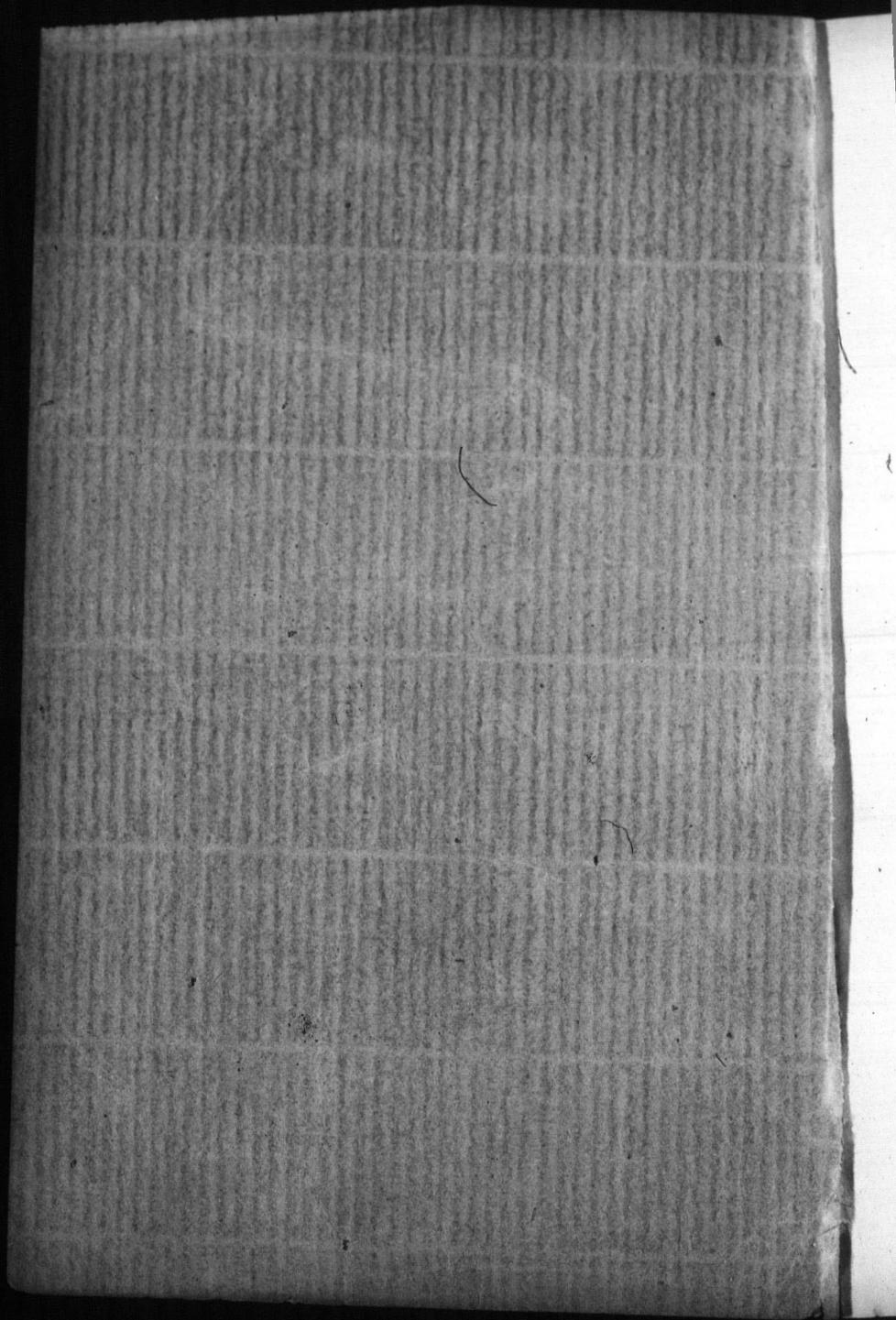


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Annual Meeting of James Church.

NEW GLASGOW, 15TH JANUARY, 1895.

The Annual Meeting of James Church congregation was held in the hall on the evening of the 15th January. The attendance was large.

On motion Mr. Harvey Graham was appointed Chairman. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the pastor.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Session was read by Mr. Carruthers, who, in addition called special attention to the report of the Ladies' Aid Society as printed.

The report of the Managers, coupled with the Treasurer's statement, was read, and the latter after some explanatory remarks by Mr S A Fraser and Mr Carruthers was adopted.

Some considerable discussion then took place on that part of the report which refers to the method of raising the revenue. A number of the members expressed the opinion that it might be advisable to resort to the envelope system instead of taking up the general collection as present.

It was finally resolved that the matter lay over till the next annual meeting, and the Managers' Report was then adopted.

On resolution it was agreed that as all the other reports were printed in pamphlet form it was unnecessary for them to be read.

The following officers were then elected :

Secretary, J. H. Cavanagh.

Treasurer, J. W. Fraser.

Managers, James W. Fraser, Joseph Stewart, John Craig.

Ushers, Marshall Graham, George R. Craig, Lewis Rutherford, Daniel Smith, Vernon Kerr, Warren Fraser.

A letter was read from Mr Thomas Cantley, who expressed himself as unable to be present, and called attention to the illness of Mr. J. W. Fraser, Basin.

The following resolution was then moved by J. H. Cavanagh and seconded by John Underwood :

"Whereas it has pleased an all-wise Providence to detain upon a bed of suffering our well beloved brother, James W. Fraser, and whereas we are deeply conscious of the immeasurable loss which we, as a congregation, sustain by reason of his continued absence ; therefore resolved that this congregation tender him their heartfelt sympathy and pray that it may please God speedily to restore him to health and strength."

This resolution was unanimously passed by the congregation standing, during which time the pastor led the meeting in prayer on behalf of Mr. Fraser.

After spending a short time in social intercourse, interspersed with music furnished by the choir, and recitations by Mr. Joseph Keay, during which refreshments were handed around, it was resolved that next year the annual social be held in connection with the annual meeting.

The meeting then adjourned by singing the doxology.

(Signed) HARVEY GRAHAM, *Chairman.*
JOHN UNDERWOOD, *Secretary.*

Report of the Session.

To the congregation of James Church :

DEAR BRETHREN.—We congratulate you in that you have been spared to begin another year of work in the vineyard of the Lord.

It is true that the small and uncertain fortune of time which we have inherited is being rapidly expended, and to have lived implies that the end is much nearer.

We began the year with many good resolutions, unfortunately many of the best of them have been broken, and many of our best plans have failed. But the New Year calls upon us to forget the things that are behind, and reach forward to those things that are before.

The New Year is the time of all others when we should gird our loins with holy purposes, and set out afresh on the Christian pilgrimage. If anything is to be done in the world; if anything is to be gained; any enriching of the mind and experience; any treasure to be laid up in heaven; any advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, now is the time to set about it with resolute determination.

It is with this in view that we desire at the beginning of another year of christian work, to lay before you, for your information and encouragement, a statement of the affairs of the congregation.

STATISTICS.

It may be helpful at the outset, to furnish you a statement of the numerical strength of the congregation. We are better able to do this, because the General Assembly having called for "the number of persons" under our care, the Minister has prepared a tabulated statement from which we gather the following :—

There are in the congregation 751 persons; 691 of these are connected with families, 30 persons belonging to families are away from the province, and there are thirty persons not connected with families who claim the church as their spiritual home.

The family relations of these 751 persons are as follows:—
“There are 10 householders where there is only one person, 27 with two, 118 with three or over three, in all 155 householders.”

The report goes on to show the number of children in connection with these families as follows:—“30 from home, 95 at home who are over 21 years of age, 116 boys and 127 girls under 21 and over 5, and 33 under four years, making in all 401.”

The communion roll is given as 266. Of these, 90 are men and 176 are women.

An examination of the above figures sets very clearly before us our responsibilities as Christians. For example, they tell us that there are about 300 adults, who live with us under the same roof, eat at the same table, sit beside us in church and school, and mingle continually with us—our own flesh and blood, and as yet they have made no profession of religion. Surely there is in this an earnest call to every member of the church to engage, and engage at once in seeking to lead our own to the feet of Jesus.

If we view the figures in the light of work among the young, they also become very instructive. For example, there are 368 persons,—children connected with families—who might be expected to attend Sabbath School, but the roll, including the children up the Brook does not show more than 228. Of the 95 over 21 years of age, 9 male and 26 female attend school, while 60 do not. In addition to that, it appears that of those between 21 and 5, 40 or 50 do not attend Sabbath School. In view of the great problem as to the care of the youth of the day, these figures must speak as nothing else can. They indicate that parents must take a greater interest in their children, or in a little while, they, who are now lost to the Sabbath School, will soon be lost to the church.

VISITATION.

These families have all been visited during the year by the minister, and also by members of the session, as time and opportunity permitted. Three families have been removed during the year, two of them having left the town, and five new families have been added. The minister has made between three and four hundred visits to our sick ones, for there has been sickness in 43 families during the year, and death has removed six of our number, five of whom were members in full communion.

Thus we have had to send our portion into the granary of God, and this year too we must give up some of our number.

“Who of us death's awful road,
In the coming year shall tread,”

God only knows. The certainty that we must part with some loved one, or that we ourselves must go, and the uncertainty as to whom the message will come, must give force to our Lord's words, “Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when He cometh, shall find watching—Be ye therefore ready also.

To the bereaved families we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and earnestly pray that the God of all comfort may sustain them in their sorrow and loneliness.

COMMUNICANTS.

The return made to the General Assembly last year gave the number of communicants on the roll as 260. Since then there have been added to the roll, by profession of faith 11, and by certificate 17, in all, 28. At the same time there have been removed by death, 5, and by certificate seven, without a certificate 8, in all 20, making the total now on the roll 266.

CHURCH SERVICES AND SEALING ORDINANCES.

We thank God that the greater part of our people are not unmindful of the commandment, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, on the Lord's day. The Sabbath services have on the whole been well attended. It is true that there are those among us who remain away from church for a little rain, or something just as trivial. Yet we have abundant cause to thank God that the example of our fathers has still its influence. May we so live in regard to church ordinances that our children may be able to speak of us as we do of our fathers.

Whilst we have no cause for complaint as regards the Sabbath services, we are sorry to say that we still feel that the mid-week prayer meeting is neglected by the men who are members of the church. It is too bad that of the 90 men who are members in full communion more than 75 per cent. of them do not attend a prayer meeting. In this we are no worse than our neighbors, but that does not make matters any better. If we have services among us which experience declares profitable, we ought not, without reason, to bring discredit upon them in the eyes of our children. It would be a new thing in human nature for the children to honor that which the parents despised, and count that profitable which the fathers set at naught. There can be no doubt, but that the path of the child of the future, or man of the future, will be much harder than in the past. We ought not then to make it harder by our neglect of an ordinance which God has signally blessed. If, as it has been said, the prayer meeting is the index of the spiritual life of the church, then indeed, do we need the spirit of God to quicken us lest we have a *name* to live and yet be practically dead.

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The sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered with regularity, and during the year 14 children have been baptized.

SOCIETIES.

The session cannot but express their gratitude to Almighty God for the good work done by all the societies during the past year. The reports without exception speak of material success. Especially is this true regarding the Sabbath School and the Young People's Societies. We heartily endorse all the agencies at work in the congregation; we commend them to your care; and ask for them all the same support during the present year that you have been pleased to give them in the past.

MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE.

The past year has, as formerly, called forth your liberality. In the matter of benevolence, the amount expended was not so great as in the previous year, but then neither were there so many calls. In no case was application made, where there was really need, but your liberality enabled us to meet it. For your generosity we heartily thank you, and trust that you will continue to preach the gospel in this the most practical of all forms of preaching.

The Mission schemes have also received your attention, and the reports show that there has been an increase in the contributions towards the schemes in almost all departments—the exception being the congregational collection taken at the church door.

One would naturally think that the collection taken at the church door for the schemes would be the largest. It touches more people, and comes more immediately before those who have the means. But the statement of the Managers will show that the collections taken in the boxes at the church door, are only some fifty or sixty dollars more than the collections in the Sabbath School, and that the total collections of the young people exceed that of the general contribution. One explanation of this is, that while there are no large sums to be found among the young, there is "a giving of little" by every one. This is the system that has long been upheld by this congregation, and you have in the contributions of our young people an illustration of what can be done when all do their part.

We would not be unmindful of the fact that you have helped in the education of the children in this systematic giving, and we trust that you will not become weary in well doing. We sincerely thank you for what you have done, and pray God that His richest blessing may rest upon you in all your work and christian fellowship.

On behalf of the Session.

JAS. CARRUTHERS, *Moderator.*
HARVEY GRAHAM, *Clerk.*

In Memoriam.

MRS. WM. STEWART,
February 10th, 1895. Aged 67.

ISAAC MARSHALL,
September 23rd, 1895. Aged 55.

MRS. MAGNUS TAYLOR,
October 14th, 1895. Aged 89.

EDWARD CRESWICK,
November 1st, 1895. Aged 57.

JAMES MacKAY,
November 23rd, 1895. Aged 83.

MRS. WM. JOHNSON,
December 10th, 1895. Aged 63.

Report of the Sabbath School.

TO THE SESSION OF JAMES CHURCH :

We beg to submit to you a report of the position, work and progress of the Sabbath School during the year 1895.

We began the work of the year with 191 scholars, 22 teachers and 5 officers. We close with 210 scholars, 20 teachers and 5 officers.

ATTENDANCE.

Three scholars were present every Sabbath during the year. The best class average was $82\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The average for the whole school being 128 per day, or say 64 per cent.

We think that the attention of the congregation should be called to the fact that a considerable proportion of our young people are not attending school.

There are over 400 young people between the ages of four and 25 years connected with the congregation ; of these less than 225 are enrolled in school, while of 243 persons between the ages of 4 and 11 years, less than 200 are attending school. These figures show that there is much room for improvement. We strongly urge parents to co-operate with the teachers in their efforts to increase the attendance.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The managers, as in the past years, gave us the sum of \$50.00 for working expenses, for which we desire to return thanks, Believing that liberality is a grace which should be cultivated, and that the best and most permanent results are obtained by beginning with youth, we determined at the opening of the year, to raise if possible, the sum of \$300.00. We succeeded, the total contributions being \$317.00, which amount was disbursed as follows :—

Treasurer of congregation towards Church Parlor . . .	\$50 00
French Evangelization	50 00
College Fund	15 00
Bursary Fund	15 00
Augmentation	30 00
Assembly's Sabbath School Fund	13 00
North West Mission	100 00
Foreign Mission	44 00

\$317 00

In addition to the above we provided \$80.00 for expenses connected with Garden Party, Christmas Entertainment, Papers, etc. We wish to take advantage of this opportunity to thank parents for the very hearty liberality with which they supported our efforts, by putting the younger children in a position to contribute so largely and by encourage them to do so. Congregational life in the next generation will doubtless benefit by it.

INFANT CLASS ROOM.

We have been able to use the church parlor as an infant class room to the great advantage of both the infant class and the whole school.

RESULTS.

The results of such work as we are engaged in cannot be definitely determined, neither should we regulate our efforts by the apparent results. We of to day are the partakers of other men's labors, and we must in turn continue the good work for in due time there shall be a reaping season.

The Treasurer, Librarians and Secretary have faithfully discharged their duties, and the school owes them hearty thanks for their regular attendance and good work.

We unite in thanking Almighty God for having spared the lives of all our children and bringing us through the year with less than the usual amount of serious illness. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the School,

THOS. CANTLEY, *Superintendent.*

Report of the Minister's Aid Society.

TO THE SESSION OF JAMES CHURCH :

The Minister's Aid Society still continues to work in the lines originally laid out for it, which, in a few words is the carrying out of certain plans, and the materializing of certain hopes, not within the departments of the other Societies. Although the Society has concluded not to have a regular Concert and Lecture Course for the season of 1895-96, for good reasons, yet they have pledged themselves to keep an outlook upon such celebrated lecturers or first-class concerts as may visit this section of the Province, and engage those that they think will be duly appreciated and patronized by the public.

The members of the Society have assisted in the collection of the sum necessary for the maintenance of a teacher in the Trinidad mission field."

Mr. John Fraser, Treasurer, gives the following as received and paid out by the Society since the annual meeting in September :—

RECEIPTS.

Dr. Harper's lecture.....	\$ 6 55
Collected for Trinidad.....	32 00
Cash on hand.....	5 78
	\$44 33

EXPENDITURE.

S. S. Library	\$ 1 65
A. Macleod	50
Expenses Dr. Harper	3 40
Gas and Ether	1 00
Paid to Treasurer for Trinidad Scheme	37 78

\$44 33

JOS. STEWART, *President*,
W. D. STEWART, *Secretary*.

Helping Hand Society.

MRS. ALEX. MCKAY	<i>President</i> .
MRS. PETER GRAHAM	<i>Secretary</i> ,
MRS. DR. MILLER	<i>Treasurer</i> .

TO THE SESSION OF JAMES CHURCH :

In reviewing the work of the year ending to-day, we desire to feel thankful for even the small results we have to report.

Our fortnightly meetings have been fairly well attended. Two new members being added to our number. Our plan of meeting from house to house was abandoned this year, and we have utilized the comfortable and commodious parlor fitted up in the basement of the church.

One of our oldest members, Mrs. Taylor, was removed by death. She was an honored member of this, and other societies of the church, and always took an active interest in, and worked for the Foreign Mission.

Our box of garments, 114 in number, was forwarded to St. Lucia, last month, as the need for such assistance is still felt there.

The whole amount of money contributed during the year was \$50.95, expenditure, \$8.06, leaving a balance of \$42.89, which we have forwarded to the Agent of the church.

BESSIE FRASER, *Secretary*.

Juvenile Missionary Society.

TO THE SESSION OF JAMES CHURCH :

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Juvenile Missionary Society met in the hall on Wednesday, Nov. 6th. The officers for the year are as follows :—

Hon. Pres., Miss L. Thompson ; Pres. Sarah M. Fraser ; Vice-Pres., May Taylor ; Treas., Albert McKay ; Secy., Annie Olding. Collectors :—Jessie Graham, Lina Fraser, Ella Polson, Katie McKay and Sarah Fraser.

At the semi-annual meeting held in May, a committee was appointed consisting of Jessie Graham, Sarah Fraser, Isabel Graham, Annie Olding and Marion Board, to meet with Mr. Carruthers, and get the names of all the young people in the congrega-

gation, and then to recanvass the congregation for new members.

The committee met, and the names of all the young people in the congregation, numbering about three hundred, were put on the books, with the result that about fifteen new members were added. Out of the three hundred young people in the congregation, there are only about one hundred members of this society.

This Society is the oldest Juvenile Society in Canada, and as next year the Jubilee will be held, we should all try to have the Society as successful as possible. The collection for the year amounted to \$22.89, which is to be sent to Trinidad to help support a student.

SARAH FRASER, *President.*

ANNIE C. OLDING, *Secretary.*

Ladies' Bible Society.

MRS. CARRUTHERS.....*President,*

MRS. JOS. GRAHAM.....*Secretary.*

TO THE SESSION OF JAMES CHURCH :

In submitting the thirty-eighth (38) annual report of the Ladies' Bible Society we are pleased to be able to state that for the year ending October 9th, we realized the sum of seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$77.50) the largest amount collected in any one year since the formation of the Society. The number of members enrolled is 76, nine of whom joined during the year. We are sorry to add that one of our oldest members has been called away by death—Mrs. William Stewart, who for nearly thirty years contributed to the funds of the Society. It is a voice saying unto us "watch for ye know not when the Son of Man cometh."

The Collectors have been most diligent in their work, but if any members of the congregation have been overlooked they will only be too glad to receive volunteer names from Town or Country.

We thank God for the successful year just closed, and pray for grace and strength to go on in the good work ; and may the feeble efforts that we are putting forth to give the blessed gospel to those who have it not be blessed. We rest in the promise : "as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord."

GEORGINA GRAHAM, *Secretary.*

Report of the Y. P. S. C. S.

TO THE SESSION OF JAMES CHURCH :

With one exception the Y. P. S. Christian Endeavor is the youngest organization in connection with the church. But although its years are not many, yet we believe it is as important as any. In former years there seemed to be a link needed between the Sabbath School and the Church. That link was supplied in the C. E. Society. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," the Society has done a great and good work in

bringing the hitherto idle or unused energies and talents of younger men and women within the bounds of the congregation into active work, thus giving them something to do, keeping up a lively interest in matters spiritual, to say nothing of the benefit the church receives through its operations. While we are pleased to report a good membership, Active and Associate, and a goodly attendance at all our regular meetings, we do think there is room for improvement. There are a number of young men and women in the habit of attending the regular Sabbath day services that might be secured as members. We commend the Society and good work it does to the congregation at large, and hope that in the future we may receive tangible encouragement from them in our work "for Christ and His Church."

We have held our usual socials, which have brought together the members of the Society, and made us feel that there is a bright side to our christian life.

The collections by the envelope system, which we adopted, are proving a success, and will be continued in the future.

We have also adopted the Christian Endeavor Hymnal in our regular praise and prayer meetings.

The cottage prayer-meetings, conducted by the prayer-meeting committee, and other members of the Society, in various families within the bounds of the congregation, have, we believe, proved a blessing.

We have also in conjunction with the Ministers' Aid and Juvenile Societies raised the usual sum necessary for the maintenance of a Teacher in the Trinidad mission schools.

We have also assisted in helping to furnish the parlor.

On the whole we have much reason to be glad, for activity and progress seem to mark our year's work. We begin the year with new officers and committees; we begin it also with greater hopes and brighter prospects. Our determination is to press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling in Jesus Christ.

Below is a brief report of the finances of the society:—

1895:	DR.	
To Missions.....		\$66 81
To C. E. Convention.....		2 10
To Hymnals.....		13 19
To Printing and Sundries.....		11 57
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		\$93 67
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By Balance from Dec., 1894.....		\$ 5 27
By Collections by envelope system.....		52 48
By Donations.....		14 80
By Separate Collections.....		7 93
By Cash for Hymnals.....		14 19
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		\$93 67

WM. D. STEWART, *President*,
JEAN MCK. FRASER, *Secretary*.

Ladies' Aid Society.

MRS. J. C. GRAHAM.....*President.*
 MRS. THOS. CANTLEY.....*Secretary.*
 MRS. GEO. UNDERWOOD.....*Treasurer.*

TO THE SESSION OF JAMES CHURCH :

The work of our society has been carried out along the usual lines. Our object is discovered in our name, and from year to year we help financially, such departments of church work as commend themselves to us.

This year it was agreed to suggest to the managers the propriety of putting down linoleum in the place of the floor matting now on the aisles of the church, and also providing new collection plates.

As the managers very kindly agreed to our suggestions, we handed over to them our annual subscription which with donations, amounted to \$55.22.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGINA GRAHAM.
 MARIA CANTLEY.

Report of Managers for 1895.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF JAMES CHURCH :

Your Managers beg to submit their Annual Report, dealing with the business affairs of the congregation.

The financial position is shown by the Treasurer's account which is as follows :

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE.

1895.

To Amount of Collections—Morning.....	\$2119 17	
“ —Evening.....	585 37	\$2704 54
“ Ladies' Aid Society.....	55 22	
“ Hall Rent.....	10 00	
“ Legacy, Late John A. Fraser.....	30 00	
“ Refund from allotment of Centennial Expenses.....	4 00	
“ Donation.....	15 00	
“ Sunday School.....	50 00	164 22
“ Balance.....		246 14
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		\$3114 90
By Insurance and Taxes.....	\$153 05	
“ Repairs to Sundries.....	52 49	
“ “ Steeple.....	41 55	
“ “ Parlour.....	60 00	
“ “ Painting.....	244 29	
“ “ Lamp for Desk.....	6 65	
“ “ Linoleum for Aisles,.....	73 37	
“ “ Electric Light.....	216 90	
“ “ Collection Plates.....	7 50	\$ 702 75

" Light and Fuel.....	156 31
" Pastor's Salary.....	1500 00
" Janitor's Salary.....	158 40
" Printing.....	37 15
" Sunday School.....	50 00
" Sundry Expenses.....	29 00
" Choir.....	250 00
" Sessional.....	50 00
" Augmentation.....	5 24
" Record.....	15 00
" General Assembly Fund.....	8 00
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	\$3114 90

MEMO.

Adverse Balance 1st January, 1895,.....	\$1644 71
Deficiency during 1895 as above.....	246 14
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Total debt, \$1890 85

RECEIPTS FOR OTHER PURPOSES THAN CHURCH MAINTENANCE.

1895.

Relief Fund Nfl'd distress, Collection.....		\$100 00
Augmentation Collection.....	\$81 76	
Sunday School.....	33 00	114 76
French Evangelization Collection.....	51 82	
Sunday School.....	50 00	101 82
Foreign Missions Collection.....	171 10	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 54	
Juvenile Society.....	23 00	
Helping Hand Society.....	42 25	
Sunday School.....	41 00	
Miss Prayer Meeting.....	14 56	
Legacy, Late John A. Fraser.....	30 00	326 45
Trinidad Y. P. S. C. E.....	62 22	
Minister's Aid Society.....	37 78	100 00
Home Missions Collection.....	89 05	
Missionary Prayer Meeting.....	15 66	
Legacy, John A. Fraser.....	20 00	124 71
<i>North West Mission</i> Sunday School.....		100 00
College Fund Collection.....	33 90	
Sunday School.....	15 00	48 90
Bursary—Sunday School.....	15 00	
Donation.....	12 00	27 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers.....		
Missionary Prayer Meeting.....	12 00	
Special.....	10 00	22 00
Benevolence Prayer Meeting.....	46 28	
Thanksgiving.....	77 37	
Legacy, John A. Fraser.....	20 00	143 65
Record—Collection.....		17 50
Bible Society.....		77 50

General Assembly.....		
Sunday School Assessment.....		13 00
Sunday School Expenses.....	130 75	
Y. P. S. C. E. ".....	26 91	
Minister's Aid Society Expenses.....	292 34	450 00
Total.....		\$1767 29

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

For Church Maintenance.....	2868 76	
" other purposes.....	1767 29	
Total.....		\$4636 05

MEMO. OF SOURCES OF REVENUE.

Morning and Evening Col- lections.....	\$2704 54	Brought Forward.....	\$3395 43
Hall Rent—Refund Centen- nial Expenses.....	14 00	Miss. Prayer Meeting.....	42 22
Donation.....	15 00	Prayer Meeting.....	46 28
Sunday School.....	447 75	Legacy, Late J. A. Fraser.....	100 00
Y. P. S. C. E.	93 67	Minister's Aid Societv.....	330 12
Juvenile Society.....	23 00	Church Collections for Schemes.....	632 50
Ladies Aid Society.....	55 22	Bible Society.....	77 50
Helping Hand Society.....	42 25	Special Donation.....	22 00
Carried Forward.....	\$3395 43		\$4636 05

Examined and found correct.

R. H. GRAHAM, }
B. F. KERR, } Auditors.

It will be seen by the above statement that the amount raised, for all purposes this year, is the largest in the history of the congregation. For this we most heartily thank the congregation and the Sabbath school, but especial y the Ladies' Aid Society, who have so often come to our help, and who this year by suggestion and subscriptions have added to the comfort and beauty of the church building.

As regards the amount spent for repairs, we have given a detailed statement so that you may be able to note the cost of each item. We regret that under this head there is an adverse balance. We estimated at the beginning of the year that if you gave us \$50.00 per Sabbath, with \$350 special collection the whole work could be done. It will be seen from the statement that in this we were correct. Such an amount would have given us \$246.00 more, or exactly our deficiency.

At the same time we congratulate the congregation on the liberality shown during the year, and we feel thankful that we can close the accounts with such a small sum against us, small when it is remembered that the Church and Hall are in a thorough state of repair, painted inside and out, and lighted throughout with electricity.

We would recommend that during the present year something be done by way of reducing the debt. Either (a) subscription taken up at some date during the year; or (b) by appointing

some Sabbath for the purpose of a special collection ; (c) or raising the Sabbath collection to \$56.00 which according to estimates submitted would give us, say \$500 towards our debt. But the whole matter is in your hands, and we trust that in your wisdom you will devise some plan whereby your managers may be able during the incoming year to reduce the indebtedness.

Thanking you for your kindness and liberality during the past year. We respectfully submit the above and append to this an estimate for 1896.

JAS. W. FRASER, *Chairman*,
JOHN CRAIG,
JOSEPH STEWART,
JOHN W. FRASER, *Treasurer*.

ESTIMATE FOR 1896.

Pastor's Salary	\$1500 00
Choir	250 00
Janitor, Light and Fuel	300 00
Insurance, Taxes and Interest	185 00
Sabbath School	50 00
Repairs and Incidentals	125 00
Debt Reduction	500 00
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	\$2910 00