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GENERAL NOTICES.

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Public Worship.....Lord's Day, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Sabbath School and Bible Class.....Lord's Day, 2.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour..Monday, 8 p.m.
Women's Association..4th Thursday of each month at 8 p.m.
Choir Practice.....Friday, 8 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed on the last Sabbath in the months of February, May, August, and November.

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first Sabbath of each month. Parents are expected to notify the Minister during the preceding week of their intention to present their children for Baptism.

Applications for sittings may be made to the Pew Manager, J. J. Banfield, at the close of the morning services.

No charge is made for pews, but all who regularly attend the Church are expected to contribute to its support in proportion to their ability and according to some definite and systematic plan. The method preferred by the Managers and hereby recommended to the congregation is what is known as the "envelope system." The plan is as follows: The envelopes given to each individual bear a number that corresponds to the number opposite to that individual's

name on the Envelope Secretary's book. Each contributor undertakes to give a certain amount weekly, and to make up the deficiency in case of absence on one or more Sundays, and the Secretary will, unless otherwise instructed, enter in his books the amount contained in the first envelope received as the amount which the contributor undertakes to give weekly. A contributor may notify the Envelope Secretary at any time that he finds it necessary to decrease his weekly offering or to discontinue it altogether, but unless the Secretary is so notified, the contributor will be expected to pay the full amount for the current year.

A special collection in aid of the Sabbath School will be taken up during the summer.



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Rev. E. D. McLaren, M. A., B. D.

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J. M. Browning,
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J. McQueen,
J. T. Brown.

R. Macpherson.

List of Office Bearers for 1898.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

J. McQueen.....	Chairman
F. R. Stewart.....	Secretary
J. J. Banfield.....	Pew Manager
Jas. Stark.....	Treasurer
F. Cockburn.....	Envelope Secretary
R. Macpherson,	J. Duff Stuart,
Geo. Cassady,	F. M. Black.

ORGANIST.

J. H. Smith, F. G. C. M.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

OFFICERS.

Superintendent.....	F. M. Black
Assistant Superintendent.....	C. Milne
Treasurer.....	Miss C. M. McIntosh
Secretary.....	W. J. White
Assistant Secretary.....	J. Dubberly
Librarian.....	P. McLaughlan
Assistant Librarian.....	Miss Wood
Organist.....	Miss Edwards
Assistant Organist.....	Miss M. Cassady

TEACHERS.

Rev. E. D. McLaren..... Bible Class.

Miss George,	Miss M. Campbell,	F. M. Black,
Miss Bain,	Miss S. Campbell,	J. Murray,
Miss Grant,	Miss Robinson,	C. Milne,
Miss McHaffie,	Mrs. Baker,	J. Prentice,
Miss McIntosh,	Mrs. Center,	J. B. Smith,
Miss Gibb,	Mrs. Hoschel,	J. McQueen,
Miss Laird,	Mrs. Carr,	C. Mason,
Miss Henderson,	Mrs. Stewart,	W. J. White,
Miss R. McFarlane,	Mrs. Drainie,	R. Armstrong,
Miss Aylsworth,	Miss Swift,	Mr. Craig,
Miss E. McLeod,	Miss E. Macfarlane,	

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FAIRVIEW SABBATH SCHOOL.

OFFICERS.

Superintendent.....	James Logan
Secretary-Treasurer and Librarian	D. Buchanan
Organist.....	Miss Buchanan

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TEACHERS.

J. J. Logan..... Bible Class.
Miss McLean..... Infant Class.

Mr. J. T. Brown,	Mrs. J. J. Logan,	Miss Buchanan,
Mr. St. Quinten,		Miss Currie,
Mr. Currie,	Miss Williams,	

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Honorary President.....	Mrs. E. D. McLaren
President.....	Mrs. Chas. Wilson
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. D. Devlin
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Ferguson
Secretary.....	Mrs. R. B. Ellis
Treasurer.....	Mrs. J. M. Browning

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DIRECTRESSES,

Mrs. Thos. Dunn,	Mrs. Geo. Taylor,
Mrs. Drysdale,	Mrs. H. McDowell,
Building Fund Secretary	Mrs. Cowperthwaite
Organist.....	Mrs. Fisher Mowatt

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

Honorary President.....	Rev. E. D. McLaren
President.....	Mr. Robert Armstrong
Vice-President.....	Miss Margaret McFarlane
Secretary.....	Miss M. George
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mr. Dan Grant
Treasurer.....	Miss Etta McLeod

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

Superintendent.....	Miss R. Macfarlane
Assistant Superintendents.....	{ Mr. R. Armstrong Mr. White Miss E. MacLeod Miss A. Wood
President.....	Mary Jordan
Vice-President.....	Max. MacLeod
Treasurer.....	Ethel Center
Secretary.....	Birdie Garvey
Cor.-Secretary.....	Edna MacQuarrie

ST. ANDREW'S CIRCLE OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Honorary President.....	Mrs. E. D. McLaren
President.....	Mrs. Allan Cameron
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Chas. H. Macauley
Secretary.....	Miss Ferguson
Treasurer.....	Miss MacHaffie

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President.....	Mrs. F. D. McLaren
Vice-President.....	{ Mrs. Logan Mrs. Drainie Mrs. Bauer
Treasurer.....	Mrs. N. MacLeod
Secretary.....	Mrs. Mowatt
Organist.....	Miss L. Brown

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SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

Congregations are expected not only to devise liberal things in regard to their own congregational life and work, but also to take an active interest in the various departments of the general work of the Church. These different forms of general Church work, which are usually spoken of as the "Schemes of the Church," are of four kinds, Missionary, Educational, Benevolent, and Ecclesiastical.

I. MISSIONARY.

The Missionary enterprises of the Presbyterian Church in Canada are four in number.

1. Home Missions—The object of the Home Mission Fund is to assist Presbyterians in the newer and more sparsely settled districts of the country to secure the services of student-catechists or ordained missionaries. In the Western section of the Church, which extends from Quebec to the Pacific Ocean, there are 1057 preaching stations under the care of the Home Mission Committee. The people belonging to these stations raised for the support of ordinances during the year 1896-97 the sum of \$72,835, and this amount was supplemented by grants from the Home Mission Fund amounting to \$56,747.

2. Augmentation of Stipends—This Fund was established for the purpose of enabling weak congregations to enjoy

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the services of their own regularly inducted ministers, and securing to these ministers a stipend of at least \$750 and a manse. During the past year 135 congregations received aid from the Augmentation Fund. These congregations promised to contribute towards their ministers' stipends \$77,294, and the Augmentation Committee promised to aid them to the amount of \$20,157.

3. French Evangelization—The money contributed for this purpose is expended on the salaries of missionaries and colporteurs amongst the French Canadians, and on the support of the school at Pointe-aux-Trembles and Colligny College, Ottawa.

4. Foreign Missions—There are seven Foreign Mission fields occupied by the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

(1) In the New Hebrides Islands we have 3 ordained missionaries; (2) in Trinidad 4; (3) in Central India 8; (4) in Formosa 2; in Honan 8; (5) amongst the Indians in the North West Territories and British Columbia 6; (6) amongst the Chinese in British Columbia 1; and (7) amongst the Chinese in Ontario and Quebec 1. In each of these fields there are also unordained missionaries and native helpers regularly employed; and in several of them there are female missionaries and medical missionaries as well.

II. EDUCATIONAL.

There are six Theological Colleges connected with the Church, viz., Dalhousie College, Halifax; Mortin College,

Quebec ; the Presbyterian College, Montreal ; Queen's College, Kingston ; Knox College, Toronto ; and Manitoba College, Winnipeg. None of these Colleges are fully endowed ; each depends, for a portion of its revenue, upon the annual contributions of the congregations of the Church.

III. BENEVOLENT.

Under this head two funds are included :

1. The Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, whose object is to provide annuities for the widows and orphans of the Ministers of the Church.

2. The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, which seeks to secure an adequate retiring allowance to Ministers who have been compelled, through sickness or old age, to withdraw from the active work of the Ministry.

IV. ECCLESIASTICAL.

Presbyteries, Synods, and the General Assembly all require money for stationery, postage, printing, clerks' salaries, and other purposes. These Church Courts have no revenue of their own, and therefore the expenses connected with them must be provided for by the congregations of the Church.

Minutes of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Congregation, was held in the Church on the evening of Wednesday, January 19, 1898. The Minister opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and then called upon the Congregation to elect a chairman.

Mr. R. B. Ellis was appointed chairman, and Mr. John Wm. Gibb acted as secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Mr. F. R. Stewart, and adopted.

The Minister read the annual Statement of Session.

The Report of the Board of Managers was next submitted. In the absence of Mr. James Stark, treasurer, the Financial Statement was read by Mr. J. Duff Stuart.

The election of three managers to fill the place of those retiring was then proceeded with. The result was the re-appointment of Messrs. James McQueen, F. R. Stewart and F. Cockburn.

The Sabbath School Report was presented by the Superintendent, Mr. F. M. Black.

The Fairview Sabbath School Report was submitted by Mr. J. J. Logan.

The Report of the Women's Association was read by the Minister, who heartily congratulated the Association on the splendid work done by them during the year.

The Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was presented by Mr. Armstrong. The work of this Society was commended by the Minister to the more general support of the young people of the Congregation.

The Report of the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor was read by Miss Birdie Garvey.

The Minister read the Report of the King's Daughters.

The Report of the Women's Missionary Society was read by Miss R. McFarlane.

Under the head of New Business, Miss R. McFarlane read a complaint regarding the lighting and heating of the schoolroom. This was the first time, that the matter had come before the Board of Managers and they promised to attend to it satisfactorily.

Mr. James McQueen on behalf of the Congregation, presented an address and a well filled purse to Mr. Griffith, who had retired from the position of organist at the end of the year.

It was unanimously resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Members of the Choir for their efficient services during the past year. Mr. Jas. Sclater on behalf of the Choir, briefly thanked the Congregation.

The Minister then formally introduced Mr. J. H. Smith F. G. C. M., the new organist, to the Congregation, and

assured them that Mr. Griffith's mantle had fallen on worthy shoulders. He trusted that the most hearty co-operation and kindly feeling would be extended to Mr. Smith, in this his new field of labor.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Mr. A. Muir be re-appointed auditor for the ensuing year.

Hearty votes of thanks were tendered to the Managers for their past services.

The meeting was brought to a close with praise and benediction, and an adjournment was made to the school-room, where the ladies had provided refreshments, and a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse.

JOHN W. GIBB, Secretary.



STATEMENT OF SESSION.

As they look back over the year that is gone, the Session feel that they have great reason to thank God and take courage. There are, of course, some discouraging features in our congregational life and work, but there is certainly very much that is comforting and inspiring. The various organizations connected with the congregation have carried on their work with commendable zeal and with a very gratifying measure of success. It has been to all the members of Session a source of deep satisfaction and a cause of profound gratitude, to find so many members of the congregation giving cheerfully both of their strength and of their means for the promotion of the various objects they have banded themselves together to accomplish. The Session confidently trust that all whose service has consisted not in idle words, but of earnest deeds, will reap a rich reward of their labors in the deepening of their own religious life and in the strengthening of the ties that bind them to the Great Master they have sought to serve.

It would be impossible to speak too gratefully of the fact that in this western city the public services of the Sanctuary are so well attended, and that amongst the stated worshippers are to be found such a large number of young men. Even here, however, there is still room for improvement, and the Session earnestly hope, that during the

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present year, Sabbath after Sabbath, all who are not absolutely debarred from church attendance, may be able to say: 'We are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.'

Another great source of encouragement is found in the growth of the Sabbath School, and in the earnest efforts that are being put forth to make the School the nursery of the Church.

There is further cause for gratitude in the fact that, although 47 names have been removed from the Communion Roll, the net increase of communicants for the year is 44. It is peculiarly gratifying to note, that of the 91 new members, 32 have been received upon profession of faith, and that 11 of them have come from the Sabbath School.

The growth of the congregation may be judged of, to some extent at least, by the following figures:

Number of Communicants on Roll 1st Jan., 1897.....	462
Number added during the year:	
(1) By Certificate	59
(2) By Profession	32
	91
Number removed during the year:	
(1) By Death	2
(2) By Certificates to other Churches	21
(3) By transference to Supplemental Roll. 26	
	49
Net increase during the year.....	42
Number on Roll 1st Jan., 1898.....	504
Number of Baptisms:	
(1) Adult	1
(2) Infant	36
	37
Number of families in the Congregation.....	275
Number of single persons.....	75

The Session have again to express their deep regret and disappointment at the evident lack of interest in many quarters in the general work of the Church. Notwithstanding the urgent appeals for increased liberality that have been made both from the pulpit and by printed circulars, the total contribution for the schemes of the Church amount to only \$563.25. The number of communicants reported last year was 462, so that the average rate of giving for the conversion of the heathen, for the supremely important work of keeping our own fellow-countrymen under the influence of Christian truth, and for all the other objects that the Presbyterian Church in Canada is seeking to accomplish, was only \$1.22 per communicant. Such a state of things is surely sufficiently disappointing; but when it is borne in mind that there have been some contributions ranging from \$5 to \$50, and that therefore the vast majority of the communicants must have given absolutely nothing, the disappointment is greatly increased. Moreover, of the total amount above mentioned, \$164.00 came from the Christian Endeavour Society; \$56.55 from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society; \$63.75 from the Sabbath School; and \$10.00 from the Junior Endeavour Society, leaving only the small sum of \$268.95 as the result of the congregational collections for the schemes of the Church. "Brethren, these things ought not so to be." The Session earnestly hope that those who, in the past, may have been neglecting what is a high privilege as well as a solemn duty, will, during the present year, embrace the

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opportunity of having some part, however small, in the work of extending the boundaries of the Redeemer's kingdom in our own and in other lands. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

The amount contributed, it is proposed to apportion as follows :

Home Mission Fund.....	\$ 200.00
Foreign Mission Fund.....	170.00
Augmentation Fund.....	60.00
Widows' and Orphans' Funds.....	15.00
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	15.00
College Fund.....	35.00
French Evangelization Fund.....	10.00
Presbytery (\$32), Synod (\$20) and Assembly (\$5) Funds.....	57.00
Expense of Remitting Money.....	1.25
	\$ 563 25

The Session must also express their regret that such a comparatively small number avail themselves of the opportunity for Christian fellowship that is afforded by the mid-week prayer meeting. They hope to see a marked improvement in this respect during the present year.

Each annual meeting of the congregation has its own solemn and sorrowful reminders of the uncertainty of life. The Session trust that all connected with the congregation will seek to lay to heart the lessons of God's providential dealings, and in the name of the congregation they beg to tender their respectful sympathy to those who have been called to mourn the loss of loved ones.

The following are the names of those who have been summoned from our midst during the past year :

OBITUARY.

John A. Griffith	23rd Jan.
Janet M. Gray	22nd Mar.
Robert Allan, child of G. Drysdale.	2nd April
W. F. Allan	27th Mar.
James Reide	15th June
William Garden	4th July
John Campbell	10th July
Mrs. W. Warden	30th July
Nellie, child of T. Veitch	8th Oct.
John McHardy	21st Oct.
Nettie Innes	26th Nov.

“Finally brethren, rejoice in the Lord.” “Be pitiful, be courteous.” “Let all your things be done with love.”
 “Put on kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, and above all things put on love.”

In the name of the Session,

E. D. McLAREN,

Moderator.

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Report of the Board of Managers.

The Managers beg to submit the following statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

I. ORDINARY REVENUES.

RECEIPTS.

To Contributions by Envelopes.....	\$2,884 40
Open Contributions.....	1,870 50
Proceeds Excursion, Sept. 7, Women's Association.....	30 00
Proceeds Sacred Concert, Sept. 10.....	95 00
	<hr/> \$4,879 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Deficit from last year.....	\$ 202 97
Minister's Stipend.....	\$2,500 00
Organist's Salary.....	300 00
Caretaker's Salary.....	300 00
Choir Expense—Mrs. Forrest.....	240 00
Fuel.....	86 50
Lighting.....	100 64
Organ Blowing.....	63 25
Organ Repairing, 1895 account.....	36 00
Insurance on Church, Furniture, etc.	235 00
City Taxes.....	186 00
Water Account, (including arrears,) Water used for organ, \$60.....	67 54
Sundries Account— Communion Expenses.....	13 00
Synod Expense.....	10 00
Caretaker's Supplies.....	4 90
Stationery, Hymnals, Music, etc....	106 80
Repairs and Improvements.....	67 72
Balance Cash in Bank—Current Act.	170 58
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II. BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year.....	\$	157	40
Amount collected by Women's Association.....	\$910	50	
Contributed by Envelope and open Collection.....	203	75	
Donated by Women's Association....	500	00	
Bank Interest on Deposits.....	3	00	1,617 25
			<u>\$1,774 65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Instalment on Principal.....	750	00	
Interest	719	86	
B. C. Mortgage Taxes, including arrears to date.....	282	50	1,752 36
Balance Cash in Savings Bank.....			22 20
			<u>\$1,774 65</u>

III. SABBATH SCHOOL EXTENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year.....	\$75	00	
Subscription for Mrs. P. T. Dunn.....	10	00	
			\$85 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Balance Cash in Bank--Current Account	\$85	00	
			\$85 00

IV. SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

RECEIPTS.

To Ordinary Contributions, open and by envelope.....	\$162	00	
Special Contributions for Klondike Mission.....	106	95	
Special Contributions for S. A. Shelter.	18	00	286 95
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By Cheque to Rev. E. D. McLaren, Mar. 18, \$	67	50
Rev. Mr. Dickie's Expenses in City....	11	00
Presbytery Assessment.....	32	35
Ensign Patterson, S. A. Shelter.....	18	00
Balance Cash in Bank, Current Acc't..		128 85
		<u>158 19</u>

\$286 95

Total Receipts for the year.....\$6,794 10

Balance from last year.....20 43

\$6,823 53

Total Disbursements.....\$6,387 56

Balance Cash in Bank, December 31, 1897.....435 97

\$6,823 53

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES STARK, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the Treasurer's Books, and compared accounts with vouchers, etc., and find them correct. I also find the balance Cash in Bank to Dec. 31, 1897, to be \$435 97.

(Signed) A. MUIR, SENR., Auditor.

In presenting their statement, the Managers are pleased to be able to report a balance on hand at the close of the year, and also an increase of ordinary revenue as compared with the preceding year. The contributions by envelopes amounted to \$2,884 40, being \$120 in excess of 1896. Open collections, \$1,870, being \$179 more than the previous year. Proceeds of Sacred Concert, \$95. Proceeds of Excursion, \$30. We had the following extra expenditures under this account as compared with the

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previous year—Repairing Organ, \$36—Renewal of Insurance, \$235, as against \$80 in 1896, and an old overdue account for water of about \$60. Notwithstanding these extra payments, this account closed the year with a credit balance of \$170.58.

The Building Fund commenced the year with a credit balance on hand of \$157. Total receipts for the year, \$1,617, as against \$1,392 for 1896, being an increase of \$225, but an analysis of this account shows that this large increase is due to the very liberal contribution of \$500 received in aid of the Fund from the Women's Association, and that we actually received \$152 less from regular contributions than in the preceding year. In the expenditures under this account there appears for the first time the items of "Mortgage Tax," consisting of arrears of the same from date of Mortgage to the end of 1896, \$230, and for 1897, \$52. These items were only paid after having obtained legal advice, stating that under the terms of the mortgage the mortgagors are liable for this tax. Had it not been been for the payment of this tax, we would have been able to have paid the interest and \$1,000 on the principal of the mortgage. As it is, we have paid the interest and \$750 on the principal, reducing the mortgage to \$9,250. The Managers trust that the regular contributors to this Fund will continue, and if able, increase their regular contributions. It will be the duty, and is the intention of the Managers, at as early a date as possible, to make the canvas necessary to extend and perfect the

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list of contributors, and now, that the tide of commercial prosperity appears to have set in, they feel assured that it only requires united effort and systematic giving on the part of the members and adherents of the congregation to very soon wipe off the burden of debt—an end worthy of an earnest effort on the part of all.

As a result of the introduction of the electric light, there has been a saving in the item of light as compared with the previous year of \$34, and a reduction from the 1895 account of \$82, showing that the change from gas to the electric light will prove to be a profitable one, and the Managers have decided upon the completion and perfecting of the work now on hand. There is also a considerable reduction in the item of fuel, largely due to the economy practiced by the caretaker.

The question of increased Sabbath School accommodation is becoming daily more urgent, and it is to be hoped that some means will be devised by which the accommodation required will be secured in the immediate future.

In order to meet all obligations, and relieve the Managers of considerable care and anxiety, it will be necessary to raise, in round figures \$5,000 for Ordinary Revenue Account for the ensuing year, or about \$100 per Sabbath; and for Building Fund Account for interest and mortgage tax, about \$700. Instalment on principal \$1,000, or in all \$1,700. We will require \$575 by 1st May to meet accruing interest and pay, if possible, the odd \$250 on the


principal. Let us make a united effort to raise this year \$2,000. We could then reduce our debt to the more comfortable sum of \$8,000, which will not only lessen the burden, but materially aid the Managers in re-arrangement of the loan on more favourable terms which they have already under consideration.

The Managers desire to express their indebtedness and thanks to the Women's Association, not only for their liberal contribution of \$500 to the Building Fund, and \$30 to Ordinary Revenue, but also for their self-denying labor and diligence in collecting the contributions of regular contributors to the Fund.

The names of the retiring Managers (who are, however, eligible for re-election), are Messrs. J. McQueen, F. Cockburn, and F. R. Stewart.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. R. STEWART, Secretary.



REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

In reviewing the work of St. Andrew's Sabbath School for the year that is gone, the chief characteristic apparent is the marked progress in several directions. At no previous time in the history of the school have the numbers in attendance been so large, nor punctuality and general behavior of the pupils better. It is undoubtedly safe to say, also, that never before has the school had such a good all-round staff of teachers and officers. It is in this very prosperity that the greatest difficulty is experienced. The lecture room, the original home of the school, has become much too small for the proper handling of the Infant Class alone, while the church itself cannot give proper teaching accommodation for the thirty classes it contains. The provision of proper quarters for the school has therefore become an absolute necessity if it is to have a fair opportunity of doing useful work, and the erection of a new schoolroom must be taken in hand at the earliest possible date.

The teachers regret to place on record a more serious difficulty than the one just mentioned, namely the great lack of additional efficient helpers. Very many of the present classes are uncomfortably large, several have lacked regular teachers, and there is no available supply of substitute teachers in cases of sickness or unavoidable absence. The way in which the work of the school is hampered from

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these causes need no emphasis. In view of the many appeals which have been made for a deeper and more practical interest on the part of the adults of the congregation in the work as carried on each Sunday, the teachers feel justified in stating their sense of regret that it should still be necessary to call attention to the same want. But for the exceedingly faithful attitude of teachers who have been connected with the school for a number of years, it would have been quite impossible to cope with the greatly increasing attendance.

Another problem which the teachers recognise as facing the church in its care of the young, is the question of boys just beginning work, who feel themselves outgrowing their Sabbath School classes. The school is not in a position to give proper attention to such, and the teachers beg to point out that no agency at present exists with the care of youths as its special object. In this connection they would lay special emphasis upon the small number of young people who have joined the church within recent years, a regrettable indication of some weakness in aggressive work.

During 1897 a change was made in the series of lessons studied, those of the Bible Study Union being substituted for the International series. The result of six months' trial appears to have been a livelier interest among all classes in the subjects under consideration, and the teachers have unanimously decided to spend the year 1898 in a study of the Life of Christ, with the helps above mentioned.

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emphasize one feature, that for two or three years past the school has not had to appeal for any assistance from the ordinary funds of the church, but has been entirely self-supporting, closing the present year with a balance in hand of \$43.07. In addition to this there are the sums of \$63.75 and \$69.15 in hand for Missions and S. S. Building Fund respectively. Collections for all purposes during the year have averaged \$6.15. Detailed statements are appended.

The attendance, to which reference was made in the earlier part of this report, has been growing by leaps and bounds; on two recent occasions being 365 as against a record of 287 in 1896. For the year it has averaged 296, with an average attendance of teachers and officers of 28.

Altogether, though there has been and still is much to be faced and many difficulties to be overcome, the teachers have reached the end of 1897 with a spirit of thankfulness in their hearts, which is leading them to lay hold of the work of the new year with increased earnestness and zeal, believing that it will show as many hopeful signs in its close as has the past.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. BLACK,
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand, Jan. 1897.....	\$ 19 25
Collections for year.....	172 15
Special Collection for helps.....	23 50

Donation from Mr. Roedde.....	15 00
Received from Picnic Committee	3 00
Proceeds Xmas Entertainment.....	54 90
	<u>\$287 80</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Amount Paid Missions, for 1896.....	\$ 51 45
Forms for Infant Class Room.....	14 00
Repairing Library Books.....	25 00
Messrs Clarke & Stuart for "Sunbeams," Class Books, Re- ward Cards, etc., including 1896 account.....	64 53
Lesson Helps, 1897.....	25 75
" " for 1898 on account.....	20 00
Expenses Christmas Entertainment.....	31 90
Sundries.....	9 10
Balance on hand.....	43 07
	<u>\$287 80</u>

STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS FOR SPECIAL OBJECTS.

RECEIPTS.

Special Collection, Children's Day, General Assembly Fund.....	\$ 33 20
Collections for Missions for year, 1st Sunday in month.....	63 75
Collections for Building Fund for year, last Sunday in month.....	69 15
	<u>\$166 10</u>
Balance Missions.....	\$ 63.75
" Building Fund.....	69.15
	<u>\$132 90</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Amount remitted General Assembly.....	\$ 33 20
Balance in hand.....	132 90
	<u>\$166 10</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

C. MAUDE McINTOSH, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF FAIRVIEW SABBATH SCHOOL.

At the close of another year in the history of our School we are thankful to be able to report progress. The School is steadily increasing in numbers and interest. Our accommodation has been very far from satisfactory during the last year. The vacant room we used in the day school building, has been occupied for day school purposes and we have been thus crowded out and obliged to secure a school building of our own. We have raised sufficient money to pay for a lot, and the work of erecting a school building is now in progress, and we hope to have it ready for use in six weeks. We trust further aid will be forthcoming from friends of the work, which will enable us to meet liabilities and place us in a position to carry on more effective work in the future.

Largest number present 84. Average attendance 63.

The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for 1896:

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward	\$ 5 30
Sunday collections	65 50
	<u>\$ 70 80</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cards for library	\$ 4 00
Caretaker	3 00
Coal Oil	1 75
Supplies	17 08

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Cleaning school room	1 50
Picnic expenses	1 05
Insurance on furniture and organ	4 10
General Assembly S. S. fund	5 55
Sundries	25
Deposited in bank for building fund	20 00
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Balance on hand	\$ 58 28
	\$ 12 52
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	\$ 70 80

SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.
STATEMENT.

Proceeds of sale of work	\$ 120 70
" parlor social	10 25
" strawberry social	19 05
Collected by subscription	192 75
Interest on bank deposit	2 90
From S. S. collections	20 00
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	\$ 365 65
Cash paid for lot on 7th avenue	\$ 360 00
Balance on hand and in bank	\$ 5 65

In addition to this we are promised a donation of \$50.00 worth of building material.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. LOGAN,

Superintendent.



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REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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The Association, feeling the very great need of a new Sabbath-school room in connection with the Church, began the year by pledging themselves to raise \$300.00 towards paying off the debt on the present church building, with the earnest hope that by united and continuous efforts, even more might be done.

On the 22nd and 23rd of April an entertainment and sale of work was held in Dunn Hall, and again on Dec. 2nd, a promenade concert with luncheon and Christmas sale was held. Both entertainments brought most satisfactory returns, and we were gratified to be able to exceed the amount promised and donate \$500.00 to the building fund.

In August an excursion was held to Granite Falls, the proceeds of which, amounting to \$30.00, was, at the request of the managers, given to the ordinary revenue of the Church.

The monthly payments made to the collectors by the subscribers of the building fund amounted to \$910.50, being over \$70.00 more than was collected last year.

We regret, that owing to lack of accommodation for such purposes, we have been able to do so little for the social life of the congregation, though realizing it to be one of the most important duties of the Women's Association, but trust that in the near future these difficulties may be overcome.

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We have to report a gratifying increase in our membership roll, a much more regular and increased attendance at our meetings, and greater interest in the work undertaken.

We take this opportunity to extend to all the women of the congregation a cordial invitation to join us in our meetings and help us in these our humble efforts for the Master.

ADELAIDE A. ELLIS,
Secretary W. A.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR 1897.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from 1896.....	\$ 19 50
67 members fees @ 50c.....	33 50
Contents of two mite boxes.....	1 60
Proceeds of "Fair of Nations".....	587 20
Proceeds of excursion to Granite Falls.....	103 70
Proceeds of "Household Fair".....	317 70
Interest on deposit in saving's bank.....	6 30
	<hr/> \$ 1069 50

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Affiliation fee for 1897 to Local Council of Women..	\$ 2 00
News Advertiser printing, 350 members' cards.....	2 25
Cash book, minute and note books.....	1 75
China tea things for use of Association.....	2 10
Mrs. Roberts for work at meetings during the year.....	3 25
Expenses in connection with "Fair of Nations".....	268 20
Managers towards general revenue.....	30 00
Expenses of excursion to Granite Falls.....	67 20
Expenses in connection with "Household Fair".....	164 70
Managers for building fund.....	500 00
Balance carried to 1898.....	28 05
	<hr/> \$ 1069 50

M. H. BROWNING,
Treasurer.

Examined and certified correct,

Vancouver, 17th Jan. 1898.

J. O. MACLEOD,

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REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

In presenting this our annual report, we desire to make special mention of the interest taken in the Y. P. S. C. E. by our pastor, who is always ready to give us the benefit of his larger experience, and is usually present at our weekly prayer-meeting.

At the beginning of the year our membership was as follows: Active 43; associate 15; honorary 14; making a total of 72 members. During the year, 14 of the active members were placed on the absent list; 1 transferred to Mt. Pleasant C. E. Society; 5 to the honorary list; 3 were dropped owing to non-attendance, and 3 resigned, while 11 new members were received, and 3 members were received from the associate list. Of the associate members 1 resigned; 3 left the city; 6 were dropped for non-attendance; 3 were transferred to active; and 10 new members were received, leaving the present membership, active 31; associate 12; honorary 19; and absent 17, or a total of 79.

We held 51 regular meetings with an average attendance of 30 members.

The work done by the Society is of various kinds. We supply 4 or 5 teachers one evening each week for the Presbyterian Chinese Mission on Carrall St., besides paying

the rent of the same, amounting to \$42.00 a year, as will appear later in our financial statement.

One of our committees does copying and other such work for our busy pastor. A number of our members are actively engaged in the work of the Sunday School and Jr. C. E. Society.

Six comfort bags for sailors were made and fitted with useful articles, including a copy of the Bible, and placed on vessels leaving our port. Bouquets of flowers have been sent to the sick in the hospital and others of the congregation.

Music is supplied by one of our members for the Sabbath evening Prayer Meeting at the Chinese Mission.

A number of socials, also a moonlight sail on the inlet were held in order to become better acquainted with strangers and make them feel at home in the Society meetings.

The Temperance committee did considerable work among the members of the Boys' Brigade. A prize was offered to the boy writing the best essay on "The Effects of Alcohol" The prize was awarded to Frank Ellis.

Papers and magazines were collected and devoted to the floating C. E. work to be placed on vessels leaving our port.

During the first part of the year, a short gospel service was held in the hospital every Sabbath afternoon.

Missionary meetings are held once in two months, in order to create among the members, an intelligent interest in missions.

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The financial statement of the missionary work of the Society is as follows :

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RECEIPTS.

Collected by monthly offerings	\$ 114 25
Thank-offering	25 00
Christmas offering	17 50
Amount from general fund	8 00
	<hr/> \$ 164 75

EXPENDITURE.

Rent of Chinese Mission	\$ 42 00
Committee supplies	75
Home missions	61 00
Foreign missions	61 00
	<hr/> \$ 161 70

The general expenses of the Society are met by a collection taken once a month.

From this source the receipts amount to	\$ 49 10
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EXPENDITURE.

General expenses such as flowers, topic cards, etc.	\$ 30 50
Indian famine fund	3 50
Aged and infirm ministers' fund	5 00
Toys for Christmas tree, sent to Hornby Island	1 50
	<hr/> \$ 40 50
Balance	<hr/> \$ 8 60

The balance of \$8.60 of general funds was transferred to missionary offering. \$20.00 was also collected by one of our members and sent to Mrs. Sakuri, in Tokio, Japan.

LETITIA CARR,

Secretary.

REPORT OF JUNIOR C. E. SOCIETY.

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The Junior Society can look back upon a year in which some advance has been made in different lines. The membership was forty-one at the beginning of the year, and it now numbers fifty-nine. The members have also shown an increased willingness to take part in the meetings, and their attendance has been good, that for last Sunday being fifty-five.

Our work, which does not stop at the meetings, is carried on by our committees as formerly. This is the fourth year in which we have distributed papers and magazines, the number for the past year being 3,242. Flowers were taken to the hospital twice a week during the summer months. We assisted the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in making up a bale for Alberni, buying and dressing twelve dolls and making scrap books and other articles. In regular mission work we contributed \$2.00 to Mrs. Sacai in Japan; \$3.00 to the Klondike; and \$10.00 to the general fund in Toronto.

The statement of cash received and paid out is as follows:

Jan. 1st 1897. Cash on hand.....	28 25
Interest on deposit.....	20
Mission Committee.....	19 80
Collections.....	2 65
Subscription to Jr. Golden Rule.....	2 50
Total received.....	\$ 53 40

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Paid out. Expenses of Social.....	80
Mission in Japan.....	2 00
" Klondike.....	3 00
" Alberni.....	1 65
" General fund.....	10 00
Postage on papers and magazines.....	5 30
Local Union.....	4 00
Supplies, etc.....	14 28
Total paid out.....	
Jan. 1st 1898. Cash on hand.....	\$ 41 03
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF W. F. M. SOCIETY.

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Our Society was organized on March 10th of last year, with a membership of ten. A gradual increase in interest has been manifested in our work, and we now have thirty-one names on our roll. The attendance at our meetings has not been so large as we hoped for, the average for the year being fourteen only. Though we have not accomplished as much as many older societies, we have made a good beginning, having collected \$62.35 in money; shipped to Alberni Mission 190 articles of clothing, valued at \$40.00; and assisted in the formation of a Presbyterian Society.

With God's blessing we hope to do much to increase interest in the cause of missions in our Church, and to advance His work in the foreign field.

The following is the Treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditures:

Dec. 31st 1897. General Collection.....	\$	31 35
Thank-Offering		31 00
	Total Received—	\$ 62 35
Paid for leaflets.....	\$	4 55
Memorial Fund		4 25
General Fund		52 30
Supplies.....		45
	Total paid out—	\$ 61 55
Jan. 1st 1898. Cash on hand		80

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RACHEL MACFARLANE,

Vancouver, B. C. 19th Jan. 1898.

Secretary.

Report of St. Andrew's Circle of King's Daughters.

St. Andrew's Circle of the King's Daughters has a membership of thirty-one, about twenty of whom are active members. Much to the regret of the Circle, the president, Mrs. Wm. Murray, resigned in October. Mrs. McNaughton was elected in her place, but owing to ill-health cannot continue. The president has not been elected yet for the coming year. The other officers elected were; vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Macaulay; secretary, L. M. Ferguson; treasurer, Miss MacHaffie.

A successful sale was held in June, quite a sum being realized. The Circle last year contributed to the Indian Relief fund. They were also able to give some things for charity, as well as filling stockings for some little children at Christmas time. It was also decided at the last meeting to send \$5.00 to the Young Women's Christian Association, lately formed, and to send \$5.00 to a needy one.

The treasurer's report, presented at our annual meeting on January 17, shows:

The total receipts to have been.....	\$ 130 05
The disbursements.....	112 20
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	Balance on hand \$ 35 85

Against, \$11.85 for last year.

The Circle wish to thank the many members of the congregation, who have so willingly given flowers during the past year.

Submitted respectfully,

L. M. FERGUSON,
Secretary.

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Total Amounts Raised During 1897.

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By the Congregation for Current Expenses.....	\$ 4,751 90
By the Congregation for Church Debt and Interest	1,117 25
By the Congregation for "Schemes of the Church".....	286 95
By the Sabbath School.....	434 65
By the Fairview Sabbath School	431 15
By the Women's Association	1,050 00
By the Y. P. S. C. E.....	213 85
By the Junior C. E.....	25 15
By the Women's Foreign Missionary Society	62 35
By the St. Andrew's Circle of King's Daughters.....	127 10
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 8,503 35</u>

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