
- No. 10—Mrs. Manson and Miss Pitcaithly.
- No. 11—Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. W. C. Watson.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees beg to submit herewith a statement of the Income and Expenditure of Saint David's Church during the past twelve months. They do so, before the day fixed by law for the Election of Trustees, instead of after it, as has been the custom for some time back, that the congregation may know the position of the affairs of the Church before that day.

In submitting this Statement, the Trustees would congratulate the congregation, that notwithstanding the dullness existing in business circles, the financial affairs of the Church shew such a healthy condition.

The amount of Sabbath Collections, although shewing a large increase over previous years, might be still further increased. In suggesting to the congregation the propriety of adding in this way to the income of the Church, the Trustees are of opinion that these collections could be doubled without imposing any burden on even the poorest. In this way, those to whom the management of the affairs of the Church might hereafter be entrusted, could meet the current expenditure without having to call on the congregation for those subscriptions, by means of which a large amount of the revenue of the Church is at present raised.

The Trustees would, in all kindness, and fully appreciating the great and general depression prevailing in business throughout this City, as offering some excuse for those in arrears, either for pew rents or for the amount of their quarterly subscription, beg to remind them, that in justice to those who have discharged similar liabilities, to the Trustees, who, on the strength of expecting to receive promptly the amount of such arrearages, have contracted debts which are now pressing upon them, and to themselves, they should at once meet this indebtedness.

The Trustees regret that the contributions to the Building Fund shew such a marked falling off. Although the necessity to pay off the debt standing on the Church is not a pressing one, the Trustees had hoped that the congregation would not relax its efforts in this direction until the Church was made "free," not in name only, but actually.

The Trustees had contemplated certain repairs in the way of painting the Church, laying out the grounds and repair-

ing the walls, &c. These they have been unable to accomplish, but they earnestly recommend them to the attention of their successors in office.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board.

JOHN WILLET,
Secretary.

SAINT DAVID'S CHURCH.

1875.

INCOME.

June 30.	To Cash on hand.		\$39 31
	" Amount received, Pew Rents.		1,294 19
	" " ordinary Collections.	\$1,171 86	
	" " extra collection for Hymn Books		
	" " for Bible Class.	23 00	
	" " for Foreign Missions.	32 00	
	" " for Benevolent Fund.	70 00	
	" " for Schemes of Church.	411 50	
	" " Subscriptions for Church purposes		1,708 36
	" " Proceeds Tea Meeting.		666 25
			4 80
			<u>\$3,712 91</u>

EXPENDITURE.

<i>Salaries:</i>		
Reverend Dr. Waters.	\$2,200 00	
Sundry other Ministers.	64 00	
Sexton.	70 00	
Secretary.	41 70	
	<u>\$2,375 70</u>	
Cleaning Church and Labor.		80 55
Furniture, Matting, Gas Fitting, &c.		152 35
Fuel.		59 80
Interest.		163 00
Insurance.		102 00
Taxes.		10 00
Printing and Incidental Expenses.		18 25
Carpenter Work and Repairing.		100 00
Presbytery Assessment.	\$39 00	
Foreign Mission.	32 00	
Synod Extra Charges.	10 00	
Benevolent Fund.	70 00	
		<u>151 00</u>

Cash paid Reverend Dr. Waters. Schemes of the Church:

Amount Home Mission Fund.	\$100 00	
" Foreign " "	70 00	
" Supplement " "	100 00	
" College " "	70 00	
" Synod " "	50 00	
" Acadian Mission Fund.	10 00	
		<u>400 00</u>

Carried forward, \$3,617 68

Brought Forward,		\$3,617 68	\$3,712 91
Amount Widows and Orphan's Fund,	\$4 00		
" Money paid for Missions,,	5 00		
" Expenses,	2 50		
		11 50	
H. R. Smith, Books, Hymns for Bible Class,,		23 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		60 73	
		<u>\$3,712 91</u>	<u>\$3,712 91</u>

JOHN WILLET, SECRETARY.

BENJ. HEVENOR, TREASURER, IN ACCT. WITH SINKING FUND
OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

1874.	Dr.		
July 7.	To Amount deposited in Building Society,	\$970 41	
Dec. 31.	" Interest,	30 37	
	" Amount of Cash received per Envelopes for year ending June 21st, 1875,	197 25	
		<u>\$1,198 03</u>	
	Cr.		
June 21.	By Amount deposited in Building Society,	\$1,198 03	
1875.	Dr.		
June 21.	To Amount deposited in Building Society,	\$1,198 03	

St. JOHN, N. B., 2nd July, 1875.

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book and Voucher, (of which the within is an abstract,) of the Treasurer of St. David's Church, for the year ending 30th June, 1875, and have found them correct and properly stated.

R. CRUIKSHANK, } AUDITORS.
PETER CHISHOLM, }

Report of the Session of St. David's Church for the year ending June 30th, 1875.

STATE OF THE CONGREGATION.

The Session have much pleasure in presenting a brief statement regarding the state of the Congregation, and of those interests more immediately under their care. About the beginning of the last Congregational year Messrs. Robert Cruikshank, D. M. Sterns, James Manson, D. Willet, William Welsh and W. C. Watson were elected to the office of the Eldership. Of these all except Mr. Watson, who did not see his way clear to accept the office, were ordained and their names added to the Session Roll. There was thus a large and important addition made to the working staff of office bearers. The Congregation was then divided into eleven districts, to each of which an Elder was assigned. Each Elder visits the whole of his district at least once a quarter, and leaves with the communicants under his care, tickets bearing the name of the District Elder as well as the member's own name. The ticket is used as a communion token, and the plan adopted has been found to work exceedingly well.

During the year thirty-seven (37) names have been added to the COMMUNION ROLL—nineteen (19) on a profession of faith, and eighteen (18) by certificate from other Churches. To set against this, twenty-two (22) names were removed from the roll—eight (8) by death, nine (9) by certificate given to those who removed from the bounds of the Congregation, and five (5) who had removed from the place without applying for certificates, or those whose names were removed for other causes. The actual number of communicants on the roll on the 30th June, 1875, was two hundred and fifty-four (254).

A severe loss has been sustained by the removal of Mr. Wm. Welsh to Liverpool, England, and of Mr. John Douglas to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. These gentlemen had proved to be most efficient and faithful members of Session.

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS.

During the greater part the year the Pastor has conducted a Bible Class which met on Tuesday evening. The number on the Class Roll was one hundred and seventeen (117), with an average attendance of between seventy (70) and eighty

(80). Deep interest seemed to be manifested in the work of the Class, and careful attention was given to the instructions imparted. The Pastor feels himself under great obligations to Miss Georgina Adams and Mr. D. M. Sterns for their efficient assistance in conducting the musical part of the exercises. There are still a number of young people connected with the Congregation whom the Pastor would gladly welcome to the Class when it is re-opened.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sabbath School has had a good attendance during the year and appears to be in a healthy state. The number on the roll is 223, with an average attendance of about 140.

In addition to the ordinary exercise the Pastor held a special Sabbath School service about once a quarter, at which a collection is always taken up for Sabbath School purposes.

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

About the beginning of last quarter the ladies of the Congregation formed themselves into a "Ladies' Aid Association," with an efficient staff of office bearers, whose names will be found in another place. During the winter months the ladies met on Wednesday of each week for the purpose of consultation and of making up garments for those who might be in necessitous circumstances. Much good was done in this and in other ways, and some pressing cases of need relieved. Two visitors were appointed to each Elder's district, with instruction to visit all the families residing within the bounds of the district. Cases demanding immediate attention were thus discovered and help given without any delay. The weekly meetings will be renewed in October, when it is hoped that a still larger number of the ladies of the Congregation will connect themselves with the Association.

Upon taking a review of the state of the Congregation the Session feel that there is every reason to be grateful to God for his goodness, and would earnestly pray that in the time to come the Congregation may be yet more abundantly blessed. Much will depend upon the earnest prayers and faithful labors of those who have the welfare of their fellow men and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom at heart.