

Annual Report

of

St. John Church,

Stellarton, N. S.,

For the Year 1920.

The Kirk Session.

DONALD MORRISON MATHESON, MINISTER.
 Daniel Cameron, Robert Fraser, Angus Rankin,
 James W. Sutherland, William D. Hepburn, John
 J. MacMillan, D. K. McLennan, John A. Fraser,
 John A. McKenzie, Alexander Munro.

James W. Henderson, Clerk of the Congregation.

D. M. Matheson.
 MANAGERS FOR 1921:

H. C. McLellan, Chairman, Thomas Kennedy,
 Robert Johnston, W. H. McDougall, R. H. Gray,
 C. R. Stewart, George Ross, Alexander Douglas,
 Alexander Sample, Alexander Urquhart, Hugh
 Campbell, John Campbell,

Angus MacKay, Treasurer.
 James W. Henderson, Choir Leader:
 Mrs. Vena MacCunn, Organist,
 Mrs. R. M. Benvie, Violinist.

David Conway, Caretaker.

ST. JOHN SESSION.

The Session of the old Kirk records with gratitude, to the Master, our continued prosperity, and undisturbed harmony. In every department of the work the most pleasant relations exist between Pastor and people.

The attendance at the Sunday evening service has been most encouraging, especially the presence of so many young people. In regard to the morning service the Session would urge the parents in our church to bring their children to this service, as the Pastor makes special provision for them, before the sermon, by telling a short story for their benefit. It is very important that your children should be at the morning service.

The Choir of St. John Church, maintaining its high standard of past years in its splendid service of praise, is worthy of our highest appreciation and heartiest thanks. The faithful efficiency of the leader, who through many years has given his service "without money and without price"; has made for himself a growing place in the esteem of our people. Likewise Mrs. Benvie, who, with her violin, has contributed much beauty to the service of the sanctuary. One of the beloved members, Miss "Bertie" Purvis, was called Home. Her faithfulness, her influence, and her gifts shall not be forgotten by those who knew her.

The Sunday-school is making splendid progress. For this improvement much credit must be given to the efficient staff of officers and teachers.

For the Forward Movement St. John Church was asked for \$1500.00. Many of our people thought this too much. But the loyal people of the Kirk rose to the occasion and subscribed over \$3200.00. The report to-night will show that two-thirds of this amount is paid.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed four times in the year, at which times twenty-seven united with the church—twenty on confession of faith, and seven by certificate.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to twenty. Four of this number belong to other congregations whose pastors were unable to minister at the time.

The Father called Home some of our most active workers, young and older. Their places are hard to fill and they are greatly missed.

We would call attention to the splendid work that Mr. Angus MacKay, the treasurer of the church, is doing gratis. Surely old St. John is very fortunate in its many loyal and faithful workers, who cheerfully give of their time as well as their means.

The Session would also record its appreciation of Mr. Jas. Watters' work with the boys of the church.

In gratitude to God we are going forward to do better in the coming year.

D. M. MATHESON, MODERATOR.

ANGUS RANKIN, CLERK.

—ST. JOHN SESSION FUND.—

—RECEIPTS.—

Carried forward, January 1, 1920.....	\$15.58
Collections.....	18.41
Interest.....	41
	<u>\$34.40</u>

—EXPENDITURE.—

Sacramental Elements.....	\$ 2.00
Missions.....	15.00
Balance.....	17.40
	<u>\$34.40</u>

J. W. SUTHERLAND, Treasurer.

REPORT OF MANAGERS.

The Managers are glad to report a splendid year for St. John Church. The various reports to-night will show that our church has raised in the vicinity of \$8,500,00. This is a splendid sum for St. John. It is well, however, that St. John people should bear in mind that much of this money is raised in various ways, and not the direct result of our givings through our current revenue. During the war, and after, "keeping church like keeping house" calls for more money. Our revenue, to meet our increased cost from now on, should be increased through our weekly offerings. We believe the loyal people of the Kirk will do this by increasing their subscriptions.

On the first Sunday in October the Rev. John Pringle, D.D. conducted the Anniversary Service. The special offering for the day amounted to \$680,00.

The beautiful brass Roll of Honor, which was erected by Mrs. Matheson's class in 1917, was completed this year by inserting a memorial tablet. This class also purchased a lantern for the use of the church.

The new piano was paid for by the Sunday School, with the generous donation from the Ladies Aid. Besides this, some gymnasium equipment was purchased consisting of parallel bars, horizonfal bar, mats, clubs and dumbbells. The physical culture classes are under the instruction of Mr. James Watters, Jr., assisted by Mr. John Carruthers. There are classes for senior and junior boys as well as for girls.

H. C. MacLELLAN, Chairman.

N. B.—The congregation agreed that for the year 1921 individuals should receive credit for the amount each contributes. Accordingly individual contributions will be printed in the Annual Report. This will include all contributions when made by envelope, or paid by subscription.

MANAGERS.

ST. JOHN W. M. S.

President, Mrs. David Reynolds; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Angus Rankin; Secretary, Mrs. John McQuarrie; Treasurer, Mrs. William Hepburn.

Our Thank Offering Service, which was held on Sunday evening, May 29th, was conducted by Rev. Robert Johnston. A Peace Offering was made and allocated to the Lapique Girls' School of San Fernando, Trinidad. A box of clothing was sent to the Sydney Rescue Home. Though our Auxiliary suffered through removals, we have made substantial gain in membership. We have forty-five members with an average attendance of twenty.

Mrs D. K. McLennan was made a Life Member in memory of her mother; Mrs Alex, Munro, in memory of her sister, by the Auxiliary, and Mrs. W. H. MacDougall and Mrs. Rennie by Hon. Robert Drummond, in memory of his daughter Bessie.

E. B. MacQUARRIE, Secretary

Financial Statement St. John W. M. S.

—RECEIPTS—

Dues.....	\$ 51,00
Monthly collections.....	18,95
Thank Offering.....	56,71
Mite boxes.....	21,60
Peace Offering.....	46,25
From R. Drummond.....	50,00
Interest.....	1,46
Balance January 1, 1920.....	7,22
	<u>\$253,19</u>

—EXPENDITURE—

Sewing material.....	\$ 3,20
Affiliation with Womans Council.....	2,00
Express charges.....	45
Thirty-five 'Annual Reports'.....	1,75
Money Order, postage, and study book.....	70
Presbyterial Treas.....	216,60
Balance December 31, 1920.....	28,49
	<u>\$253,19</u>

MRS. W. D. HEPBURN, Treasurer.

ST. JOHN YOUNG LADIES BRANCH.

President, Mrs. D. M. Matheson ; Vice-President, Mrs. W. D. Hepburn ; Secretary, Mrs. Peter MacDonald ; Treasurer, Mrs. William Ross.

The Young Ladies' Branch of St. John Church has just finished its fourth year, and it was a banner year in every respect. The year opened with forty-eight members and closed with sixty-five, with an average attendance of thirty-five. At the Presbyterial in Sunny Brae, special mention was made of St. John Y. L. B. for having reached second in average attendance. We held meetings in every month excepting August. The Branch sent Miss Esther Ross and Miss Margaret Patriquin, as delegates, to the Presbyterial. Our study book was "The Child in the Midst."

In February a Peace Thank Offering was given, while Mite barrels, which were given out in June, were returned in December. Pantry Sales were held, together with the sale of fancy articles, and giving teas.

A box of clothing, valued at \$25.00 was sent before Christmas, to the Sydney Rescue Home.

Nineteen Life Members were made this year, which makes a total of sixty-three in four years.

HELEN MACDONALD, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YOUNG LADIES' BRANCH

—RECEIPTS—

Bank Balance	\$ 1.72
Dues	23.50
Collection	30.70
Donation	2.00
Peace Offering	37.00
Pantry and Fancy Work Sale	105.40
Thank Offering	48.21
Mite Barrels	34.25
Interest	1.89
Box of Goods	25.00
	<u>\$309.67</u>

—EXPENDITURE—

Peace Offering.....	\$ 37,00
Flowers	16,00
Teas.....	1,25
Mite Barrels.....	2,50
Advertising.....	2,25
Certificates.....	180,00
Donation to 'Peace Offering.....	10,00
Union Mission Hall.....	10,00
Missions.....	24,00
Express charges.....	40
Study Book.....	50
Exchange.....	30
Box of Goods.....	25,00
Balance.....	47
	<u>\$309,67</u>

MRS. WILLIAM ROSS, Treasurer,

ST. JOHN RELIEF FUND.

December 31, 1920—Balance.....\$42,00

MRS. JOHN T. McLEOD, Treasurer,

ST. JOHN MISSION BAND.

The Officers are: Superintendent, Mrs. J. J. McMillan; President, Jennie MacKenzie; Secretary, Mary Munro; Treasurer, Eva Livingston.

The Band sent a box to the Sydney Rescue Home, containing dolls, scrap-books and stockings.

The following were made Life members: Caroline Fraser, Henrietta MacKenzie, Edna Simpson, Lois Keith, Johneva Livingston. Two others, gifts from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Drummond, in memory of her daughter Bessie, were presented to Jean and Sheila MacDougall. Seven members were added in the year, making the membership fifty-eight with an average attendance of thirty-five.

MARY MUNRO, Secretary.

Financial Statement St. John Mission Band.

Receipts.

Carried Forward.....	\$	71
Interest.....		35
Collections.....		7,44
Dues.....		4,00
Mite Boxes.....		24,29
Tea and Pantry Sale.....		25,55
Gift from Estate of the late Mrs. Drummond.....		20,00
	\$	<u>82,34</u>

—Expenditure—

Study book and postage.....	\$	38
Presbyterial Treas.....		80,00
Balance.....		1,96
	\$	<u>82,34</u>

EVA LIVINGSTONE, Treasurer.

ST. JOHN BOYS BRANCH.

President, Willie Gray ; Secretary, Willard MacDonald ; Treasurer, Clarence Sutherland.

We began our second year as a Boys Branch with thirty-seven members and have added five this year, making a total of forty-two on the roll. The average attendance is thirty-six.

Miss Sylvia Keith, who teaches us the lessons from the study books makes them most interesting and instructive.

In November a bean supper was served in the Church Hall, at which seventy-eight boys and girls from the Branch and Mission Band were present.

Mite boxes contained \$11,79.

Two Life members were made, one by the Branch, presented to Clarence Sutherland, the other by a gift from the Estate of the late Mrs. Mary Drummond, in memory of her daughter Bessie and presented to Raeburn MacDougall.

WILLARD MacDONALD, Secretary.

Financial Statement, Boys Branch.

Total Receipts.....	\$ 36,68
Paid to the Presbyterial Treas.....	\$ 36,00
Balance	68
Donation of a study-book by Mrs, Matheson.	

CLARENCE SUTHERLAND, Treasurer.

ST. JOHN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

OFFICERS:

Superintendent,—John A. Fraser.
 Secretary-Treasurer,—Miss Sylvia Keith.
 Superintendent, Cradle Roll—Mrs. John McQuarrie.
 Pianist—Miss Isabel Henderson.

TEACHERS:

Miss Isabel McDonald,	Mrs. D M. Matheson,
Mrs. Hannah McKenzie,	Mrs. Allan Livingstone,
Mrs. A. D. Stewart,	Miss Isabel Henderson,
John A. Fraser,	Miss Margaret Fraser,
Mrs. Wm. Hepburn	Mrs J. J. MacMillan,
Miss Aleen MacKenzie	

Some of the classes are organised and have officers.

Number of pupils enrolled in main school.....	154
Average daily attendance.....	72.3
Number of verses memorized in the year.....	4,245
Number of catechism memorized in the year.....	838
Total Offerings in 1920.....	\$168,19
Average per Sunday.....	\$3,23

Financial Report, St. John Sunday School.

—Receipts—

January 1, 1920, Balance carried forward.....	\$ 43,65
Offerings in 1920.....	\$168,19
Interest.....	76
Lord's Day Alliance.....	11,00
Christmas Entertainment.....	18,10
Forward Movement.....	106,45
Raised in 1920.....	304,50
Including Balance from 1919.....	\$348,15

—Expenditure—

Presbyterian Publications.....	\$ 70,28
David Cook Publishing Co.....	43,75
Leaflets.....	25
P. O. order and stamps.....	58
Missions.....	40,00
Sunday-school pic-nic.....	10,80
Lord's Day Alliance.....	11,00
Rally Day.....	14,50
Christmas concert.....	16,93
Union Mission.....	3,00
	<u>\$211,09</u>
Balance.....	30,61
	<u>241,70</u>
Forward Movement.....	106,45
	<u>\$348,15</u>

SYLVIA KEITH, Sec'y.-Treasurer.

ST. JOHN BIBLE CLASS.

The Bible Class met in October for re-organization with thirty-five present. The following officers were elected for the year:

President,—Mr. Wm. Hepburn, Vice-Pres.—Hy. Watters,
 Secretary,—Miss Margaret Patriquin, Treas.—John Calder,
 Teacher,—Rev. D. M. Matheson,

The Class uses the International Lessons, which are made interesting and instructive. The membership of the class is composed of young people.

The average attendance was 32.

The Enrollment 53.

Total Receipts.....	\$ 61,92
Total Expenditure.....	44,76
Balance.....	<u>\$ 17,16</u>

ALEEN MacKENZIE.

ST. JOHN LIGHT BEARERS' CLASS.

President,—Mies Morna MacLellan
 Secretary,—Miss Margaret Campbell
 Treasurer,—Miss Annie McDougall
 Teacher,—Mrs. D. M. Matheson

The members of this class are girls of High School age.

Our motto is "Forward."

The Teacher presented gold class-pins to the class each year.

The class finished the Roll of Honor by inserting a Memorial Panel ; and also partly paid for a lantern and outfit.

MARGARET CAMPBELL, Secretary.

Financial Statement, St. John Light Bearers Class.

—Receipts—

January 1, 1920, Carried forward	\$ 83,04
March 27, Candy sale	13,00
May 7, Musical	20,00
Mr. Angus McKay—Donation	5,00
Interest	1,64
Sept. 27, Tea	13,01
	<u>\$135,69</u>

—Expenditure—

Completing Roll of Honor	\$ 58,55
Toward Lantern and outfit	75,00
Balance	2,14
	<u>\$135,69</u>

ANNIE MacDOUGALL, Treasurer.

ST. JOHN CRADLE ROLL.

January 1st., 1920 there were 107 children enrolled. This year 25 names were added, and 18 graded into the Sabbath School. Five were called Home:—Willard MacDonald, Margaret Lillian Duff, Roy Sangster, May Murray, and Harold Cameron. Three moved away, leaving a roll of 110.

I sent out 30 certificates of membership, 125 birth day cards, and 135 Christmas cards.

I received \$7.91, and paid out for supplies and postage \$7.80, leaving a balance of 11 cents

MRS. JOHN MacQUARRIE, Superintendent,

ST. JOHN LADIES AID.

President,—Mrs. Allan Livingstone.
 Vice-President,—Mrs. W. D. Hepburn
 Secretary,—Mrs. John A. Fraser,
 Treasurer,—Mrs. J. W. Sutherland.

The membership is 122. Four new members were added in the year. The Society held teas, and sewed on twenty-three evenings in the year. The average attendance was 32.

MARGARET J. FRASER, Secretary.

Financial Statement, St. John Ladies Aid.

—Receipts—

Dec. 31, 1919 Balance in Bank.....	\$ 521,66
Quarterly meetings and dues.....	\$122,00
January 27, Supper.....	170,55
March 25, Sale.....	255,30
October 12, Supper.....	173,35
Teas.....	74,80
Interest.....	11,40
Total for 1920.....	\$ 807,40
Total including balance.....	\$1329,06

—Expenditure—

Suppers.....	\$ 20,52
Organ Fund.....	500,00
Flowers.....	77,90
Piano.....	98,00
Sewing material.....	40,00
Gift to Mr. and Mrs. Matheson.....	100,00
Gift to Mr. John Fraser.....	25,00
Stamps.....	40
Total Expenditnre.....	\$ 861,82
Balance.....	467,24
	\$1329,06

MRS. J. W. SUTHERLAND, Treasurer

ST. JOHN CHURCH—TREASURER'S REPORT

—Receipts—

Balance, December 31, 1919.....	\$ 888,77
Ordinary Revenue.....	2493,43
Missions.....	607,20
Loose collection.....	472,47
Other collections.....	57,50
Unpresented cheque.....	25,00
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	\$4544.37

—Expenditure—

Pastor's salary.....	\$1800,00
Pulpit Supply.....	100,00
Janitor.....	300,00
Organist.....	300,00
Coal.....	115,90
Light.....	38,43
Missions.....	1106,40
Miscellaneous.....	216,20
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	\$3976,93
Bal. as per Bank book, Dec. 31, 1920.....	567,44
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	\$4544.37

Altho there is a balance in the Bank, there are a few unpresented bills, which when paid will require all of the balance for the Year 1920.

ANGUS McKAY, Treasurer

ST. JOHN FORWARD MOVEMENT

Amount sent to Halifax.....	\$2060,00
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ROBERT FRASER, Treasurer

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SOURCES OF REVENUE	REC'D. IN 1920
Ordinary Revenue.....	\$2965,90
Missions.....	607,20
Anniversary Offering.....	680,00
Other Sources.....	82,50
W M. S.....	245,97
Boys' Branch.....	36,68
Mission Band.....	81,63
Sunday School.....	304,50
Cradle Roll.....	7,91
Light Bearers.....	52,65
Bible Class.....	61,92
Session Fund.....	18,82
Relief Fund..... (\$42,00)	
Young Ladies Branch.....	307,95
Ladies Aid.....	807,40
Organ Fund.....	<u>600,00</u>
Ordinary Total.....	\$6861,03
Forward Movement.....	<u>2060,00</u>
Grand Total.....	<u>\$8921,03</u>

New business
election of Managers
 " *of Treas.*

—BAPTISMS—

Mary Ann Murial White	Mary Elinor Murphy
Lillian Jean Rumley	John Russell MacDonald
James Harvey Watters	Catherine May Murray
Jessie Irene Oherling	William Elmer Thompson
Allister Robertson Tupper	Donald Fraser Tupper
Clarence Miller Sample	Grant Stanford MacDonald
Elinore Marie Chisholm	Margaret Kathleen McDonald
Velnia Jean Dunbar	Lillian Sylvia MacKenzie

—DEATHS—

Mrs. Thomas Wilson	Frank MacDonald
Peter Duff	Mrs. Dan. F. MacKenzie
Duncan Grant	Ruth Elinor Simpson
Infant of Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Ross	Miss Alberta Ross Purvis
Infant of Mr. & Mrs. Kellog	Mrs. Susan Ballie
Mrs. Mary Priest	John Edward Davidson
William H. Mason	Margaret Lillian Duff
Willard MacDonald	Roy Sangster
May Murray	Mrs. Robert Drummond
Harold Cameron	