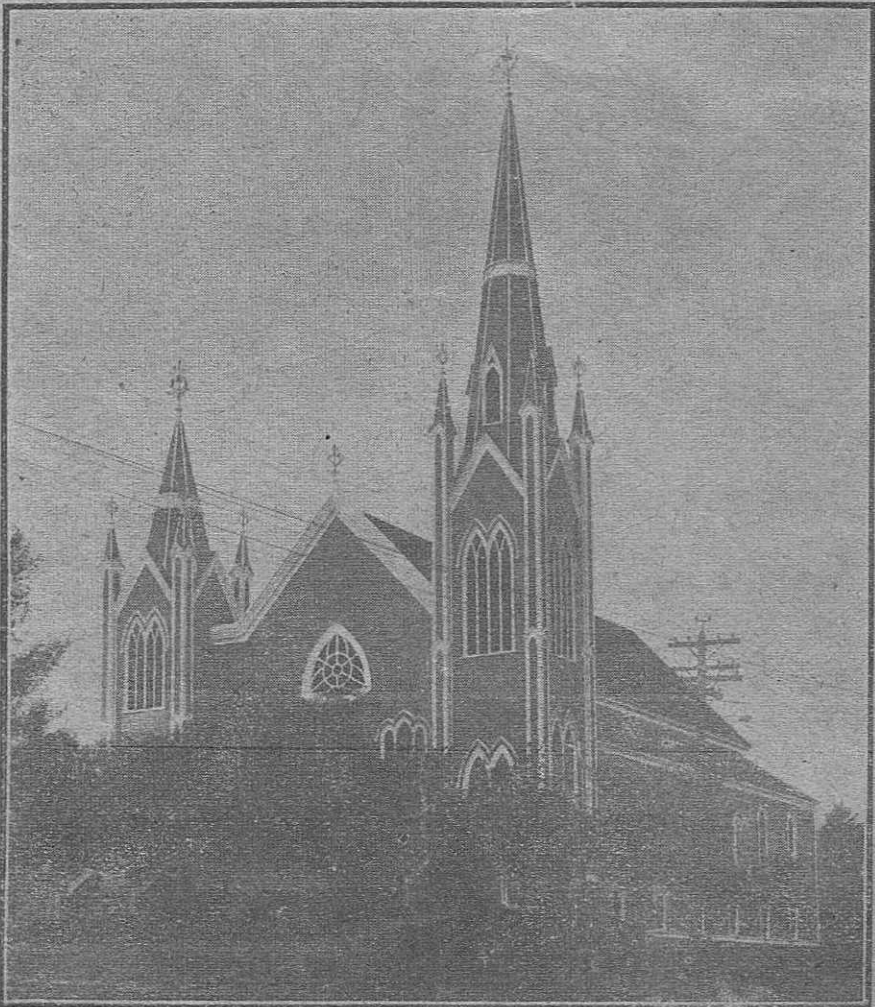


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Sharon Church Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR 1913



ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

*Sharon Church*

FOR THE YEAR

1913



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## SESSION.

REV. C. C. McINTOSH, M.A., B.D., Moderator.

JAMES McKAY, T. J. REID, C. L. BRIGGS, JAMES FRASER,  
J. B. McKAY, JAS. C. McKAY, H. D. MUNRO, SAMUEL McKAY,  
J. W. SOBEY, JNO. C. McDONALD.

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## MANAGERS.

N. G. MUNRO, Chairman.

C. R. FRASER, JAMES BLAIR, ALEX. McLEOD, WM. THOMPSON,  
J. J. GRANT, Secretary.

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**Treasurer.**

MRS. HANNAH CAMERON.

**Choir Leader.**

MRS. M. OULTON.

**Organist.**

MISS HELEN GUNN.

**Caretaker.**

JAS. R. CORBETT.



## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Stellarton, N. S., January 21, 1914.

The annual meeting of Sharon Church congregation was held in the basement on Wednesday evening, January 21st, 1914. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises, after which N. G. Munro was appointed chairman, and J. T. McLennan, secretary, of the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were then read and on motion were received and adopted:

Session report by Mr. J. B. McKay.

Managers report by Mr. N. G. Munro.

Treasurer's report by Mrs. H. Cameron.

Manse Debt and report of Church Improvements, by Mr. N. G. Munro.

The report of the different Societies in connection with the congregation were then read and were, on motion, received and adopted.

Sunday School report, by Miss D. McKay.

W. F. and H. M. Society report, by Mrs. J. B. McKay.

Mission Band report, by Mr. J. T. McLennan.

Lady District Visitor's and Dorcas Society report, by Mr. J. C. McDonald.

Ladies' Guild report, by Mr. George Gray.

The pastor and a number of others made some remarks in connection with the work of the past year, all expressing themselves as well pleased with the satisfactory reports which had just been read. Mr. McDonald called special attention to the report of the Sabbath School and impressed on the meeting the importance of this branch of the Church work.

Votes of thanks were tendered the Managers and the Ladies' Guild for their services in connection with the Church improvements undertaken and completed during the year.

Messrs. James Blair and N. G. Munro, the retiring Managers, were re-elected.

The old members of the Choir Committee with the exception of Mr. J. B. McKay, were re-appointed. Mr. McKay asked to be relieved and Mr. F. G. McDonald was appointed in his place.

It was agreed to leave the Mission collections with the Session, to be allocated by them.

Messrs. Geo. Gray and J. T. McLennan were re-appointed auditors.

It was decided, on motion, that the sum of \$750.00 be allowed for Choir purposes.

Mrs. Hannah Cameron was re-elected Treasurer of the congregation and the Managers expressed their appreciation of the excellent manner in which Mrs. Cameron attended to the work of the treasurer during the last two years.

In reply to a question the Chairman reported that there was \$11,000.00 insurance on the Church and Manse.

It was moved by Mr. James Blair and seconded by Mr. J. B. McKay that the Pastor's salary be increased to \$1,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. R. S. Faulkner referred to the work of the Choir and Organist during the past year and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered them for their services.

Meeting adjourned.

J. T. McLENNAN, Secretary.

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## REPORT OF SESSION, SHARON CHURCH, 1913.

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Another year has passed away and the Session of Sharon Church submits its report for 1913. Session would first of all ascribe gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness vouchsafed, and for the privilege of another year's service in the Master's vineyard.

The year just closed has been more than ordinarily eventful. On the last Sabbath of March the Rev. Marcos Scott Fulton preached his last sermon as Minister of this congregation. Mr. Fulton had served Sharon Church for upwards of three years, coming to us a young man, fresh from the halls of learning of the Old Land and the New, where his record had been notably bright. Mr. Fulton gave himself unsparingly to the work of this important charge. His relations with the Session were most cordial, and he left the congregation carrying with him the esteem and good-will, not only of its members, but of all who had formed his acquaintance, irrespective of creed. His work, especially among the young, will long be remembered, and the Session prays that, wherever his lot may be cast, his splendid gifts may be used by the Master in the extension of the Kingdom.

On the departure of Mr. Fulton, the Rev. Thomas Cumming, D.D., a former minister of Sharon Church, now spending the eventide of life among us, was appointed interim Moderator of the Congregation. The whole congregation owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Cumming that cannot be repaid. In season and out of season, he labored in the interests of the congregation, giving himself to the work with all the enthusiasm and vigor of by-gone days. Earnest attention was given to the pastoral work, and in every department of our Church life the influence of Dr. Cumming was felt. The Session recognizes that it was largely through his labours that the work of the church was maintained at such a high level during the vacancy, and rejoice that he is still with us to give aid and counsel as in the days of yore.

On the 4th of December, Rev. C. C. MacIntosh was inducted as Minister of the congregation. The Session rejoices that once again we have a settled pastor, and earnestly hopes that the good work of former years may be continued and enlarged under the ministry of Mr. MacIntosh.

During the year the Session was strengthened by the addition of three members. On January 19th, 1913, Messrs. Jas. MacKay, J. W. Sobey and John C. McDonald were ordained to the eldership with appropriate services. This addition to our ranks will, we trust, enable us to give better attention to the growing needs of the congregation.

Another important event of the year was the renovating and beautifying of our Church Edifice. The Session appreciates the heartiness and unanimity with which the work was undertaken and rejoices that from a standpoint of beauty, comfort and utility the anticipations of the congregation have been more than realized. The re-opening services were conducted by Rev. Principal MacKinnon, of Halifax, whose inspiring messages were heard with pleasure by large congregations. The splendid offerings was a feature of the day.

Notwithstanding the fact that the congregation was vacant for seven months preaching services were regularly held. The ministrations of the visiting brethren were much enjoyed and the services throughout were of a high order.

The attendance at the several diets of worship is very gratifying and the Session would make special mention of the interest taken in the prayer meetings. It is earnestly hoped that the interest may deepen, for the Session realizes that if the mid-week service is neglected every department of the work must suffer.

The Choir under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Oulton, and Miss Gunn, organist, continues to give perfect satisfaction and contributes not a little to the helpfulness of the services.

The Sunday School had a successful year. The confidence of teachers and scholars in their Superintendent was evidenced by the fact that Mr. T. J. Reid, who has so long filled the office, was heartily appointed to the position for another year.



On account of building operations the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed only three times during 1913. The services were much enjoyed and were a spiritual uplift to the whole congregation.

Death claimed its usual toll. During the past few weeks the grim reaper has been specially busy. Our sympathy goes out to those who are so sorely bereaved and our earnest prayer is that the God of all comfort may richly supply His grace.

The congregation continues to grow, and the number of families connected with Sharon Church is the largest in its history. We cordially welcome those who have come to us from other congregations, and trust that they may find in Sharon a worthy church home.

Never were the opportunities greater. Never were there so many open doors, never was the call for service more persistent. Let us all have some part in establishing the Master's Kingdom, that Kingdom that has the promise for Time and for Eternity.

C. C. MacINTOSH, Moderator.

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## REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

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Stellarton, N. S., January 21st, 1914.

Your Managers are pleased to report the year 1913 as a fairly prosperous one and one that marks an important period in the history of this congregation. The revenue for the year has not been as large as we expected, but when we take into consideration the vacancy of seven months and the fact that the services were held in the basement for nearly three months, the shortage can easily be accounted for.

We are pleased to report that the Manse debt has all been paid. Early in the year your Managers made an effort to get all the information possible in connection with the proposed improvements in the heating and seating of this Church. In the month of April a special meeting of the congregation was called and the information gathered was laid before the meeting, and as a result of this meeting the Managers were empowered to install a new heating system, elevate the floor, and, if the Ladies' Guild guaranteed the sum of \$1500.00 towards new seats, to reseat the Church. The Ladies' Guild immediately guaranteed the \$1500.00. Mr. J. W. MacKay was engaged to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed improvements, and to inspect the work. Tenders were asked for a steam heating system and Campbell Bros.' tender for \$2390.00, being the lowest, was accepted. Tenders were also asked for the removal of the old seats and elevating the floor, and the tender of Ross Bros., being the lowest, (\$650.00) was accepted; also, the tender of Mr. J. J. Fraser (\$240.00), for painting, was accepted.

A committee of the Ladies' Guild, acting in conjunction with a committee of the Managers, made inquiries with regards to the most suitable seats. They had correspondence with a number of firms and visited a church in Truro that had recently been reseatd. After going into the matter thoroughly, a contract was made with the Valley Seating Co., of Dundas, Ontario, to install new seats for \$2400.00, this figure to cover all expenses except the truckage of the seats from the railway station to the Church.

Mr. J. W. MacKay acted as inspector of all the work, and we are of the opinion that everything has been done in a satisfactory manner and that the congregation got good value for their money. The relations with all concerned have been most pleasant, and the evident desire of all the contractors to do their best to give satisfaction made the work of the Managers easier. We would like to tender our thanks to the Ladies' Guild for the assistance they rendered in connection with the reseatd and for their splendid contribution of \$1000.00 towards this work. Our thanks are also due Mr. R. S. Faulkener for storing the old seats. This was done at no little inconvenience to Mr. Faulkner and was a great relief to the Managers. Other members of the congregation also rendered assistance in many ways for which we are very grateful.

When this work was undertaken we were well aware that a number of the older members of the congregation did not approve of it, especially the reseatd. Wherever we met this feeling we have tried to meet it with the spirit of conciliation and we believe we have been successful in overcoming the opposition as we found that some of the parties who were most opposed to the change are now the most hearty in their approval and were the first to contribute when the appeal was made.

The financial side of these changes will be shown in the Financial Report, but for the information of this meeting we may state that we borrowed the sum of \$4500.00 from the Eastern Trust Co. for which we are paying six per cent. interest. We have agreed to pay this off at the rate of \$1000.00 per year, payable on November 1st of each year. In agreeing to do this the Managers showed their confidence in this congregation and they feel sure that the congregation will do their part and enable the Managers to carry out this agreement.

During the month of December we found it necessary to spend about \$200.00 on the Manse. We found this to be actually necessary so that it might be comfortable during the winter months. The cost of this work will not appear in the Treasurer's report for 1913, as the bills were not presented till after the accounts for 1913 were closed.

During the year 1914 we have in view the grading of the grounds between the Church and the Manse, and otherwise improving this part of the Church property. It is possible that the north side of the church may have to be reshingled. We have the plans prepared for concrete steps for the front of the Church, and this work can be undertaken whenever it is found necessary.

Outside of this we do not anticipate any heavy expenditures in connection with the Church property.

Signed on behalf of the Managers,

N. G. MUNROE, Chairman.



## TREASURER'S REPORT, YEAR 1913.

### Receipts.

Balance on January 1st, 1913 .....	\$ 96.38
Collection by envelopes .....	2,354.38
Collection by ladle .....	670.96
Rent of Manse .....	216.00

\$3,337.72

### Expenditure.

Rev. M. S. Fulton, including Manse rent, three months .....	\$ 435.00
Rev. C. C. MacIntosh .....	125.00
Pulpit Supply and board during vacancy .....	560.00
Choir Leader, Mrs. Oulton .....	300.00
Organist, Miss Gunn .....	300.00
Choir Music .....	15.65
Choir Expenses .....	50.00
Tuning Piano and Pipe Organ .....	18.50
J. R. Corbett, Janitor .....	305.53
Coal .....	82.52
Pictou Co. Electric Co., light, power, labour and supplies .....	147.40
Session Supplies .....	19.30
Sunday School .....	53.60
Missions (refunded from 1912) .....	46.57
Repairs and work on Church and Manse .....	11.62
Free Lance Publishing Company .....	50.15
Eastern Chronicle .....	3.75
Repairs to Manse, Ross Brothers .....	65.00
Insurance on Church and Pipe Organ .....	67.50
Joseph Clish, cutting lawn .....	11.00
Water Rates, Church and Manse .....	11.25
A. E. Hayman, repairs on furnace .....	4.65
Truckage, coal .....	8.00
Paid Managers for Manse debt .....	350.00
Interest .....	77.56
Treasurer's salary for 1912 and 1913 .....	100.00
Sundries .....	98.18

\$3,317.73

Balance in Bank .....

19.99

Examined and found correct.

GEORGE GRAY, JOHN T. McLENNAN, Auditors.

## RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS.

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Collections by Envelope .....	\$470.95
Interest .....	6.61
Special donation T. J. Reid, for Miss McCully .....	50.00
Bequest of T. D. McDonald, \$100 for Foreign and \$100 for Home Missions .....	200.00

### CR.

By cash paid Rev. E. A. McCurdy, support of Miss McCully .....	50.00
Paid by Mrs. T. D. McDonald, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, for Home and Foreign Missions .....	200.00
Balance in Bank .....	\$477.56

## MANSE DEBT.

### DR.

December 31, 1912—Cash on hand .....	\$ 2.32
June 15, 1913—To cash from estate of the late T. D. McDonald ..	100.00
August 8, 1913—To cash from Treasurer .....	200.00
October 6, 1913—To Cash from Treasurer .....	150.00
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	\$ 452.32

### CR.

June 15, 1913—By cash paid on note .....	\$ 100.00
August 8, 1913—By cash paid on note .....	200.00
October 6, 1913—By cash paid on note .....	150.00
Cash on hand .....	2.32
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	\$ 452.32

## REPORT OF CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

### DR.

October 23—To cash from Ladies' Guild .....	\$ 700.00
December 31—To cash from Ladies' Guild .....	300.00
November 18—To cash from Special Collection .....	1,024.94
To cash from Miss Vincent .....	10.00
To cash from Eastern Trust Co. ....	4,500.00
To cash from Sale of Cushions .....	5.00
To cash from Sale of Seats .....	12.00
To cash, Balance from Manse Account .....	2.32

\$6,554.26

### CR.

September 24—By cash paid for Seats .....	\$2,398.50
By cash paid Trucking Seats .....	9.10
By cash paid Cement Floor in Boiler Room .....	23.00
By cash paid Ross Bros. ....	645.78
By cash paid J. W. McKay .....	153.15
By cash paid Rubber Matting .....	142.30
By cash paid J. J. Fraser (painting) .....	257.86
By cash paid Lawyer's Fees .....	31.30
By cash paid Interest .....	76.60
By cash paid Campbell Bros. ....	2,390.00
By cash paid Campbell Bros. (extras) .....	15.50
Balance on hand .....	411.17

\$6,554.26



## SHARON CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT, 1913.

### Superintendent.

T. J. REID.

### Asst. Superinendent.

MRS. H. CAMERON.

### Secy-Treasurer.

D. E. MacKAY.

### Teachers.

Mrs. T. D. MacDONALD.

MRS. J. B. MacKAY,

MISS A. ROGERS,

MRS. E. MacINTOSH.

MR. JAMES BLAIR,

MISS L. CUNNINGHAM,

MR. C. L. BRIGGS,

MRS. T. J. REID,

MISS M. MacKAY,

MRS. S. R. MacKAY,

MRS. W. E. SPRÖULLE,

MRS. LIVINGSTONE,

MRS. H. CAMERON.

The attendance throughout the year was good. The average per Sunday being about 130.

Prizes for perfect attendance were offered, the following scholars winning the same: Louise Falconer, Eva Turpinat and Chalmers MeckKay.

The Superintendent offered an outing to the class gaining the largest number of scholars in two months. The winning class was that of Mrs. E. MacIntosh, which was taken for an auto ride by the Superintendent.

The annual picnic was held the latter part of July on the Y. M. C. A. grounds at Sutherland's River.

The Chinese class contributed \$28.40, which was voted for the education of John My's son.

Miss Cunningham, who was the faithful teacher of the infant class for many years, retired for a much needed rest. The work laid down by Miss Cunningham has been taken up by Mrs. J. B. MacKay.

The teaching staff has been strengthened by the return of Mrs. Livingstone to her former class, and also by the addition of the Misses Sadie E. and Mina Porter as new teachers.

D. E. MacKAY, Sec'y-Treasurer.

**Financial Statement of Sharon Church Sunday School For  
The Year Ending December 31st, 1913.**

**Receipts.**

Balance from December 31st, 1912 .....	\$108.68
Missionary Collections for year .....	56.51
Ordinary Collections for year .....	77.60
Special Collection for N. S. S. Association .....	5.00
Rally Day Collection .....	14.64
Special Collection for Church Improvements .....	30.29
Check from Treasurer Sharon Church .....	53.60
Christmas Entertainment .....	10.50
	\$356.82

**Expenditures.**

Presbyterian Publications, outstanding account from 1912 .....	\$ 20.15
N. S. S. S. Association .....	17.00
John Dougall & Son, supplies .....	3.50
D. C. Cook Publishing Co., supplies .....	34.16
Pres. Board of Pub. and S. S. Work, supplies (June) .....	5.40
Pres. Board of Pub. and S. S. Work, supplies (October) .....	53.60
Pointe-Aux-Trembles School .....	30.00
Orphan in India .....	20.00
Jewish Mission .....	10.00
Sunday school Picnic .....	17.70
Church Improvements .....	30.29
Christmas Social .....	17.36
Commission on Draft .....	.15
Prizes, etc., 1912 .....	9.35
Balance on Hand .....	88.16
	\$365.82

D. E. MacKAY, Sey'y-Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SHARON AUXILIARY OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN and HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

### Officers for 1913-14.

PRESIDENT	-	-	MRS. LAURA MacINTOSH.
VICE-PRESIDENT	-	-	MRS. T. D. MacDONALD.
TREASURER	-	-	MRS. W. E. SPROULL.
SECRETARY	-	-	MRS. J. B. MacKAY.

This Society has a membership of one hundred and fifty-two. Thirteen new members have been added during the year, two of these, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Eaton, being life members presented by Mrs. James Fraser, in memory of her daughters, Maude and Blanche.

Fifty copies of the "Message" are taken.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month. The average attendance last year was fifteen—less than one-tenth of our membership.

A Thank Offering Service was held in February. Mrs. Butler of India addressed the meeting, and the children of the Mission Band gave a short entertainment. The offering amounted to two hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$213.75). A special offering was taken in June. Two barrels of warm clothing were sent to Labrador.

Our average attendance is low, but we have much to encourage us, and we go forward hopefully, with an earnest desire to do more faithful work in the future.

TENA MacKAY, Secretary.

### Financial Statement.

Membership fees .....	\$137.00
Balance from Y. L. B. ....	1.10
Memorial from D. Society for Mrs. A. Grant .....	5.00
Thank Offering .....	213.75
Monthly Call .....	12.42
Anniversary Call .....	55.35
Riverton Mission Band .....	17.20
Donation for H. Mission .....	10.00
Loving Helpers M. Band .....	5.60
	\$457.42

MRS. W. E. SPROULL, Treasurer.



## MISSION BAND.

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**President.**

MARGARET MCKAY.

**Secretary-Treasurer.**

ROWENA G. TURPINAT.

The work of the Mission Band during the past year has not been as successful as in previous years, owing to the church being under repairs and not being able to call a meeting. However, we are now getting along better. The Band has been organized into three classes, one class consisting of the older girls, are studying "The Black Bearded Barbarian," and both classes of the younger girls are studying "Day Break in Korea." We also studied during the past year "The Life of David Livingstone." We are looking forward to a very interesting and helpful year.

ROWENA G. TURPINAT, Sec'y-Treasurer.

Stellarton, January 21, 1914.

## DISTRICT VISITOR'S REPORT.

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Report a good year. Made 486 visits. Collected \$20.00 for the year.

WILLENA POWER, Secretary.

## REPORT OF SHARON CHURCH GUILD.

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To the Members and Adherents of Sharon Church.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—In the report submitted by the Managers at the Congregational meeting in 1912, it was clearly shown that it was imperative that, in the near future, some extensive improvements be made in the heating system of the Church and also in the interior of the building.

Believing that a large number of the congregation considered the time was opportune for the elevating of the floor and the installation of new seats—which would conform with those now used in buildings of more modern erection—a number of the ladies, having expressed themselves as being desirous of assisting in paying a substantial proportion of the costs, in the event of such a change being made in the seating arrangements, called a meeting on September 25, 1912, to consider what action they would take in the matter.

The meeting was most harmonious, and all expressed themselves as being heartily in sympathy with the movement, and, as a result, the Ladies' Guild was organized and has continued to meet at regular intervals ever since (except during the holiday season), while a regular monthly collection was made among the ladies of the congregation.

Our success was assured from the very inception of the Organization; and, in April last, a resolution was unanimously passed and a copy of the same sent to the Managers, advising them that, if new seats were installed and the floor elevated, the Guild would guarantee the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) toward defraying the expenses thereof. We are pleased to report that we have already paid over to the Managers one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), and have no doubt that, before the close of the present year, the remaining five hundred dollars (\$500.00) will be forthcoming.

The following is, briefly, a statement of our net receipts and expenditures:

<b>Receipts.</b>	
Monthly Collections .....	\$ 371.26
Recitals, Sales and Suppers .....	582.01
Donations and Private Sales of Work .....	63.75
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	\$1,017.02
<b>Expenditure.</b>	
Cash paid to Managers on account of new seating, as promised ..	\$1,000.00
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Balance in Bank .....	\$ 17.02

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGE GRAY, President.  
MRS. SHERMAN GASS, Sec'y-Treasurer

## RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

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Ordinary Revenue .....	\$3,025.34
Missions, etc. ....	727.56
W. F. & H. M. Society Receipts .....	457.42
Dorcas Society .....	20.00
Sunday School .....	194.54
Ladies' Guild .....	768.37
Manse receipts, including amount received from the estate of the late T. D. McDonald .....	316.00
Special Collection on re-opening of Church .....	1,034.94
Sale of old Seats .....	17.00
Bible Society Receipts .....	105.00
Total .....	\$6,666.17

## NOTICES.

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Public Worship on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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Sunday School and Ladies' and Gentlemen's Bible Classes at 2.30 p.m.

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Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the basement of the Church.

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All Seats are FREE, and Strangers are cordially invited to attend the services of this Church.

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Contributions for Current Expenses and Missions are made by Duplex Envelope and these can be had on application to the Treasurer or any of the Managers. All Contributors are urged to use these envelopes and reminded that it is necessary to contribute every Sunday in the year, as the expenses of the Congregation go on whether all the Contributors are present or not.