

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TEMPORAL COMMITTEE

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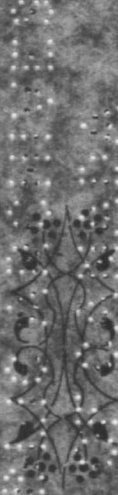
KNOX CHURCH, OTTAWA,

—FOR THE—

Year Ended 31st December, 1884.

—WITH—

Report of Session and Sabbath School, presented
at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation,
held January the 6th, 1885.



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KNOX CHURCH,

Corner Albert and Elgin Streets,

CITY HALL SQUARE, - - - - - OTTAWA, ONT.

Session:

REV. E. W. FARRIES, MODERATOR.

(Residence, - - - - - 364 Slater Street.)

Elders:

JOHN DURIE, *Session Clerk,*
ALEX. KENNEDY,
GEO. HAY,
JOHN MACMILLAN,
D. MASSON.

H. ROBINSON,
JOHN SHEARER,
WM. PORTER,
S. SAVAGE,
M. MCKINNON.

Members of Temporal Committee in 1885:

GEO. HAY,
J. MACMILLAN,
D. MASSON,
H. ROBINSON,
JOHN SHEARER,
WM. PORTER,
M. MCKINNON,
A. G. E. ROBERTSON,
JOHN ROBERTSON,

R. BLACKBURN,
J. W. RUSSELL,
C. R. CUNNINGHAM,
J. HENDERSON,
A. BLYTH,
J. MCKELLAR,
J. MCJANET,
GEO. ROBERTSON,
T. T. STODDART.

Officers of Temporal Committee:

H. ROBINSON,	Chairman.
J. MACMILLAN,	Secretary.
J. ROBERTSON,	Treasurer.
J. MCKELLAR,	Assist. Treas.

Hours of Worship—Sabbath, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting—Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Sabbath School—Winter, 3 p.m.; Summer, 9:30 a.m.

Applications for Savings to be made to the Pew Committee:

WM. PORTER,
M. MCKINNON.

C. R. CUNNINGHAM,
JOHN ROBERTSON.

REPORT

—OF—

✻ The Session of Knox Church, ✻

OTTAWA,

*Presented at the Annual Meeting of the
Congregation, held Jan. 8th, 1885.*

[T is with hearts full of gratitude to God, the Giver of all good, that, at the close of another year, the Session present their Annual Statement to you. For amid all the changes and disappointments, the sorrows and bereavements, that have tried our faith and shadowed our hearts and our homes, the loving kindness of God has encompassed us, and goodness and mercy have followed us. Peace and harmony; the uninterrupted enjoyment of the means of grace in our homes, and in the Sanctuary; a large measure of health, and some progress we trust in spiritual attainment, are among the priceless blessings which God has, with unwearied and bounteous hand, bestowed upon us.

During the year, the Session asked for an addition of three to the staff of elders, and in accordance with the usual mode of procedure, Messrs. W. Porter, S. Savage and M. McKinnon, were duly elected, and these brethren having been led to accept of this call, were, in due form, ordained and inducted into the office of the eldership on the 31st day of May last.

Two years ago it was our happiness to announce that the condition of the Congregation had been greatly improved, and its prospects for the future brightened, by a large reduction made from the amount of our indebtedness. It is again our happiness to announce that, during the year that has just closed, a very much larger reduction has been made, so that through the large-hearted liberality with which God has blessed you, considerably more than one-half of our whole indebtedness

has been removed during the past two years. So marked was the good hand of God in this effort, that the Session deemed it proper to appoint a public meeting of the Congregation for thanksgiving and praise to God for the manifest tokens of His favour; and the large and joyous meeting, which was held in accordance with their appointment on the evening of March the 27th, indicated how fully the minds and hearts of the people responded to, and accorded with, the judgment of the Session. A full statement respecting this great and successful effort to reduce our burden of indebtedness, and of the present financial position of the Congregation, will be laid before you by the Temporal Committee.

But while there has been very much that was bright and cheering in the year that is past, yet dark shadows were cast upon us by the sorrows which have fallen upon some of our homes and hearts. During the year we have been called to mourn the loss of an esteemed and faithful Elder and beloved brother, Mr. James Campbell, who "having served his generation, by the will of God, fell on sleep" on the morning of the 14th day of June. Mr. Campbell had been connected with the Congregation since the spring of 1875, and early in the year 1880, he was duly elected to the office of the eldership, and inducted on the 25th of April of that year. His gentle, meek and loving spirit, and faithfulness to duty, won the esteem of all, and eminently qualified him for his office. His end was peace. Another, Mrs. George Hay, long identified with the Congregation, and ever seeking to promote its welfare, has been called from our midst, and the blank she has left in the Congregation is only exceeded by that which she left in the home in which for so many years she discharged the duties of wife and mother with Christian tenderness and fidelity. In all there have been three removed by death from the Communion Roll:—

Mrs. Green, who died February 6th, 1884.

Jas. Campbell. " January 14th, "

Mrs. Geo. Hay, " July 5th, "

Loved members have been removed from other homes. One of them, Margaret Taylor, a Sabbath School scholar, whose peace and hope and triumph revealed the tenderness with which Jesus cares for the lambs of His fold. To all the stricken hearts in all the bereaved families the Session presents their sincere sympathy, and pray that they

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During the year, 29 have been added to the Communion Roll,—14 by certificate, and 15 on profession of faith. The net number now upon the Roll is 259. There have been 14 baptisms.

The attendance upon the public services has considerably increased during the year; and yet it is not so large, especially on Sabbath evenings, and at the Prayer Meetings, as it might be, if we all had a right appreciation of duty and privilege. It is to be hoped that the year upon which we have entered may witness a marked improvement in the attendance upon these services.

The Sabbath School and Bible Class have been regularly conducted during the year, and from the earnest and faithful labours bestowed upon these vitally important departments of the Church's work, we hope, by God's blessing, for much fruit.

To the ladies who have faithfully distributed the *Monthly Record*, and collected the contributions to the schemes of the Church, the thanks of the Session are given.

By the last statement the balance on hand of the Session Fund for the relief of the poor was \$3.22. This was increased by the proceeds of a collection, which amounted to \$30. The amount disbursed during the year was \$14.90, leaving a balance of \$18.32.

And now, brethren, chastened by the sorrows and trials of another year, and admonished by its bereavements of our frailty, and of the uncertainty of life, let us gird ourselves anew for the work to which the Master calls us. Let us "work while it is day, for the night cometh in which no man can work." And whilst we thankfully acknowledge that, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," let us grasp the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway," and go forward relying upon Divine strength and guidance. "Therefore, beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

F. W. FARRIES, *Moderator.*

JOHN DURIE, *Session Clerk.*

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FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
TEMPORAL COMMITTEE OF KNOX CHURCH,
OTTAWA.

NOT many members of the Congregation as now constituted were present on that memorable occasion, forty years ago, when a small but faithful band met to present, discuss, and adopt the first Annual Report of Knox Church, Ottawa. We rejoice, however, that we still enjoy the fellowship, counsel, and co-operation of a few of those who in that day of comparatively small things, had the faith to undertake, and the courage and energy to execute, a work so full of promise, so bright with hope, and so productive of the highest spiritual results. We unite in praising the God of our fathers, who through these forty years has caused His goodness and mercy to follow us, and who has enabled the Congregation through these years to witness for Him a good confession. Grateful for the mercies of the past, let us who are the heirs of a noble heritage, strong in His might, filled with His Spirit, and trusting in His grace, gird ourselves for the well-known duties of the present, and the unknown possibilities of the future.

And we should be still more incited to thankfulness, renewed activity, and fuller consecration, by the exceedingly favourable Report, which, on this fortieth anniversary of the Congregation's existence, your Temporal Committee are privileged to present for your consideration and adoption.

That you may more intelligently appreciate the very favourable character of the Report, we present the following synopsis of receipts and expenditure, copied from the Treasurer's account, where a more detailed statement can be seen:—

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RECEIPTS FOR 1884.

Balance on hand at the beginning of the year	\$ 115 48
Received from Weekly Contributions.....	4,026 06
“ Ordinary Collections	608 38
“ Prayer Meeting Collections	26 77
“ Thanksgiving Offering.....	290 01
“ Missionary Collections	337 38
“ Ladies' Association.....	180 00
“ Sundry sources	38 50
Total receipts for the year.....	<u>\$5,572 08</u>

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR.

Rev. Mr. Farries' stipend.....	\$2,500 00
Coal, Wood, Gas, and Water Rates	437 53
Interest	1,618 48
Missionary Schemes of the Church... ..	292 80
J. Calvert & Son, and Leader of Choir	251 50
Miscellaneous expenses	416 23
Total annual expenditure	<u>\$5,516 54</u>

This statement of receipts and expenditure shows the very gratifying fact that the total receipts of 1884 exceeded the whole expenditure of the year by the sum of \$55.54. Nor is this favourable balance secured by ignoring or with holding accounts; for except one, amounting to \$84.00, no single unpaid account is now in the Treasurer's hands, nor is anything known to the Treasurer to be due by your Committee except the cost of the double windows, finished in December last, and it was understood that this amount might remain unpaid for some time.

Another encouraging feature shown by this synopsis of the year's receipts and expenditure, is that from what may be call the permanent sources of our revenue, there has been an increase in all, except one, over the corresponding items of last year.

In 1883 we received from Prayer Meeting Collections	\$ 25 28
“ 1884 “ “ “ “ ...	26 77

Increase in 1884 over 1883..... \$ 1 49

In 1883 we received as a Thanksgiving Offering ...	\$ 207 50
" 1884 " " " " ...	290 01
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Increase in 1884 over 1883.....	\$ 82 51
In 1883 we received from Weekly Contributions ...	\$3,670 83
" 1884 " " " " ...	4,026 06
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Increase in 1884 over 1883.....	\$ 355 23
In 1883 we received from the Ladies' Association...	\$ 125 00
" 1884 " " " " ...	180 00
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Increase in 1884 over 1883.....	\$ 55 00
In 1883 we received from Missionary Collections...	\$ 324 55
" 1884 " " " " ...	337 38
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Increase in 1884 over 1883.....	\$ 12 83
In 1883 we received from Ordinary Collections....	\$ 665 17
" 1884 " " " " ...	608 38
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Decrease in 1884	\$ 56 79
From all these sources we received in 1883	\$5,018 33
" " " " 1884	5,468 60
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Increase in 1884 over 1883.....	\$ 450 22

This handsome increase is all the more significant from the fact that fears were naturally entertained by your Committee that the receipts from these sources might be materially decreased, owing to the great and successful effort made by the Congregation to reduce our debt by the sum of \$12,000. That this extra effort did not so affect our current annual revenue is at once a cause of great thankfulness for the present, and of the brightest hopes for the future.

REMOVAL OF DEBT.

In the Annual Report for 1882, your Committee used these words in referring to the question of the liquidation of our debt: "All that is now necessary is that our people, in the same spirit of liberality which characterized them amid times sufficiently trying to test their faith and steadfastness, should now maintain, undiminished, the same readiness of hand and willingness of heart, until after a short respite, and by a

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united and therefore successful effort, we shall still further reduce the amount of our indebtedness." After that *short respite* had been taken, the *united and successful effort* was also put forth, so that we were able to say in the Annual Report for 1883, "With a promptness and liberality worthy of all commendation, the members and adherents of the Congregation so heartily responded to the appeal made to them that we now have on our subscription list the very large sum of \$11,625"; and we are *now* able to say that, on the 15th of February, 1884—a red-letter day in the financial history of Knox Church,—the sum of \$12,000 was paid to Mr. James McLaren, so that our debt, which in the beginning of 1881 was \$33,000, is now reduced to \$15,000. Next year we shall begin to reap the full benefit of this reduction by a largely diminished expenditure for interest.

From the final Report of the sub-Committee on Church debt, presented to the Temporal Committee on the 13th of March last, we glean the following items:—

First. The names of the contributors to the Debt Fund, with the amounts subscribed, are as follows:—

R. Blackburn	\$2000 00	C. Ross	\$100 00
J. W. Russell	1250 00	A. Kennedy, Jun	100 00
A. McKellar	1200 00	W. C. Edwards.....	50 00
Geo. Hay.....	1000 00	A. Chisholm.....	50 00
H. Robinson.....	1000 00	Dr. McDougall	40 00
D. Masson	800 00	P. D. McIntyre	40 00
C. R. Cunningham.....	500 00	H. Masson	40 00
A. McLean	500 00	Geo. Robertson	30 00
Rev. F. W. Farries.....	400 00	Mrs. Johnston.....	30 00
J. Henderson	400 00	R. Inglis	30 00
A. Friend	430 00	A. G. E. Robertson.....	25 00
J. Mcmillan.....	200 00	J. McJanet.....	25 00
Mrs. J. Leslie	150 00	T. McJanet	25 00
Mrs. Geo. Hay.....	100 00	A. Blythe.....	25 00
Wm. Porter.....	100 00	S. Savage	25 00
D. Sinclair.....	100 00	A. Thompson	25 00
J. M. T. Hannum.....	100 00	T. Bennett.....	25 00
D. Gardner	100 00	T. T. Stoddard	20 00
R. McMorrán.....	100 00	Mrs. McLennan	20 00
John McLaurin.....	100 00	Robt. Jamieson.....	10 00
J. Shearer	100 00	Jas. Taylor	10 00
S. Evans	100 00	A. Kennedy, Sen.....	10 00
J. Severight.....	100 00	W. Matheson	5 00
J. Kennedy.....	100 00	O. Higman.....	5 00
James Hope	100 00		

The total amount subscribed was \$11,795.00; less interest on sundry notes, \$66.20, leaving a total available subscription of \$11,728.78. The Chairman's note for \$750 was used, making in all \$12,478.78.

Second. Mr. McLaren was paid \$12,000; and to meet the Chairman's note of \$750.00, which, with interest, will on the 1st of February next amount to \$802.00, the Treasurer received, since the payment of the \$12,000, the sum of \$75.00 in cash; and he holds in the form of notes, and a Life Insurance Policy, \$220.00. These two items will reduce the note and interest from \$802 to \$507, and there are still unpaid subscriptions to the amount of \$170, which, if received, will further reduce it to \$337. Your Temporal Committee have assumed the payment of the note referred to. This trifling sum might surely be subscribed at once by those whose names are not on the above list.

ARREARS IN WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

There is one feature, however, and that not an encouraging one, to which your Committee with much reluctance, but under a deep sense of duty, would call the serious attention of the contributors to the Sustentation Fund. In no one year do your Committee receive in full the amount promised by contributors to members of the Temporal Committee who canvass contributors at the beginning of each year. The arrears of which we now speak do not arise from necessary and anticipated reductions in revenue, caused by the death or the removal of contributors from the Congregation, but from the thoughtlessness and neglect of those still with us, in not seeing to it, that the whole amount promised is paid at least on the last Sabbath of the year. Serious embarrassment is caused in meeting liabilities undertaken in the interest of the Congregation, on the assumption that promised subscriptions will be forthcoming; and our unpleasant duty is to record arrears at the end of each year. At a meeting of the Temporal Committee, held on the 13th of March last, the assistant Treasurer reported that the sum of \$3,977.17 had been promised by contributors to the Sustentation Fund as the result of the canvass entered upon before that date. The total amount received during the year from Weekly Contributions was, as already stated, \$4,026.06, and in this sum is included that given by new contributors not canvassed at the beginning of the year, so that the whole

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amount of arrears will reach the large sum of at least \$200.00. The balance in favour of the Congregation is \$55.54, so that if the whole amount promised had been received we could have shown a balance in favour of the Congregation amounting to \$255.54.

Estimated Amount needed for 1885.

The following items will show, approximately, the amount we need to raise in 1885:—

For Minister's Stipend.....	\$2,500 00
“ Interest	900 00
“ Coal and Wood.....	200 00
“ Gas and Water Rates	224 68
“ Caretaker and Leader of Choir.....	250 00
“ Miscellaneous expenses.....	300 00
To meet cost of Double Windows, say ...	375 00
“ Wipe off the Chairman's Note	500 00
Total.....	\$5,249 68

We believe the raising of this amount is within the power of the Congregation, inasmuch as our total receipts from all sources during 1884 reached the sum of \$5,572.08. With confidence in God's blessing, promised to all who seek to do work in His name and for His glory, we may, therefore, with cheerful hearts and willing feet, fearlessly because in faith, tread the path of 1885, “looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. MACMILLAN,

C. R. CUNNINGHAM,

Secretary.

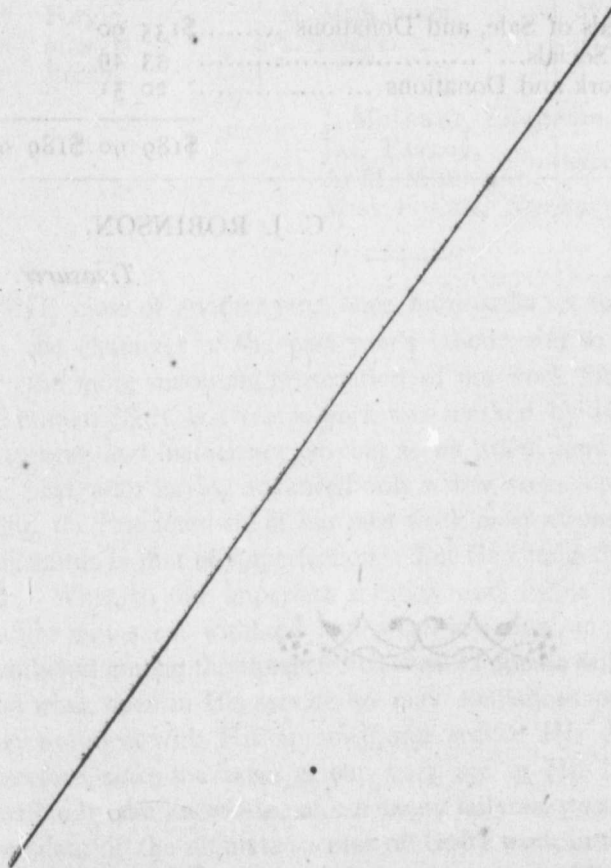
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KNOX CHURCH, in account with

1884.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Jan. 8.—Paid to Building Fund.....		\$ 125 00
“ Rev. F. W. Farries.....		2500 00
“ Coal and Wood.....		222 35
“ Gas Account.....		108 00
“ Water Rates.....		106 68
“ Watering Streets (3 years).....		22 08
	MISSIONS—	
“ Augmentation.....	\$ 80 00	
“ Home.....	60 00	
“ Foreign.....	40 00	
“ Colleges.....	30 00	
“ French Evangelization.....	25 00	
“ Aged and Infirm Min.....	10 00	
“ Assembly Fund.....	12 00	
“ Lumbermen's.....	10 80	
“ Manitoba College.....	25 00	
	292 80	
“ Presbyterian Records.....	33 25	
“ “ Fund (2 years).....	30 24	
“ John Calvert & Son.....	148 50	
“ Mrs. J. Calvert (Services W.F.M.S.).....	3 00	
“ Snow Shoveling, Yard Cleaning, &c.....	14 75	
“ Wood Piling, Broom, Lock Fixing, and Sundries.....	1 85	
“ John Durie (for Poor Fund).....	30 00	
“ Blyth & Kerr, Account.....	34 48	
“ Mr. Kennedy (Leader of Choir).....	100 00	
“ Wm. Black (Carpenter Account).....	16 14	
“ Pew Repairing.....	7 76	
“ John Mercer (Chimney Cleaning and Repairing Steeple).....	22 00	
“ J. L. Orme (Repairing Organ).....	1 00	
“ Mr. Robinson, Toronto (Printing).....	6 25	
“ Messrs. Bate & Co. (Wine).....	6 00	
“ Mr. Orr (Wire Screens for Window).....	45 00	
“ Robert Jamieson (8 Bread).....	1 00	
“ Wm. Howe (Repairing Windows).....	10 28	
“ D. Masson (Repairing Chimneys).....	7 00	
“ Postage and Discount.....	2 15	
“ Interest Account.....	1618 48	
“ Cash on hand.....	55 54	
	<u>\$5,572 08</u>	

JOHN ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

1884.	Cr.
Jan. 8.—By Cash on hand	\$115 48
“ Cash to Building Fund.....	10 00
“ Rent of Bible Class Room.....	6 00
“ Prayer Meeting Collections.....	26 77
“ Ordinary Collections.....	608 38
“ Thanksgiving Offering	290 01
“ Mission Collections	337 38
“ Ladies' Association	180 00
“ Weekly Contributions for 1883 (arrears)	22 50
“ “ “ “ 1884.....	3,975 56



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KNOX CHURCH, in account with LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

1884.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Jan. 10.—	To Balance due Treasurer	\$ 0 19
	“ Paid Cotton Yarn.....	1 00
	“ “ Mrs. Calvert	1 00
Dec. 13—	“ “ Use of Piano	4 00
Jany. 7—	“ “ Printing	2 40
Jany. 8—	“ “ Church Treasurer.....	180 00
	Balance on hand.....	1 31
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Dec. 9—	By Proceeds of Sale, and Donations	\$135 90
	“ Parlor Socials... ..	33 49
	“ For Work and Donations	20 51
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C. J. ROBINSON,

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Sabbath School Report.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.

J. MACMILLAN, B.A., Superintendent.
H. ROBINSON, Assistant Superintendent.
REV. F. W. FARRIES, Teacher of Bible Class.

Miss Jamieson.
" Durie.
" Kennedy.
" Forgie.
" Masson.
" Brown.

Miss McMeekin.
Mrs. John Robertson.
D. Masson.
M. McKinnon.
S. Savage.

John Robertson.
Geo. Robertson.
T. T. Stoddart.
Wm. Ash.
Mr. Clare.

J. McJANET, *Librarian.*

JAS. TAYLOR,
A. M. McMILLAN, } *Assistant Librarians.*
MISS FORGIE, *Secretary.*

THE close of another year, once more calls us together to consider the character of the past year's labour, and to take measures for the more successful prosecution of our work for the future. Like all human effort, last year's work was marked by imperfection, incompleteness, and inefficiency, so that as we stand here to meditate upon the past, after having advanced only a few steps upon the journey of 1885, the characteristic of our past work most strongly impressed upon our minds is that of imperfection. But God judgeth not as man judgeth. What to our imperfect scrutiny and feeble powers of spiritual insight may seem withered and worthless, may, in His estimation, be numbered among the things which shall in nowise fail to bring a reward; and what, even in His service, we may sometimes praise and magnify, may not meet with His approval, nor secure His divine benediction; therefore, since the issues of our work are in His hands, though kept humble by the knowledge of our many failures, we may be hopeful and confident of the ultimate success of God's work in the Sabbath School as elsewhere, for His word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleaseth, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He hath sent it.

Several satisfactory points are worthy of note in the year's work.

(1.) The attendance of the teachers has been, on the whole, very regular, and the class-work has been faithfully and energetically carried on.

(2.) There has been an increase in the amount of the collections.

In 1881—Amount received from Ordinary Collections	\$59 68
“ “ “ Special “	37 61

Total.....	<u>\$97 29</u>
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In 1882—Amount received from Ordinary Collections	\$57 32
“ “ “ Special “	36 01

Total.....	<u>\$93 33</u>
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In 1883—Amount received from Ordinary Collections	\$55 70
“ “ “ Special “	35 48

Total	<u>\$91 18</u>
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In 1884—Amount received from Ordinary Collections	\$49 12
“ “ “ Special “	50 26

Total.....	<u>\$99 38</u>
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The total collections from these two sources, it will be seen, are the largest for four years; and the special Missionary Collection is the largest ever contributed by the Sabbath School. The amount of the Missionary Collection is, no doubt, partly owing to the greater prominence given to it by the teachers taking it up in their respective classes; but it is to be feared that the prominence thus given to the special Missionary Collections has acted injuriously on the Ordinary Collections, as these are less than they were in any of the years referred to. This matter merits our careful consideration.

(3.) The Library is now fairly furnished with books which the children can be encouraged to read, and from a perusal of which only

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good results can be anticipated. At the last Annual Meeting, the teachers ordered the sum of \$15. to be expended in purchasing some new books. That sum has not yet been expended, so that whatever the teachers may decide to expend upon the Library for 1885 can be added to the \$15.00 already voted, and in this way a larger and better supply of books can be secured during the present year.

The total average attendance falls a little short of that of the previous year. For 1883 the average attendance was 108; this year it is 106 32-52. This average however included the whole 12 months, and is exclusive of the attendance of the teachers. The slight decrease in the average attendance is more than accounted for by the fact that a larger number than usual of the children were absent from the city during some part of the months of July and August. The average attendance for the rest of the year is 112, and if we add the attendance of the teachers for the same time, the total will be 127.

Mr. McKinnon's class is this year entitled to the Superintendent's prize for best attendance. The average of the class as a whole reached the high standard of 92 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

Geo. McKinnon was present every Sabbath during the year, and David and Thomas McCracken were present every Sabbath since they entered school in April last, while James Taylor, Margaret Bremner, and Eva McKinnon were absent on one Sabbath only.

The question of Sabbath School attendance is one which demands, and must receive, immediate attention if the spiritual condition of our Congregation is not seriously to deteriorate. The young men and women of to-day are those who, in another decade, are either to do or undo the work of our Congregation. Is it necessary that so many of them should be absent from the Sabbath School, and thus be missing the best possible training for their future work? Is that absence caused by their knowledge of God's word being perfect, or even satisfactory to themselves? Is it because the best talent and ripest Christian experience in the Congregation are not represented on the teaching staff? Is it because of the irregularity of the attendance of the teachers? Is it because the idea is prevalent that the Sabbath School is for children and for children only? Is it because no serious, systematic, constant efforts are made by the Congregation to retain them in the Sabbath

School? Is it because our young people are losing interest in the things of the Kingdom? Is it because we do not think the retention of our young men and women in the Sabbath School worth the expenditure of time and trouble? Is it because the executive administration of the school is in unworthy or incapable hands? Whether all or any of these may have been tending to the production and perpetuation of the existing state of things, certain it is that we must try to ascertain, and in faith and patience apply an effectual and immediate remedy.

J. MACMILLAN,

Superintendent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Knox Church Sabbath School in account with D. MASSON, Treas.

1884.		<i>Cr.</i>	
Dec. 29.—	By Cash on hand as per last Report.....	\$35	11
	“ Proceeds of S. S. Excursion.....	20	00
	“ Ordinary Collections for 1884.....	49	12
	“ Special “ “	50	26
<i>Dr.</i>			
Feb. 25—	Paid James Hope & Co.'s account	\$ 4	95
Mar. 17—	“ J. Durie & Son's account	40	50
July 14—	“ J. Macmillan, Normal Class	6	33
Dec. —	“ James Hope & Co.'s account.....	5	00
	Cash on hand	97	71
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W. Linton
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH SCHEMES.

Miss Blackburn and Henderson, Collectors.

R. Blackburn.....	\$16 00
John Henderson.....	4 00
S. Savage	2 00
A. Blyth	3 00
	\$25 00

Miss Brown, Collector.

Dr. McDougall	3 50
James Taylor	6 00
H. Robinson.....	6 00
Geo. Robertson.....	3 25
J. Buchanan	1 00
	19 75

Miss M. Kennedy, Collector.

D. Kennedy.....	6 25
A. Kennedy, Sen....	5 75
A. Kennedy, Jun....	1 50
A. McLean.....	3 25
	16 75

Miss Tollie Masson, Collector.

H. Masson	6 00
Mr. Fairburn.....	3 00
E. Blair	3 00
W. Linton	3 00
Mrs. Philips	3 00
	18 00

Miss Cunningham and Miss McKellar, Collectors.

A. McKellar.....	6 00
Thomas Clark.....	3 00
C. R. Cunningham..	6 00
Mrs. Ferguson	3 00
Mrs. Renwick.....	1 20
	16 50

Miss Hannum, Collector.

A. Swinburn	1 00
Mr. Corning	2 74
Mr. Hopkirk	50
J. Macmillan	6 00

Mrs. T. Hannum....	\$4 25
Miss Dunlop	25
H. Alexander.....	4 25
Mrs. Haig	1 75
Mrs. Laing	1 75
John Robertson.....	4 25
J. W. Russell.....	8 00
Unknown	75
	\$36 00

Miss Ferguson, Collector.

A. E. Robertson	3 55
John McFarlane....	50
Mr. Harrington.....	1 50
J. C. Glashan.....	3 00
Mr. Cochrane	20
D. Cook.....	2 25
	11 00

Miss McFarlane, Collector.

Rev. F. W. Farries	12 25
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Mrs. E. Masson, Collector.

D. Masson.....	6 25
John Shearer.....	6 25
D. Bell	1 20
O. Higman	1 80
A. Fisher	2 25
	17 75

Miss Jamieson, Collector.

R. Jamieson	1 75
J. McCaul	3 25
S. Evans.....	6 25
John McJanet.....	3 00
Thos. McJanet	3 25
D. M. Grant.....	1 50
Mrs. Dickson.....	1 25
Mrs. John Leslie ...	3 25
Mrs. Dickson, Sen...	2 50
Mr. Jacque	3 25
Mrs. Dobier	25
Rev. A. Christie	75
Mrs. McArthur	25
	30 50

Contributions to Church Schemes.—Continued.

Miss Bell, Collector (1883, 1884)
 Mrs. Bell \$2 00
 Mrs. Cummings..... 2 30
 Mr. Bremner 1 48

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Miss Forgie, Collector.

R. Inglis 2 00
 Mrs. Green..... 1 00
 C. Ross..... 3 25
 A. Chisholm 2 50
 Mrs. Johnson..... 5 25
 Miss Forgie 3 25
 Mrs. Bennett 2 00
 Mr. Stalker 1 25
 Mr. McCracken..... 1 35
 Mrs. Cobb 1 50

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Miss Durie, Collector.

Mrs. McLennan..... 6 25
 — Fraser 25
 Wm. Porter 3 25
 J. Durie 10 25
 Geo. Hay..... 12 25
 N. Hay 3 25
 W. McClymond..... 10 00

J. Hope \$3 25
 Mrs. Matthewman... 1 00
 ————— \$49 75

Miss Kennedy, Collector.

James Campbell..... 2 80
 James Duncan..... 2 00
 Mr. Ferguson..... 3 25
 R. McMorran..... 3 50
 M. McKinnon..... 5 10
 C. Dowsley..... 3 00
 D. McMartin..... 3 00
 Mr. Scott..... 3 25
 Mrs. Waddell 1 05
 Mr. Wilson..... 3 00
 D. Gardner. 3 00
 Mr. Thompson..... 3 30
 Mr. McKenzie..... 2 75
 A Friend..... 4 00

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Miss M. Masson, Collector.

Miss Billings 2 00
 John Heron 3 00
 Mrs. W. Heron 50
 James Severight..... 6 50

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 Clark, T
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 Cherry, S
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 Cobb, A
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 Cooke, D
 Durie, J
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 Duncan,
 Dowsley,
 Dobier, M

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUSTENTATION FUND.

NAME.	Amounts Promised.	Amounts Paid..	NAME.	Amounts Promised.	Amounts Paid.
Atchison, Mrs. J..		\$1 00	Dunlop, Miss	13 00	5 75
Ash, Wm..	\$12 75	12 25	Evans, Samuel....	52 00	52 00
Anderson, M. A...	7 80	6 75	Elmitt, Mrs.....	5 20	5 20
Alexander, H.....	26 00	26 00	Fairbairn, Mrs.	13 00	13 00
Alexander, W. H..	2 60	2 60	Fairbairn, Miss....	4 00	.....
Alexander, T. W...	2 60	2 64	Fraser, Mrs.	6 50	6 50
Blackburn, R.....	350 00	350 00	Forgie, Miss.	13 00	12 75
Billings, Miss S ...	40 00	40 00	Fisher, A.	15 00	20 00
Bennet, F.,	24 00	24 00	Ferguson, W. J....	.....	10 00
Buchanan, John...	.....	3 00	Farries, Rev. F. W.	100 00	100 00
Buchanan, J., Jun.	.....	3 00	Frazer, Wm. H ...	.....	100 00
Buchanan, Mrs. J. ...	.....	10 00	Ferguson, Mrs. ...	4 00	0 50
Blair, C.	7 80	7 85	Cardner, D.....	46 00	42 50
Brown, Miss A ...	6 00	6 00	Glashan, J. C.....	26 00	26 00
Bell, Mrs. Geo....	10 00	10 00	Green, Miss M. ...	13 00	10 50
Burnett, Mary	5 20	5 20	Grant, D. M.	23 00	23 00
Blyth, Alex.....	41 60	41 55	Graham, Robt. ....	.....	1 75
Bremner, John....	4 00	5 50	Hay, Geo.	260 00	260 00
Bell, Duncan	10 00	10 00	Higman, O.....	20 00	20 00
Buchanan, Miss...	5 20	5 00	Haig, M.	13 00	12 50
Bradly, Miss A....	5 00	5 00	Hay, N.	20 00	20 00
Cunningham, C. R.	100 00	100 00	Heron, John	26 00	26 00
Cunningham, C. G.	6 50	6 50	Heron, Thos.	10 40	10 40
Cunningham, Jes..	13 00	13 20	Heron, Mrs. Geo..	.....	11 00
Cunningham, Bell.	13 00	13 00	Henderson, J.....	52 00	52 00
Campbell, Jas.....	.....	5 00	Hope, J. ....	.....	.....
Clark, Thos.	26 00	27 00	Hannum, J. M. T..	.....	10 00
Chisholm, A.	20 80	20 65	Harrington, Mrs..	13 00	13 00
Cherry, Samuel ...	7 80	3 10	Henderson, J. H..	15 60	15 60
Cochran, Mrs. M..	6 00	5 00	Hogg, Mrs.	13 00	12 20
Cobb, A. H.....	13 00	13 00	Hopkirk, Jas.....	20 80	21 20
Campbell, D	10 40	1 20	Inglis, R.....	15 00	5 00
Corning, J. L.....	13 00	12 75	Jamieson, R.....	18 20	18 50
Cooke, David.....	.....	6 00	Johnson, Mrs.	26 00	26 00
Durie, J.	100 00	100 00	Jacque, J. N.	9 00	4 00
Duncan, Jas.	13 00	13 00	Kennedy, D.	40 04	39 05
Duncan, Geo. H..	10 40	10 50	Kennedy, A., Sen.	26 00	26 00
Dowsley, Mrs. S...	5 00	5 00	Kennedy, A., Jun.	19 50	19 50
Dobier, Ms. J. W. H.	10 40	10 40	Kennedy, John....	20 00	20 00

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Contributions to Sustentation Fund.—Continued.

NAME.	Amounts Promised.	Amounts Paid.	NAME.	Amounts Promised.	Amounts Paid.
Kemp, Mary	\$13 00	.....	McCracken, A.....	\$ 5 20	\$ 5 25
Kilpatrick, A	10 00	6 58	McLean, D. L.	26 00	26 00
Lawsen, Wm	10 40	4 10	McLean, C. A	24 80	.....
Leslie, Mrs.....	52 00	52 00	McLeod, J. R. O. ....	.....	2 50
Laing, Mrs. J. A. ..	11 00	11 45	McArthur, Wm ...	.....	6 50
Linton, Wm.	13 00	13 00	McEwen, C. ....	.....	1 00
Lough, J. M.	7 00	7 00	McArthur, A. ....	.....	2 30
Masson, D	52 00	52 00	McLean, Robert ..	.....	1 83
Masson, H.....	26 00	26 00	Nile, John .....	.....	6 00
Masson, Chas.....	13 00	13 50	Porter, Wm.....	52 00	52 00
Masson, R .....	.....	13 00	Potts, Joseph .....	.....	2 00
Matheson, Wm....	5 20	3 10	Pitman, Miss A....	5 20	4 47
Manson, J. B. ....	.....	2 25	Porter, Mrs. Jas...	26 00	.....
Mathewman, Mrs.			Robinson, H	150 00	150 00
(1883) .....	.....	13 00	Robertson, John...	30 00	30 00
Mathewman, Mrs.			Russell, J. W.	365 00	365 00
(1884).....	26 00	26 00	Robertson, Geo....	26 00	26 00
McKellar, Arch... 156 00	156 00		Robertson, A. G. E.	35 00	35 00
McMillan, J	60 00	60 00	Roger, Geo.	10 40	7 75
McMillan, A. M. ....	.....	1 15	Renwick, Mrs. C. ....	.....	3 00
McLennan, Mrs ...	.....	21 00	Roger, Mrs. W....	.....	4 75
McMartin, D	26 00	26 00	Shearer, John.....	78 00	78 00
McFarlane, S. D... 10 00	10 00		Sieveright, Jas....	40 00	40 00
McClyment, Wm.. 30 00	80 00		Scott, Mrs. J. ....	.....	4 th 35
McDougall, Dr., '83	.....	15 00	Stalker, H.	11 50	12 00
McDougall, Dr., '84	39 00	39 00	Savage, "S"	20 80	21 00
McLean, Mrs..... 100 00	100 00		Stoddart, T. T. ....	.....	11 th 75
McMorrان, R..... 52 00	52 00		Swinburn, Mrs. A. 6 00	5 50	
McFarlane, J., Sen.	.....	5 00	Scott, Wm	30 00	30 th 00
McCaul, John 13 00	13 00		Sinclair, D .....	.....	40 00
McJanet, John.... 13 00	20 00		Stalker, G. F. ....	.....	4 25
McKeller, J. 15 00	15 00		Sutherland, Jas ...	5 20	.....
McLeod, J. H. 13 00	13 00		Thomson, Alex ...	26 00	25 50
McKinnon, M. 20 00	20 80		Taylor, Jas	20 80	20 th 80
McJanet, Thos 13 00	13 00		Thomson, J. D ...	15 60	15 60
McKenzie, Wm ... 13 00	13 00		Taylor, Jas., Jun	9 00
McLean, C. A..... 5 20	1 50		Waddell, Mrs..... 13 00	11 10	
McCracken, Wm.. 5 20	5 25		Unknown	1 80

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Mrs. A. M.
J. Shearer.
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THANK OFFERING.

R. Blackburn	\$100 00	Arthur Chisholm.....	\$ 3 00
Mrs. A. M. McLean	10 00	Miss Fairburn	3 00
J. Shearer.....	10 00	R. McMorran	3 00
Hiram Robinson.....	10 00	Alexander Blyth	2 00
Geo. Hay	10 00	James Russell	2 00
Wm. Porter.....	10 00	S. Savage	2 00
James Severight	10 00	Hugh Masson.....	2 00
John Heron.....	10 00	John Durie	2 00
C. R. Cunningham.....	5 00	A. Kennedy, Sen	2 00
John McKellar	5 00	James Duncan.....	2 01
Arch. McKellar	5 00	M. Jamieson	1 00
Mrs. Mathewman	5 00	J. D. Thomson	1 00
Rev. F. W. Farries.....	5 00	L. Chesley.....	1 00
C. Blair	5 00	Mrs. J. Dobier.....	1 00
D. Masson	5 00	Mrs. J. Campbell.....	1 00
A. Forgie.....	5 00	Miss Addie Brown	1 00
John Robertson	5 00	B. B	1 00
J. Macmillan	5 00	James McCracken	1 00
D. L. McLean.....	5 00	Mrs. M. McKinnon	1 00
John McLennan	5 00	Frances E. Rowat.....	1 00
N. Hay	5 00	Bella Usher.....	1 00
Donald Campbell (1883) ..	5 00	D. M. Grant..	1 00
Henry Alexander.....	4 00	J. S. B	50
Name not given	4 00	John R. O. McLeod.....	25
Mrs. Hannum	3 00	Unknown.....	25
John McJanet	3 00		

