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SESSION :

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| REV. W. MAXWELL INGLIS, M. A., <i>Modcrator.</i> | |
| THOMAS MASSON, | JOHN CREIGHTON |
| GEORGE DAVIDSON, | WILLIAM IRELAND, |
| WILLIAM FERGUSON, | JOHN PATON. |

TRUSTEES :

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| HON. JOHN HAMILTON, | JOHN PATON, |
| WILLIAM FERGUSON, | GEO. LEVACK MOWAT, |
| GEORGE DAVIDSON, | ANDREW DRUMMOND, |
| WILLIAM IRELAND, | JOHN CREIGHTON. |

MANAGERS :

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| WILLIAM FERGUSON, <i>Chairman.</i> | |
| JOHN KERR, | JOHN FRASER, |
| ROBERT CARROLL, | JOHN CREIGHTON. |

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REPORT.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation held in the Church on the evening of 6th Sept., 1865, George Davidson, Esq., in the Chair, it was moved by John Paton, Esq., seconded by Principal Snodgrass, and supported by Professor Mowat, that, "Messrs. Creighton, Ferguson, Paton and Kerr, together with the Minister, be appointed a Committee to draw up, and have printed for circulation, a statistical and financial statement of the affairs of the Congregation. This motion was unanimously carried.

The Committee accordingly proceed to call attention to the following facts, which they deem of interest:

DATE OF ERECTION OF CHURCH, &c.

St. Andrew's Church was completed for divine service in 1822. Within its walls in 1831, a convention of Ministers and Elders from the various Congregations in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, formed itself into a Synod, and held its first session. Within its walls also, at a later period, the secession which arose out of the Free Church movement in Scotland took place. Its first Minister, the Rev. John Barclay, was selected by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, and entered upon his labors about the close of 1821.— Little more than five years after, under the providence of God, his career of usefulness, much to the grief of an attached Congregation, was brought to a close—he having died on the 26th September, 1826. Application having been again made to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, they next selected the Rev. John Machar, who arrived in Canada, and entered upon his ministry in Sept., 1827. After having seen a large addition, rendered necessary by an increased attendance on his ministry, made to the Church Building, and the affairs of the Congregation generally prosper in his hands during

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a period of labor protracted long beyond that of his predecessor, he was at last called to his rest on the 7th February, 1863. In the Cemetery at Waterloo stands a monument erected by the Congregation, commemorative of his faithful and honored service. On his death the pastorate was unanimously filled up by the appointment of the present Minister, the Rev. Wm. M. Inglis, who, at the time of his call, held the Assistantship in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal. It may be observed that he also came to Canada on the recommendation of members of the Presbytery of Edinburgh.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sabbath School has been in operation for about forty-two years, and is believed to be one of the oldest in the Province. It meets for an hour, in summer after the forenoon, and in winter at the close of the afternoon service. The scheme of lessons used in it is specially prepared by the Minister. The first Sabbath of each month is devoted to a Missionary Meeting; and at the close of the meeting a collection is taken up, and a supply of the "Children's Paper," and of the "Juvenile Presbyterian," distributed among the scholars. For the last ten years the school has supported two orphan girls at Calcutta, at an annual cost of \$40. The names of those at present receiving support are Margaret Machar and Hannah Tooney. The Library consists of about 500 volumes. The number of Teachers is, at present, 27; and of scholars on the roll, 240. The Minister and Teachers are about to make a vigorous effort to increase the School, in which it is earnestly hoped that parents and guardians will assist. The branch Sabbath School at Portsmouth, under the superintendence of John Paton, Esq., meets every Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock. It has on its roll seven teachers, and seventy scholars. It supports an orphan in India, and has done so for the last nine years. The superintendent examines the children on the exercises, each Sabbath before the close; and on the first Sabbath of the month addresses them on the work of missions. At Barriemfield there is another branch school, which

is superintended for part of the year by a Divinity Student from Queen's College. On its roll there are fifty-two scholars and six teachers. At Montreal Village there is a Union Sabbath School, attended by about seventy scholars—twenty-one of these and three teachers belonging to St. Andrew's Congregation.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

From the want of a proper place in which to meet, the attendance at the meetings of this Association has not been so large as would otherwise have been the case. The Treasurer, Mr. James Ferguson has, however, on hand \$95 17, to which it is proposed to add, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant, until a sufficient sum is raised for the erection of a building. A monthly lecture is, during the winter months, delivered in connection with the Association. Last year the course was interrupted by two of the Lecturers being unable to keep their engagements. This year great care will be taken to prevent a similar occurrence.

PRAYER AND MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

A Prayer Meeting is held in the Church every Wednesday evening at 7:30, except in the first week of the month, when, at the same hour, a Missionary Meeting is held instead. At the Missionary Meeting a collection is taken up. For the last year it amounted to \$46 96, of which \$20 were paid over to the French Mission Scheme.

COMMUNION ROLL.

There are four hundred and thirty-seven communicants on the roll. Of these, during the last year, three hundred and twenty-five communicated. Twenty-eight did so for the first time and thirteen were admitted from other congregations.

BAPTISMAL REGISTER.

Entries in this Register of sixty-seven baptisms have been made from Sept. 1st, 1864, to Sept. 1st., 1865.

BURIAL REGISTER.

Twenty-three deaths have occurred in the Congregation during the year. Several of them were of members much respected and beloved from their long connection with the Congregation, and the active interest taken by them in its affairs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME FOR PAST YEAR.

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| Pew Rents, | £280 | 19 | 6 |
| Subscriptions, | 106 | 17 | 10 |
| Sabbath-day collections, | 128 | 12 | 11 |
| Balance, being deficiency, | 22 | 19 | 7½ |
| | <u>£539</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10½</u> |

EXPENDITURE FOR PAST YEAR.

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| Minister's stipend, | £400 | 0 | 0 |
| Precentor, | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Church Officer, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Secretary & Treasurer, | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance, | 18 | 8 | 9 |
| Gas and fuel, | 13 | 11 | 6 |
| Sundry small payments, | 11 | 5 | 0½ |
| Discount on note, being interest on the debt, | £20 | 9 | 2 |
| Deduct amount applied from quar- terly collections, | 14 | 4 | 7 |
| | <u>6</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>7</u> |
| | <u>£539</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10½</u> |

From this statement it will be seen that the expenditure last year was in excess of the income by £22 19 7½. Had there, however, been no interest to pay on debt, and had the Congregation been on the list of those receiving the annual grant of £50 from the Church

Temporalities' Fund, (which it is hoped it will be by next year) instead of this being the case there would have been a considerable surplus.

The debt alluded to was, as the Congregation are already aware, incurred by the managers having about four years ago to replace the bell, and since then to effect extensive repairs on the Church and Manse. To pay it off an effort is proposed to be made without delay; and when the necessity for contracting it is taken into account, along with the size of the Congregation and its liberality, as ascertained from previous efforts, no difficulty is anticipated. Debt, although small, (and that alluded to amounts only to £303 0 8) tends to harrass a Church, and to restrain and cramp Christian efforts.

POOR FUND.

This fund is in a satisfactory state. From it, last year, there were paid towards the support of the poor connected with the Congregation, \$101; which sum, it may be mentioned, amply met their wants.

SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS, &C.

The collections for the schemes of the Church last year amounted to \$205 25. In addition to these, sums amounting in the aggregate to upwards of \$500 were given by the Congregation for the benefit of the Churches at Clifton, Pittsburgh, Lochiel and Johnson; as also \$83 to the Students' Missionary Association.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

As there is no easier method of increasing the revenue of the Congregation than by members enlarging their sabbath-day collections, the Committee in concluding their report would earnestly recommend them to do so; and thus, for the coming year, place the revenue on a *par* with needful expenditure.