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For the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

The Kirk-Session.

PASTOR.

REV. M. MACGILLIVRAY, M. A.

ELDERS.

JAMES GRAY.
SAMUEL WILSON.
JOHN ARMOUR.
ROBERT ALLAN.
DANIEL GLOSSOP.

JOHN JAMIESON.
DONALD McPHAIL.
JAMES McFARLAND.
GEORGE TEMPLETON.
F. B. ALLAN.

SESSIONAL CLERK, - - - F. B. ALLAN.
TREASURER OF KIRK-SESSION, JAMES GRAY.
REPRESENTATIVE ELDER, - ROBERT ALLAN.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

WILLIAM MEIGHEN.
JOHN ARMOUR.
ALEX. ROBERTSON.

E. G. MALLOCH.
JOHN WILSON.
J. M. WALKER.

R. J. DRUMMOND.
HENRY TAYLOR.
WALTER FERRIER.

TREASURER, - WILLIAM MEIGHEN.
CHAIRMAN, - - E. G. MALLOCH.
SECRETARY, - HENRY TAYLOR.

ORGANIST, - - - S. W. WILSON.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL, JAMES GRAY.
SEXTON, - DAVID LOWE.

REPORT OF THE KIRK SESSION.

1885.

In submitting to the Congregation its report for 1885, the Session would gratefully acknowledge the favors and mercies shown us as a people by the Head of the Church, in the past, and earnestly renew the hope that He may continue to bless and prosper us in the future. On our part, let us see that there is no abatement of our faith in Jesus, or of consecrated energy in His service. His own words are: "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples."

Every item in the reports of Session and Managers has its own special interest and instruction, and should receive the earnest attention of every member and adherent of the congregation. The Session has pleasure in issuing with this report an exceedingly suggestive and valuable little tract— "HELPFUL HINTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH"—and entertains the hope that every "Hint" in it will bear fruit in more godly life and labors in our midst.

MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

The number on the Roll of the congregation is 365. Members added during the year, 54. (Total membership added during the past four years, 217.) Baptisms 20, including 5 adults. Deaths 11: Mrs. D. McTavish, Mrs. Jas. Macdonald, Mrs. Wm. Riddick, Miss Mary Walker, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Wm. Oatway, Mrs. Robert Croskery, Mrs. James Waddell, Mrs. Gordon, and two children.

WORSHIP, ETC.

1. The Sabbath services have been well attended. The Session would be glad to see a larger proportion of the children at public worship morning and evening when season and weather are suitable. "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." And parents are counselled to discourage any tendency on the part of members of the family to absent themselves from their own church and service, no matter what the novelties which may tempt them away. Little good has ever come to young or old in "going the rounds of the churches." It is too often a mere waste of spiritual power.

2. The Session notes with pleasure the excellent attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting. And the pleasure would be en-

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hanced if the young attended in larger numbers, and the fathers and the brothers put in a more frequent appearance. Have they to toil so hard for the "meat that perisheth" that they cannot spend an hour with God at the prayer-meeting? Some improvement is noticeable in both these respects since last year. The service is limited to one hour; and should not Christians hail with gladness that Wednesday evening hour with the Master as a precious and pleasant respite from the pressing cares of life?

3. The Sabbath School and the Bible Class have more than sustained their old record. The Sabbath School roll is 171. Teachers 20. Volumes in library 300. Weekly contributions \$80. Literature: *Children's Messenger*, *Children's Paper*, *Westminster Teacher*, *Sunday School Times*, etc.

A fact of the liveliest interest is the unusually large number of scholars who have in the course of the year professed the Saviour. May the Lamb of God keep them by His side!

The Bible Class has to contend with the old difficulty—want of accommodation, and thus the unavoidable exclusion of a large number who would be glad to share in its benefits. In spite, however, of inconvenience and discomfort, the past year has been one of pleasure and profit to the class. It is just entering on a course of study in "Christian Doctrine." In addition to this class, a "Young People's Meeting" is being organized for Bible study on Monday evenings, which gives promise of much usefulness.

6. There have not been wanting during the year gratifying proofs of deep religious interest. God grant that the seed may have fallen on good ground. In closing these brief notes on Worship, the Session would express its pleasure at the hearty and elevating character of the congregation's *praise*.

MISSIONS, ETC.

1. In this department of our work it is pleasant to be able to repeat the words of last year's report: "The past year has exceeded all previous years in contributions to the great schemes of the church. This is as it should be. The missionary spirit is the life of the church." In the course of the year a Mission Band has been organized, and since May its contributions have reached the surprising sum of \$90. The Session cannot speak too highly of the Christian energy of the young ladies who direct the efforts of this young society.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society (Union) has rendered solid service to Missions in the past year. In direct contributions, our share—dividing the total by two—is \$72.50. In addition to this a large supply of clothing was sent to the Indians of the Northwest early in the Fall, and valued at \$400; which would make our share \$200. [See Session-Treasurer's Report appended.]

2. At the February meeting of the Presbytery it is expected that Oliver's Ferry and Port Elmsley will be erected into a congregation. While this new member in the sisterhood of congregations may slightly affect our numbers and revenue, we yet rejoice with the brethren in these localities at their brightening prospects.

To close: Let us all earnestly pray, and earnestly labor, that the Lord's good work may prosper in our hands. Let the piety and Christian consistency of the members beget in others a strong desire to give themselves to Christ, and work for him in such methods as are within their reach. There may be too many indifferent to the interests of the congregation, and the work of grace in their own hearts. It is also earnestly recommended that the friends of the Church show warm Christian attention and courtesy to the strangers who may visit us. What do the ladies say to the formation of a "Ladies' Visiting Committee," to call on the careless, and the neglected, and the strangers, and secure their interest and co-operation in Christian work? To every one of us the Master has entrusted one, or two, or five talents; and to every one He says, "Occupy till I come." At the end of this year may the congregation as a whole, and every worshipper and laborer belonging to it, deserve the blessed commendation—"Thou hast been faithful."

M. MACGILLIVRAY, M.A., MODERATOR.

F. B. ALLAN, SESSION-CLERK.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Report of the Managers of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, for the Year 1885, submitted to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting held 21st January, 1886.

The Managers are glad to be able to report that the receipts for the past year are very little less than those of the previous year, which were exceptionally large.

The schedules annexed show the receipts from different sources during the year, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$31.52.

The Halton street lots were sold during the year, and realized \$383.18, which has been applied on the debt for repairs of \$728.45 mentioned in last year's report, accrued interest, \$17.40, thereby reducing it to \$362.67. In addition to this the Congregation owes \$150.60, borrowed to pay the balance on the organ.

Eighteen hundred dollars have been sent back from Manitoba for want of safe investment there, and the Managers have since invested \$1,600 of that sum in Ontario, the balance of \$200 remaining on deposit receipt at 3 per cent. The rest of the Church funds are invested, and Dr. Bain receives the interest.

In addition to the debt of \$513.27 due on repairs and organ, there is due for interest \$170 on the loan of \$3,400 made by certain members of the Congregation to assist in building the Manse, making the total debt due by the Congregation outside of the moneys borrowed to build the Manse \$683.27.

To meet this the Treasurer holds a subscription list representing \$316, which when all collected will reduce the above debt to \$367.27.

The Managers recommend that an effort be made by the Congregation to pay off this indebtedness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. MALLOCH, *Chairman.*

HENRY TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Dated January, 1886.

FINANCIAL.

Statement of Account for Repairs on Church.

Note due 30th May, 1885.....	\$ 728 45	
Interest on sums to 20th Jan'y. 1886.....	17 40	745 85
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Paid on same by proceeds of sale two lots on Halton street.....		383 08
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Balance due for Repairs.....	\$362 67	
Balance due on the Organ.....	150 60	
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		\$513 27
Interest due on amount loaned by certain members of the Congregation to assist in building the Manse (\$3,400 at 5 per cent.).....		170 00
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		683 27
Less subscription list in hands of Treasurer, part of which has been paid		316 00
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Amount due on repairs and organ.....	\$ 367 27	

Statement of Contributions to Stipend Fund and for Contingent Expenses.

1885.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, Balance on hand.....	\$ 58 59	
Contributions per Envelopes, 1885..	\$1,157 20	
Payments to Treasurer, 1885.....	423 85	
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		\$1,639 64

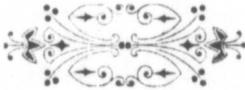
EXPENDITURES.

Paid Rev. Mr. Macgillivray, 1885...	1,400 00	
Paid Prof. Nicholson and Dr. Bell, 2 Sabbaths.....	24 00	
Refund—placed to stipend ac. in error	5 00	
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		1,429 00
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Balance stipend fund (1885) on hand.....		210 64

Ordinary Weekly Collections.

Receipts, 1885.....	\$526 87	
Expenditure, 1885.....	585 99	
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Deficiency on contingent account.....		59 12
1886.		<hr/>
Jan. Balance on hand.....	\$151 52	
Less—Paid Robt. Armour, interest on mortgage		
on manse, \$2,000 at 5 per cent.....		120 00
1886.		<hr/>
Jan. To net balance on hand.	\$31 52	

WM. MEIGHEN, Treasurer.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO STIPEND FUND.

1885.

Armour, John.....	\$100 00	Grant, Dr.....	\$10 00
Allan, F. B.....	31 00	Gemmell, Lawrence....	5 00
Allan, Robert.....	16 00	Gemmell, Robert.....	10 00
Allan, Robt. (blacksmith)	8 00	Gilchrist, William.....	5 00
Abercrombie, Wm.....	8 00	Gibson, John.....	5 00
Andison, Mrs. N.....	4 35	Golightly, Miss.....	1 00
Andison, Miss Annie...	8 55	Gamb'e, Andrew R....	5 00
Armour, Ephraim.....	12 00	Gibson, Wm.....	5 00
Allan, James.....	6 00		
		Hamill, James.....	3 30
Blair, James W.....	5 00	Hart, W. B.	13 00
Bailey, Mrs.....	5 00	Hart, John S.....	31 20
Baird, Mrs. Wm.....	5 20	Hunter, Mrs.....	7 00
Bryson, A. H.....	6 10	Hys'op, Mrs.....	3 00
		Hogg, George.....	4 00
Croskery, Miss Mary...	5 00	Hoops, Joseph.....	6 25
Cameron, Peter.....	10 00	Hart, Mrs. John.....	10 00
Campbell, Mrs. Alex...	2 00		
Campbell, John G.....	26 45	Irving, W. J.....	4 30
Campbell, Mrs. A.....	13 25		
Cameron, Ewen.....	10 00	Jamieson, John.....	12 25
Campbell, Mrs. James..	6 50	Johnston, Arch.....	11 75
Cunningham, Walter...	6 00		
Coombs, Mrs. J. S.....	10 75	Keays, Ausley.....	12 00
Croskery, Miss Jane...	4 50	Kilpatrick, Peter.....	5 00
Croskery, R. W.....	5 15		
Cameron, Mrs. James..	5 00	Lafferty, Dr.....	7 50
Clark, James.....	10 00	Lafferty, Mrs.....	7 40
Cameron, Miss.....	5 00	Lowe, David.....	7 50
		Lawson, Mrs.....	4 75
Drummond, R. J.....	12 75	Laurie, J. A.....	11 25
Davis, James.....	3 00		
Drysdale, Miss.....	12 50	Malloch, E. G.....	50 00
Davis, John.....	2 00	Meighen, William.....	45 00
		Meighen, Mrs. Arthur..	37 50
Ferrier, Walter L.....	12 00	Meighen, Charles.....	4 00
Fisher, Donald.....	5 40	Michell, F. L.....	16 65
Ferrier, John L.....	5 95	Mul'ien, Miss.....	2 50
Ferrier, William.....	5 60	Moodie, Thomas.....	3 00
Foote, Charles.....	1 90	Moodie, Andrew.....	3 50
Fraser, John P.....	10 05	Moodie, Joseph.....	2 75
Fraser, Dr.....	4 75	Moodie, James, jr....	3 75
		Moodie, Andrew, jr....	1 90
Graham, Sarah.....	2 70	Moffatt, Miss.....	7 90
Gardiner, J.....	10 65	Morrison, Peter.....	5 25
Gray, James.....	25 50	Millar, Miss.....	1 00
Glossop, Miss.....	20 00	Miller, George.....	4 00
Grant, W. H.....	15 55	Munro, Dr.....	27 00
Glossop, Daniel.....	13 00		

Morgan, G. A.....	\$ 0 60	Robertson, John.....	\$4 00
Mair, Miss.....	26 00	Rice, Frederick.....	8 00
Mair, Miss Maggie.....	26 00	Richardson, Robert....	5 00
Mair, Miss Nellie.....	20 80		
McNee, Duncan.....	14 50	Stone, Robert.....	8 00
McPhail, Donald.....	11 10	Scott, Mrs. Robert.....	5 00
McTavish, John.....	7 00	Sutherland, Miss.....	8 00
McTavish, Peter.....	5 00	Steele, Mrs.....	2 00
McLean, Mrs. R.....	5 00	Spalding, Mrs. John...	5 00
McPherson, Miss.....	10 00	Spalding, John R.....	8 00
McPherson, Mrs. John.	2 00	Spalding, William.....	7 00
McFarland, James....	6 50	Scott, William.....	5 00
McKinlay, Miss.....	5 80	Sym, Andrew.....	1 45
McEwen, Mrs.....	6 25	Smith, Miss.....	5 00
McPhee, Donald.....	10 25	Spalding, Miss Annie..	4 00
McAllister, J. A.....	5 00		
McGregor, Miss.....	2 00	Thompson, Sheriff.....	52 00
McTavish, Peter R....	5 00	Taylor, Henry.....	38 25
McTavish, Maggie.....	2 00	Templeton, George....	31 20
McEwen, Isabella.....	6 00	Templeton, Mrs. James	16 00
		Templeton, Mrs. Jas.,jr.	6 00
Neilson, Miss.....	2 25	Truelove, John.....	5 00
Noble, Mrs.....	3 25	Taylor, William Mrs....	5 00
Oatway, William.....	4 00	Walker, J. M.....	26 20
Oatway, Mrs., sr.....	8 00	Weatherhead, Mrs.....	15 00
Oliver, Mrs. George, sr.	7 25	Waddell, James.....	10 00
Oliver, George.....	10 00	Wilson, Samuel.....	9 75
		Walker, Mrs. G. L.....	5 00
Poole, Mrs.....	20 40	Wilson, John.....	8 00
Paul, William.....	5 00	Wilson, Gilbert.....	8 00
Publow, George.....	5 00	Wilson, George.....	8 00
Proven, Isabella.....	1 75	Weston, Mrs.....	3 25
		Wright, Benjamin....	8 00
Robertson, Alexander..	39 00	Wilson, Isaac.....	5 00
Richmond, George....	10 00	Walker, Miss.....	5 20
Rutherford, Miss.....	10 50	Walker, Miss Mary....	5 00
		Blank.....	1 00

NOTE.

The Managers beg to state for the information of contributors :

1. That contributions made through envelopes and payments made direct to the Treasurer are applied for the payment of the Minister's salary. The amounts so contributed will be published in the annual report at the end of the year.
2. The ordinary weekly plate collections are applied for the payment of the general current expenses of the congregation.
3. As the sums required in the future will be considerably greater than they have been, the Managers confidently hope that the contributions to both of these funds will be proportionately increased.

Perth, January, 1886.