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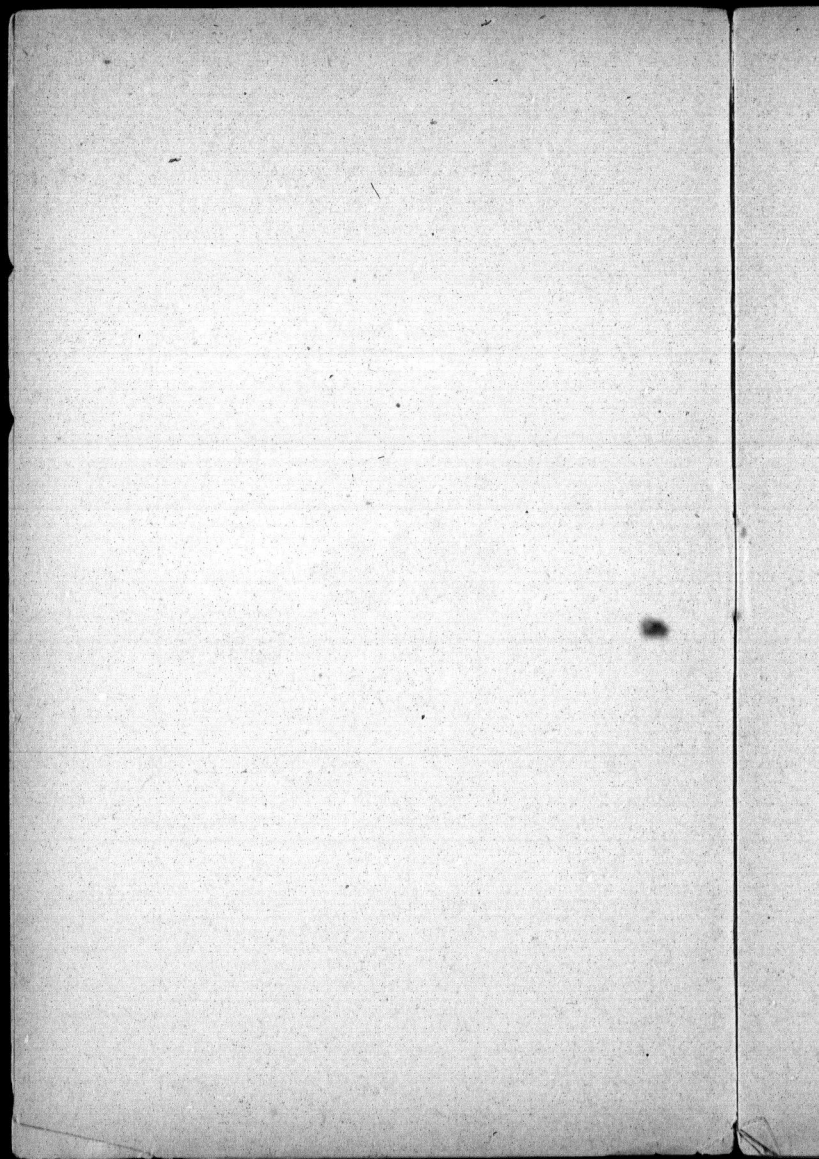


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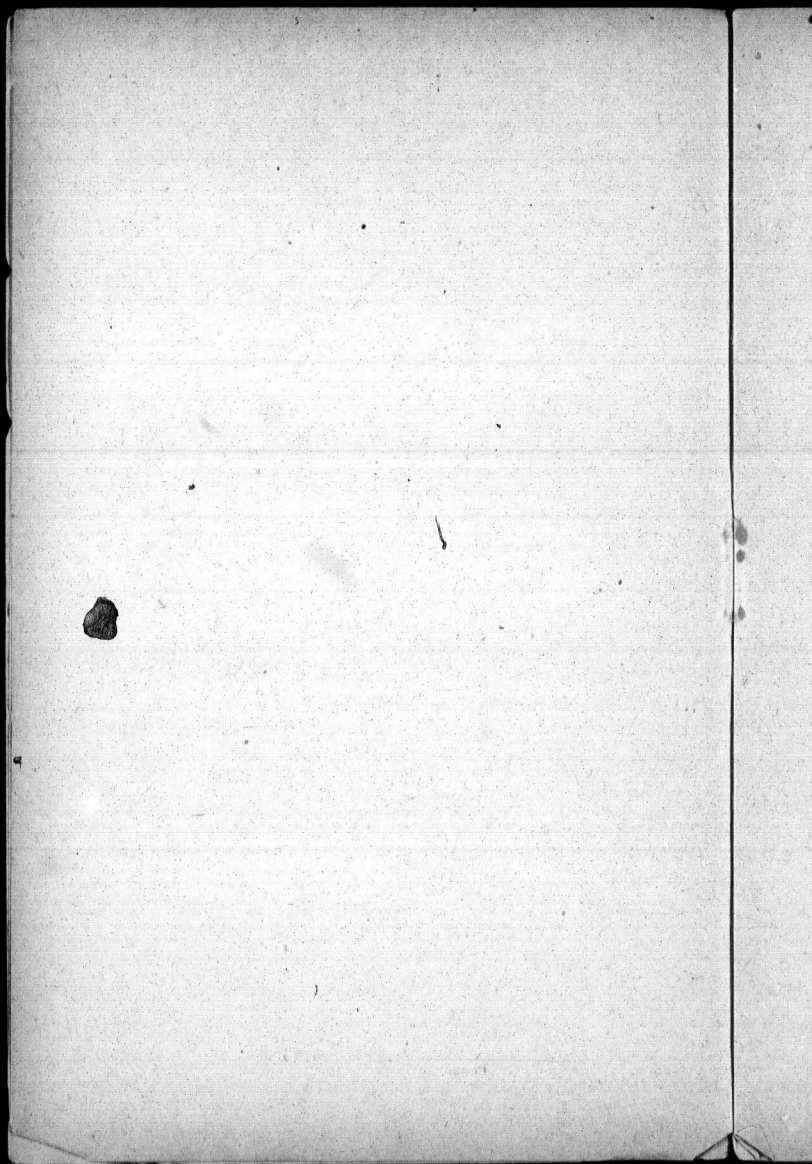
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WILLIAM B. WOOD, A. G. MONTGOMERY, JOHN F. McLAREN

JOHN SHAW, CHURCH OFFICER, 4 LAWRENCE ST.



Annual Meeting

THE First Annual Meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church was held on Wednesday evening, January 10th, 1900, Rev. J. S. Scott presiding. After devotional exercises the meeting was duly constituted for business, J. F. McLaren acting as clerk. Reports were presented as follows :—

Mr. W. B. Wood, for The Kirk Session; J. F. McLaren, Managers and Treasurer; Alex. Moffat, the Sabbath School; Mrs. A. G. Montgomery, Ladies' Aid Society; Miss Spratt, Junior Christian Endeavor; G. Turnbull, Senior Christian Endeavor and Literary Society.

These reports were received and adopted and short speeches were made by Messrs. Hossie, Allen, Moffat, W. B. Wood, McLaren, T. L. Wood, McEwen Turnbull and others.

Messrs. Duncan, McEwen and Alex. Moffat, the retiring managers, were re-elected and Messrs. W. A. Hoagg, James H. Scott and W. T. Urquhart were added to the Board of Management.

Messrs. W. B. Wood, A. G. Montgomery and J. F. McLaren were elected Trustees to hold in trust the property of the congregation.

Messrs. Martin W. McEwen and John Orr were appointed auditors, and Wm. Turnbull and Alex. Graham, ushers for the ensuing year.

A short programme of music was rendered at intervals during the evening.

At the close of the meeting the ladies served refreshments, and a very pleasant hour was spent in a social way by the members

JOHN F. McLAREN, Clerk.

Report of The Session For 1899.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. ANDREW'S CONGREGATION:

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Paris, held in Zion Church, Brantford, on Tuesday, March 14th., 1899, a petition from St. Andrew's Mission, Brantford, was laid before the Presbytery, and, after deliberation, it was unanimously resolved to organize the Mission into a congregation. The Presbytery appointed the Rev. E. Cockburn, M. A., of Paris, to organize the petitioners, and at a meeting of the Interim Session it was resolved to meet for organization on March the 20th, following, in St. Andrew's Church. After the sermon the Moderator stated that he was present by the authority of the Presbytery, to organize the Congregation, and the names of fifty-three members of the Presbyterian Church were then and there added to the Communion Roll. Five Elders having been elected and duly inducted in the month of May, vigorous steps were at once taken to secure a minister. After hearing a number of very excellent candidates, the unanimous choice of the Congregation fell upon the Rev. James S. Scott, B. A., pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Hespeler. Mr. Scott evidently found it very difficult to sever his connection with a very much attached people, but finally accepted our call, and was inducted on Tuesday, the 7th day of November. The people welcomed the new pastor most warmly, and Mr. Scott has met the fondest anticipations of his most ardent friends. Altogether the settlement has upon it the stamp of God's approval, and warrants the belief of the Session that the divine blessing of God will rest upon it. A district will be assigned to each member of the Session at an early date, and the congregation will probably be asked to consider the propriety of electing one or two additional Elders during the year.

The prayer meetings were regularly conducted by the Elders during the vacancy, and, since the induction of the Rev. Mr. Scott, have been well attended. It is hoped that a still larger number will share in the benefits to be derived from social prayer and a systematic study of the Word.

The session hails with satisfaction and joy the formation of a Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, (senior and junior), a branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary and Home Missionary Societies, a Ladies' Aid Society, and a Literary Society for young men, each of which will no doubt present its own report to the congregation.

The Session also recognizes the excellent work done by the Choir under somewhat difficult circumstances.

The continued prosperity of the Sabbath School is a cause for profound gratitude to God. The teachers have been faith-

ful, punctual and zealous, and several new additions have been made to the staff. The growth of the School has been steady and the attendance good. Ten of its pupils were received into the membership of the Church during the year.

Since organization the membership of the Church has steadily increased, as will be seen by the following summary :

Members at Organization.....	53
Received on Profession of Faith.....	20
" by Certificate.....	34
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Total.....	107

Members Removed by Death.....	1
Placed on the Retired List.....	3
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Total.....	4

Present Membership.....	103
Baptisms, Children.....	10
" Adults.....	4
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Total.....	114

With sincere sorrow the Session record the death of Mr. Geo. Clark, one of the most valued members of the congregation, and one greatly interested in its welfare, and also the death of Mr. Henry Kerr, an earnest adherent of the Church.

The Session cannot close its report without expressions of thanksgiving and praise to God for all His goodness to the congregation. The Hand that planted our new organization in this section of the City was undoubtedly Divine, and the same loving Hand has led us through this first (very eventful) year of our history. May we never forget our dependence upon Almighty God, drinking deeply of His blessed Spirit and rising to the opportunities and responsibilities of the great work to which He has called us—may we so live and labour as to bring glory to His great and holy name.

REV. JAMES S. SCOTT, Moderator.
WM. B. WOOD, Clerk.

First Annual Report of The Board of Management for 1899.

The Board of Management present their first report to the congregation of this Church, with feelings of profound gratitude and thankfulness to God for the manner in which He has hitherto led them. But nine months have elapsed since we first gathered together here as a congregation, a mere handful of people, drawn together from various sources, with different ambitions, different ideas and hopes, and to-night we meet a united congregation rejoicing in the pastoral oversight of one who was the sole and undivided choice of the people.

The treasurer's report submitted shews, in detail, the receipts and disbursements for the period from 1st of April to 31st December last. The receipts from all sources are \$1429.75, with a balance of \$164.95 to be carried forward to next year.

Acting under the resolution adopted at our first Congregational meeting, on 29th March last, your managers set in operation the envelope, or weekly offering system, as the sole means of raising revenue for all local church purposes. The result, hitherto, has been most satisfactory, indeed. It is a system, however, which calls for constant care and vigilance on the part of the managers, and also for a hearty, sympathetic and generous response on the part of the members.

The total cost of additions and permanent improvements to the church, including re-seating, was in the vicinity of \$1,400. This was met by a temporary loan from the Bank of British North America. It is proposed to consolidate this debt with an existing mortgage, on the property, of \$750.

The Board of Managers are under a debt of obligation to the Ladies' Aid Society for the very substantial aid they have rendered. Amongst other things, the furnishing and carpeting the Vestry and pulpit platform, all of which they have done without any aid whatever, from the church treasury.

The managers desire to thank Miss Wood for her valuable services as pianiste in connection with our services of music, and to express to her their thorough appreciation of her most valuable services to the church. The singing of the choir also has been very much enjoyed, and has led to very hearty singing on the part of the congregation.

The Managers retiring by rotation for the present year, are Messrs. Duncan McEwen and Alex. Moffat, both of whom are eligible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. McLAREN, Secretary.

In Memoriam

GEORGE CLARK,
aged 51 years

HENRY KERR,
aged 37 years

Financial Statement

John F. McLaren, Treasurer, in account with St. Andrew's Church, 31st
March to 31st December, 1899.

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To Balance on Hand.....	\$ 56 91
" Weekly Contributions.....	640 64
" Plate Collections.....	257 06
" Sabbath School Collections...	79 83
" Dr. Nichol.....	19 50
" Robt. Henry.....	12 50
" Mrs. J G Cockshutt.....	100 00
" G. H. McLaren.....	50 00
" Sundries.....	28 62
" Bank of British North America	1400 00
" Ladies' Aid Society.....	179 98
" Primary Class Birth-day money	2 00
" Junior C. E. Soc'y Birth-day money.....	2 71

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By Pulpit Supply.....	\$ 388 00
" Pastor's Stipend.....	300 00
" Sabbath School Supplies.....	43 82
" Janitor.....	57 00
" Fuel.....	27 25
" Gas.....	6 65
" Electric Light.....	11 81
" Taxes.....	16 48
" Insurance.....	4 20
" Interest.....	41 26
" Sabbath School Prizes.....	9 15
" Printing.....	8 55
" Presbytery Expenses.....	16 30
" Church repairs.....	99 84
" Walter Mitchell.....	435 00
" Valley City Seating Co.....	530 00
" E. J. Brown.....	45 00
" T. A. Noble.....	146 00
" Schultz Bros.....	241 37
" Elliott & Son Co. (Ltd).....	12 45
" Sundries.....	39 98
" Ladies' Aid Society.....	179 98
" Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.....	2 00
" Miss Robertson's Children's Shelter.....	2 71
" Balance.....	164 95

\$2829 75

Audited and found correct this } M. W. McEWEN.
6th day of February, 1900. } J. H. ORR.

Sabbath School Report

St. Andrew's Church For Year 1899.

The past year has been one of much blessing and encouragement to the Officers and Teachers of St. Andrew's Sabbath School, and their prayer is that much blessing may follow the sowing of the good seed :—which, however feebly done, if in God's name, will surely receive the promised reward.

The attendance has been very regular and shows a marked increase over any former year. The attention and order has been pleasing. We bespeak the co-operation of parents and guardians in assisting the children with their lessons and in the study of the Life of Jesus, which we have before us during this year.

We are pleased to note the formation of a young men's Bible class, with Mr. Jas. G. Allen as teacher, also the addition of two class-rooms, which are much appreciated.

The most gratifying part of the report is the number who have joined the church from the School ; ten (10) having confessed publicly their allegiance to King Jesus.

Following is the list of Officers and Teachers of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School at present on the Roll :—

MR. ALEX. MOFFAT, Superintendent.
MR. JOHN SHAW, Ass't. Superintendent.
MR. J. F. McLAREN, Sec'y Treasurer.
MR. ALEX. GRAHAM, Librarian.
MISS WOOD, Pianiste.

PRIMARY CLASS—Mrs. J. G. Cockshutt, Miss Spratt.

JUNIOR CLASSES—Mrs. Hoagg, Mrs. Proudfoot Miss Lizzie McEwen, Miss Miller, Mr. McEwen

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES—Miss Nellie Wood, Miss Graham, Miss McEwen, Mrs. McRobb, Mr. Ranson, Mr. Shaw, Dr. Proudfoot, Mr. M. F. Muir.

SENIOR CLASSES—Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Foster, Miss Wood.

BIBLE CLASSES—Mr. W. B. Wood, Mr. Jas. G. Allen.

PRIZES.

For regular attendance, 19 boys, 23 girls.—Total, 42.

For introducing new scholars—Miss Jennie Hunt.

ATTENDANCE.

Officers and teachers on roll.....	22	
Average attendance.....		17
Scholars on roll.....	164	
Average attendance.....		117
Totals.....	186	134

Collections for year.....	\$107 57	
“ “ nine months.....		\$79 83

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrews for the year 1899

MRS. J. H. SCOTT, President.
MRS. A. G. MONTGOMERY, 1st Vice-President.
MRS. T. L. WOOD 2nd Vice-President.
MRS. (DR.) PROUDFOOT, 3rd Vice-President.
MRS. URQUHART, Secretary.
MRS. D. MCEWEN, Treasurer.
MISS NELL WOOD, Organist.

Officers have been elected as above, and a vigorous Society of seventeen members is looking forward to the work of another year with much interest.

First Annual Report of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society

In reviewing the work of the past year, we feel that the work has been a privilege rather than a duty. The Angels in heaven could not desire a more beautiful work, than that of leading the children to Jesus. These boys and girls will be the men and women of to-morrow, filling the various positions of life. Our Society met regularly every Sunday afternoon. The meetings were conducted by the Juniors themselves. Flowers were provided for those in connection with our Society who were ill, also for church services. A Birthday Committee under the oversight of Lillian McKenzie, collected \$2.71, which was sent to Miss Robertson's Home. The average attendance at our meetings was 25, and the conduct good. The Society this year will be reorganized on account of the older members joining the Senior Society. The new Superintendents are John Graham and Gretta Moffat.

JOSIE SPRATT,
MARGARET WOOD,
Joint Superintendents for 1899.

First Annual Report of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society

Our Society was organized on December 4th, 1899, by Mr. T. Hendry, President of the Local Union. Officers were elected and five committees appointed, namely; Prayer Meeting, Look Out, Flower and Mission, Social and Literary.

We can give no report as to work done yet, but we hope by the next annual meeting to give a very encouraging account of our Society. We have on the roll thirty-five members, active and associate.

We invite all young people to our meetings that we may advance the Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church."

The officers for 1900 are :—

REV. J. S. SCOTT, Honorary President
MISS SPRATT, President
MISS L. MCEWEN, 1st Vice-President
JOHN GRAHAM, 2nd Vice-President
MISS WOOD, Corresponding Secretary
GUTHRIE TURNBULL, Recording Secy.
ROY MONTGOMERY, Treasurer
MISS EDNA HOAGG, Pianiste

First Annual Report of the St. Andrew's Literary Society

A meeting was held on Nov. 8th for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society in connection with this church.

Officers were elected as follows :—

JAMES G. ALLEN, Honorary President
G. TURNBULL, President
A. GRAHAM, Vice-President
ROY MONTGOMERY, Recording Secy.
JOHN GRAHAM, Corresponding Secy.
HARRY COCKSHUTT, Treasurer
ALEXANDER J. WOOD, Editor

The Society has now a membership of 18. The attendance at the meetings is good and great interest is shewn in the debates.

The First Annual Report of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrews Church

This Society was organized March 29th, 1899, the first officers being:—

MRS. W. B. WOOD, President
MRS. A. MOFFAT, 1st Vice-President
MRS. JAS. G. ALLEN, 2nd Vice-President
MRS. W. A. HOAGG, Treasurer
MRS. A. G. MONTGOMERY, Secretary
MISS N. WOOD, Organist

During the nine months since organization eleven regular and two special meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twelve. Our entertainments consisted of a concert, drawing room and lecture, these with members' fees making a total revenue of \$179.98. Among the larger disbursements of the Society we mention the carpeting of the pulpit and choir platforms, the carpeting and furnishing class-room and vestry. This with sundry other expenditures causing an outlay of \$198.20 less the amount received, \$179.98, leaving a balance due by the Society of \$18.22. The present membership consists of 25. At a meeting held to-day the officers were re-elected. The ladies of this Society record their utmost gratitude to the Great King and head of the church for His blessing on their efforts to lend a hand in His name.

P. MONTGOMERY, Secretary

Revenue.

Pews are located for all members and adherents, but the managers have adopted the weekly offering or envelope system as the sole source of revenue, it being in their judgment better, more equitable and more scriptural than the pew rent system. They believe that if all the members and adherents of the church will give to the full extent of their ability upon the first day of the week, not grudgingly, but as God has prospered them, there will be no lack of funds to meet the current expenses of the church.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts."—Psalm xcvi, 8.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—I Cor. xvi, 2.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi iii, 10.

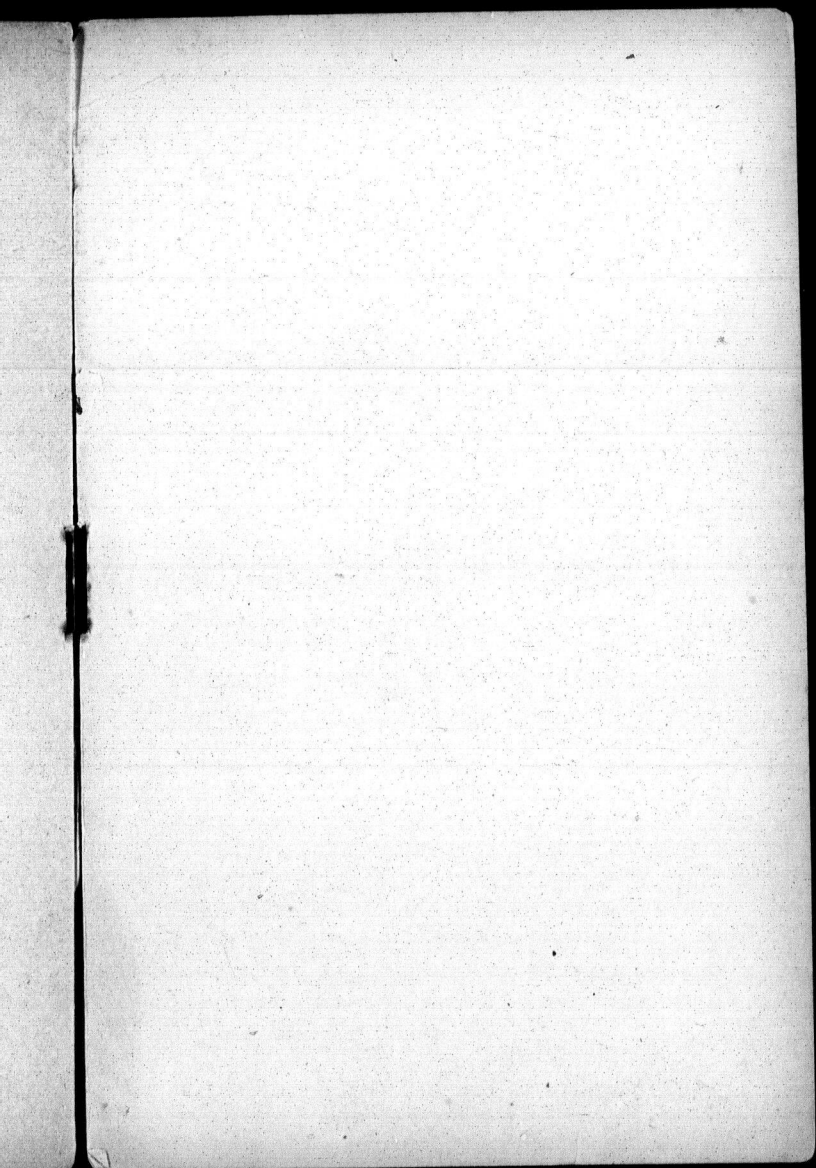
List of Contributors for Congregational Purposes

The following list of contributors has been carefully prepared. Should any error be discovered please report to the Secretary, Mr. J. F. McLaren. A number of subscriptions have been received since this list was published; these will appear in the next report.

Allen J. G.	\$52 00	Howarth Walter.	13 00
Allen Mrs.	7 80	Howarth Mrs. A.	13 00
Allen Miss J.	5 20	Hunt Mrs.	7 80
Bates Edward	5 20	Hunt Joseph.	2 60
Beemer Jos.	13 00	Hunt Miss J.	2 60
Beemer Mrs.	13 00	Kelly S. J.	5 20
Bremner George.	13 00	Kersall A.	10 40
Carlyle Mrs. J. A.	5 20	Montgomery A. G.	26 00
Carlyle Miss M.	5 20	Montgomery Mrs.	26 00
Carlyle Miss L.	5 20	Montgomery Roy.	5 20
Carlyle Thomas.	10 40	Moffat Alex.	104 00
Clark Mrs.	5 20	Moffat Mrs.	13 00
Clark Fred.	2 60	Moffat Miss G.	5 20
Cockshutt Mrs. J. G.	100 00	Moffat Miss E.	2 60
Creyk Mrs.	5 20	Muir John.	7 80
Davis F. J.	5 20	McKenzie Miss L.	5 20
Davis Mrs.	5 20	McDougall Miss.	5 20
Davis Alex. W.	5 20	McIntyre Mrs.	5 20
Davis Miss Annie.	2 60	McEwen D.	26 00
Davis Pearl.	2 60	McEwen Mrs.	5 20
Deem Henry.	2 60	McEwen Miss.	5 20
Deem Mrs.	2 60	McEwen Miss L.	5 20
Donnelly Mrs.	5 20	McEwen M. W.	5 20
Donnelly Miss.	5 20	McKenzie Miss.	13 00
Donnelly William.	13 00	McLaren J. F.	130 00
Ellison William.	13 00	McLaren Mrs.	13 00
Fellows C.	13 00	McLaren Annie.	5 20
Graham Alex.	13 00	McLaren G. H.	50 00
Graham John.	5 20	Nichol Dr. Wm.	26 00
Hawthorne James.	13 00	Orr J. H.	13 00
Henry Robert.	12 50	Orr Lloyd.	2 60
Hossie W. N.	52 00	Proudfoot Dr. J.	18 20
Hossie Mrs.	7 80	Proudfoot Mrs.	13 00
Hossie Miss.	7 80	Scott J. H.	13 00
Hall John.	5 00	Scott Mrs. J. H.	13 00
Hoagg W. A.	15 60	Scott Mrs. J. L.	13 00
Hoagg Mrs.	10 40	Scott John A.	5 20
Hoagg Miss E.	5 20	Shaw John.	13 00

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Spratt Miss.....	\$5 20	Wood Wm. B.....	\$117 00
Smith Miss.....	5 20	Wood Mrs.....	13 00
Smith Miss May.....	5 20	Wood Miss.....	6 50
Scott Mrs. S.	4 50	Wood Miss N.	6 50
Telfer D.....	7 80	Wood Alex. J.....	13 00
Tolmie Miss.....	20 80	Wood T. L.....	52 00
Turnbull W. M.....	7 80	Wood Mrs.....	13 00
Turnbull Mrs.....	7 80	Young Mrs.....	13 00
Turnbull William.....	10 00	Young Miss L.....	5 20
Urquhart W. T.....	13 00	Young Miss Jessie	5 20
Urquhart Mrs	13 00	Yates Philip.....	7 80
Wilbee M.....	13 00	Yates Mrs.....	5 20





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