

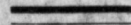
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# OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

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REV. H. F. ADAMS, *Pastor.*

*Deacons:*

HON. D. McN. PARKER,      L. S. PAYZANT,  
R. N. BECKWITH,          E. D. KING,  
R. T. BLAIR.

*Clerk:* B. H. EATON.

*Treasurer:* E. D. KING.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1892.

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*Finance:* R. N. BECKWITH, A. L. WOOD, DR. H. H. READ,  
W. F. PARKER, T. G. DUNLAP, C. E. PUTTNER.

*Collectors Sabbath Offerings:*

JOHN BURGoyNE,	<i>Alternate</i> JAMES HALLIDAY.
JOHN TOALE,	" C. M. WOODWORTH,
CHAS. F. PUTTNER,	" RICHMOND KENNEDY.
CHAS. S. BARSS,	" E. S. HUBLEY.
ELIJAH RICHARDSON,	" J. H. BARNSTEAD.

*Pew Committee:* E. D. KING, R. N. BECKWITH, A. L. WOOD.

*Ushers:* W. F. PARKER, JAS. HALLIDAY, WM. HOLLOWAY, H. L. BECKWITH, H. S. FREEMAN, JOHN H. BARNSTEAD, ELIJAH RICHARDSON.

*Membership Committee:* B. H. EATON, R. N. BECKWITH, E. D. KING.

*Temperance:* B. H. EATON, JOHN BURGoyNE, W. F. PARKER, C. M. WOODWORTH, MISS ROBINSON.

*Music Committee:* R. M. KING, H. L. BECKWITH, A. M. HOARE, W. F. PARKER.

*Choir Master:* GEORGE BURGoyNE.

*Auditors:* R. M. KING, T. G. DUNLAP, JAS. W. MOIR.

*Superintendent of Building:* WM. HOLLOWAY.

*Seaton:* ALEX. McEACHEN.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31st, 1891.

Your Committee beg to report as follows :

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

The expenditure during the year has been—

To paid Pastor's Salary .....	\$1400 00
“ “ Pulpit Supplies .....	65 00
“ “ Interest on Mortgage.....	600 00
“ “ Fuel .....	61 55
“ “ Gas .....	145 30
“ “ Conductor of Music .....	300 00
“ “ Sheet Music .....	2 60
“ “ Special “ .....	26 00
“ “ Organ Blower .....	39 25
“ “ Sexton .....	129 25
“ “ Sunday School.....	25 00
“ “ Printing, Books, Repairs, etc. . .	277 63
“ “ Water Rates.....	51 50
“ “ Balance .....	57 62
	\$3180 70

RECEIPTS.

By weekly offerings .....	\$3039 79
“ balance on hand, Jan'y 1891..	140 91
	3180 70

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1891..... \$ 57 62

Average per Sunday, Weekly Offerings \$58.46.

Accounts owing by Church, say \$90.00.

Your Committee desires to call the attention of the Church to the fact that quite a number of persons who contribute through the envelopes have failed to make up for amounts due on account of a period of absence, amounting in all to \$109.40. It is, however, hoped and believed that a large portion of this sum will be made up as soon as the parties

see by the Quarterly Reports sent each contributor, the amounts due.

For the information of the Church, your Committee submits the following comparative statement, showing the amounts collected for current account, and weekly average during the years of 1889, 1890 and 1891:

1889—Collections..	\$3033 71	Weekly average..	\$58 34
1890       "       ..	3119 30	"       "       ..	59 98
1891       "       ..	3039 79	"       "       ..	58 46

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#### BUILDING FUND.

To paid on account Mortgage.....	\$1000 00
“   “    Loan .....	170 00
“   “    Interest on Loan.....	5 95
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	\$1175 95
By balance on hand Jan'y 1, 1891	\$ 13 89
“ Collections and Subscriptions.	895 91
“ Loan .....	240 00
“ Balance due Treasurer.....	26 15
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	1175 95
To balance due Treasurer.....	<hr/> \$26 15

Your Committee would call attention to two items in this fund which should have prompt and careful attention, viz:—\$240.00 loan and \$26.15 due the Treasurer. Your Committee recommend that an effort be made at once to raise this sum, so as to leave the way clear to make special effort to pay the usual instalment of \$1000.00 upon the mortgage in October next, without making any loan.

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#### CONVENTION FUND.

To remitted Dr. Day, Treasurer.....	\$493 79
By balance on hand Jan'y 1, 1891	\$ 25 00
“ Monthly Collections .....	425 55
“ Special for Foreign Missions..	43 24
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	493 79

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

1889....	\$423 51	1890....	\$428 45	1891....	\$493 79
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## HALIFAX COUNTY MISSION.

To paid Rev. H. F. Adams .....		\$5 00
By Collections .....	\$3 65	
" Balance .....	1 35	
	<u>        </u>	\$5 00
To balance due Treasurer. ....		<u>\$1 35</u>

## POOR'S FUND.

To paid needy members .....	\$135 57	
" balance .....	2 38	
	<u>        </u>	\$137 95
By balance on hand Jan'y 1, 1891	\$ 17 03	
" Collections .....	120 92	
	<u>        </u>	\$137 95
By balance on hand Dec. 31, 1891.		<u>\$2 38</u>

## MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Spring Hill sufferers .....	\$22 50	
Donation to Charity .....	52 00	
" " " .....	15 00	
Grand Ligne Mission .....	20 19	
North-West Mission .....	16 97	
Halifax Dispensary .....	29 31	
Infants' Home .....	20 01	
Repairs to Chapel, Beech Hill....	7 00	
Mite Society .....	58 50	
Collection for destitute family....	20 00	
Collected to pay indebtedness Quin- pool Road Mission, and Interest on Mortgage to Nov. 1891.....	373 00	
	<u>        </u>	\$634 48
Women's Missionary Aid Society		109 51
Sunday School.....		114 61
		<u>\$858 60</u>

## SUMMARY.

Contributions of the Church to all purposes so far as known:

General Account.....	\$3039 79	
Building Fund.....	895 91	
Convention Fund.....	468 79	
Halifax County Mission.....	3 65	
Poor's Fund.....	120 92	
Spring Hill Sufferers.....	22 50	
Donations to Charity.....	72 00	
Grand Ligne Misson.....	20 19	
North-West Mission.....	16 97	
Halifax Dispensary.....	29 31	
Infants' Home.....	20 01	
Repairs to Chapel, Beech Hill ..	7 00	
Mite Society.....	58 50	
Subscription to Quinpool Rd. Mis- sion, and Interest on Mortgage to Nov. 1891.....	373 00	
		<u>\$5148 54</u>
Women's Missionary Aid Society.....	109 51	
Sunday School.....	114 61	
		<u>\$5372 66</u>
Total 1890.....	\$4615 44	

## ESTIMATE FOR 1892.

Pastor's Salary.....	\$1500 00
Conductor of Music and Organist.....	300 00
Organ Blower.....	39 00
Sexton.....	130 00
Pulpit Supplies.....	65 00
Fuel.....	125 09
Gas.....	125 00
Interest.....	550 00
Water Rates.....	51 00
Miscellaneous.....	275 00
	<u>\$3156 50</u>

Average per Sunday, say \$61.00.

A. L. Wood, *Chairman.*

# SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

## OFFICERS AND TEACHERS, 1892.

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<i>Superintendent</i> .....	John Burgoyne.
<i>Secretary</i> .....	John Toale.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Horace L. Beckwith.
<i>Librarians</i> .....	{ W. L. Barnstead.
	{ Wm. Yates.
<i>Organist</i> .....	Miss Beckwith.

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### TEACHERS.

#### PRIMARY CLASS.

Miss Robinson.

#### INTERMEDIATE CLASSES.

Mrs. Croucher,	Miss Annie Holloway,
Mrs. Fraser,	Miss Lizzie Holloway,
Miss Beckwith,	Miss MacLatchy,
Miss Forrest,	Miss Norton,
Miss M. Forrest,	Mr. James Flett.
Miss Holloway,	

#### ADVANCED CLASSES.

{ Rev. H. F. Adams,	R. N. Beckwith,
{ Edwin D. King,	C. M. Woodworth.

#### SUPERNUMERARY.

Miss A. E. Scott,	Mr. R. M. King,
Mr. B. H. Eaton,	Mr. A. L. Wood.

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In giving a report of the work of the Sunday-school for the past year, the aim is not to make an "interesting story," but to bring the work of the school before the Church and congregation. The writer has a vivid recollection of a remark made by one now in Heaven—our worthy brother,

Deacon Robinson—"If the school wants money, it has only to ask for it, and the Church will supply it." To-day we do not ask for money; but we need what is really of more importance—an increased interest on the part of the congregation generally, in the work of the school. Is it possible that this matter also rests with the officers of the school, and that all that is necessary to secure this is to keep the matter before them? At a recent meeting of the Church, a proposal was made for a quarterly report from the school, instead of an annual one. It would be a pleasure to the workers to find such a report asked for. The impetus to increased activity that this would afford would be of great value.

A wrong motive, does someone say? Hardly, for does not the unity of purpose in any effort, Christian or otherwise, inspire zeal and increase it, and can any good work be sustained without zeal, or zeal without sympathy?

This is a work of vital interest to all—the training of the people, from youth up, in the knowledge of the practise of God's word.

During the year 1891 we have attained a little nearer than before to the ideal of a Bible service for the church and congregation, from the child of five or six in the Primary Class, to the adult in the Pastor's Bible Class.

There are seventeen classes, including the primary, twelve intermediate, a young men's class, and three adult classes.

These, together with the teachers and officers, give a total of about one hundred and ninety on the roll; but as the adult classes are naturally of a transient character, it is difficult to keep a complete roll of membership.

Comparing the number of scholars with the membership in 1882, but the slight increase of fifteen is found. We do not think we should be satisfied with this. Perhaps if some of our church members interested themselves in the way of recruiting, this number would be largely increased. The

school has a willing band of workers in its teachers and officers ; but there is room for more scholars ; and the Church would be doing a grand thing in helping us obtain them. One good step in advance has been achieved during the last quarter of '91, in the establishment once more of a young men's class, which experience has taught us is the most difficult to sustain. Mr. C. M. Woodworth, who has charge of this class, is meeting with encouraging success

Our Librarians, Messrs. Barnstead and Yates, have done excellent service in this important branch of work. The only thing to be desired in this connection is an addition to the library.

The Secretary ! what shall be said of him ? " Instant in season and out of season " ; always at his post ; painstaking and accurate in his keeping of the records ; prompt and regular in the performance of the many duties incumbent upon a live secretary. To Mr. Toale is due, and is unhesitatingly given, the warmest appreciation of the teachers for the efficient work so cheerfully given.

Ten years ago, the average weekly collection was 90 cents. In recent years, since the adoption of the envelope system, it has reached over \$2.00, last year's average being \$2.18, while that of the last quarter was \$2.52 per Sunday. Of the money contributed, \$50.00 is devoted to Missions. \$16.91 has been given by the primary class for the support of a little boy in India. Besides this the class has contributed about \$6.00 to the general fund of the school. Mission work has not been prosecuted so vigorously as heretofore--the Mission Band, the past year and a half or more, having lost its identity, and become part of the Sunday-school ; about the only work done in this way being two quarterly services and the four collections taken on the last Sabbath of each quarter. In order to do effective work, this matter of organization seems to demand serious attention.

Two special services have been devoted to temperance, and an opportunity given for all who so desired to sign the temperance pledge, after obtaining the consent of their parents. In this, as in all other matters, the teachers desire the full co-operation of the parents, as an essential to success.

Truly a red-letter day was our picnic at Hostermans. This is the first opportunity offered to officially acknowledge the generosity of our people in providing for the school this pleasant outing. The plan was new to us—to provide a picnic free of expense for transportation or refreshment to all of the church and congregation who chose to go. And the plan worked well. The money was cheerfully given. The day was fine. The enjoyment great. The memory of it is refreshing. The thanks of the school to the donors is herewith presented.

During the year the scholars have been furnished with six English periodicals, and seven American, besides the ordinary lesson helps in the shape of quarterlies, etc. This has been done at a cost of about \$70.00, the lowest figure at which a satisfactory supply can be obtained. This practice has been continued after a careful study of the question as to whether the expenditure of the amount thus used would be more beneficial if applied to the library—a question perhaps still open to discussion in the future.

Thirty-six new names have been added to the roll during the year. Several scholars have removed to another neighborhood, and about the average number of removals from the city have taken place.

Referring to additions to the roll of membership raises the question as to the number added to the Church roll from the Sunday School. Four names have been thus added during the year. Although not so large a number as could be wished, still there is encouragement to persevere, leaving the results of our work to Him from whom the commission

was received, simply urging one another in love to the faithful discharge of duty.

Death has entered three of our families, and removed Lily Davidson and Louise Dunlap from the intermediate department, and Miss Walters from the adult department. Sad though these vacancies in our ranks are—especially to the immediate families where the vacant chairs remain—we have the assurance that the “song of the redeemed” learned here will be and is continued in the new sphere upon which these souls have entered. To the Church and congregation we say:—Strengthen our hands by your sympathy, your prayers and your co-operation.

J. BURGOYNE, *Superintendent.*

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### TREASURER'S REPORT.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL,

*In Account with H. L. BECKWITH, Treasurer.*

1891.			
Jan'y 1	By balance brought forward .....	\$ 25 67	
	“ vote from Church ... ..	25 00	
	“ Amt. contributed for Library .....	1 00	
	“ Amt. of Collections for year, including Primary Class Fund and Mission Band Collections .....	114 55	
	“ Mission Band Subscription .....	4 00	
			\$171 97
April 14	To paid Baptist Book Room .....	\$37 04	
Nov. 17	“ “ balance on Library .....	19 98	
	“ “ Baptist Bk. Rm. Periodical Act. 35 67		92 69
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	*Balance in hand .....	\$79 28	

\*\$50.00 of this goes towards Missions.

## The Young People's Union.

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*President.*—MR. C. M. WOODWORTH.

*Vice-President.*—MISS FORREST.

*Secretary.*—MISS G. H. SAUNDERS.

*Cor. Secretary.*—MISS M. FORREST.

*Treasurer.*—MISS L. HOLLOWAY,

*Organist.*—MISS HOLLOWAY.

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The Union meets every Friday, at 7.30 p. m.

**OBJECTS :**

*To work for Christ through the Committees, and train a Band of Christian Workers.*

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**ACTIVE MEMBER'S PLEDGE.**

“Relying upon Divine help, I hereby promise to strive to be true to Christ in all things, and at all times ; to seek the New Testament standard of Christian experience and life ; to attend every meeting of the Union, unless hindered by reasons approved by a good conscience, and to take some part in the service, aside from singing, if it be possible to do so with sincerity and truth.”

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**COMMITTEES :**

**Devotional.**

Mr. H. Freeman, Miss Eaton,  
Miss Norton, “ Hubley,  
Miss L. Hill.

**Sick Visitors.**

Mrs. Ward, Miss G. H. Saunders,  
Miss M. Forrest, “ J. Kennedy,  
Mrs. Shaw.



**Missionary. &c.**

Miss N. Moody,           Miss DeWitt,  
 " Richardson,        " E. Holloway,  
                           Miss C. Hill.

**Social.**

Miss Holloway,        Miss Evans,  
 " Forrest,            " A. Moody,  
                           Miss Woodworth.

**Membership.**

W. F. Parker,        Miss L. Holloway,  
 Miss C. Ackhurst,   And all the members.

Mite Society.

*President.*—Miss Forrest.

*Treasurer.*—Mr. L. Payzant.

COLLECTORS :

Miss Forrest,	Miss King,
" MacLatchy,	" Brunt,
" Ackhurst,	" Payzant,
" Kennedy,	" Puttner,
" R. Hill,	" A. Holloway.

Women's Missionary Aid Society.

*President.*—Mrs. Saunders.

*First Vice.*—Mrs. Adams.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. C. A. Fraser.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. L. Hart.

Officers and Committees are selected semi-annually, the year beginning April 1st.