

Christian teaching and make it more and more the means of leading many into Christ's Kingdom and training them to be good, useful Christian citizens.

Women's Missionary Societies

An Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, was organized in 1877 with a membership of twenty-six (26). The following is a list of the charter members: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Thomas Goldsmith; Vice President, Mrs. D. D. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. G. G. McCaughey; Secretary, Miss Janet Anderson; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. T. O. Kemp; Mrs. William McCulloch, Mrs. R. Lumsden, Mrs. McCosh, Mrs. P. Logan, Mrs. James Nichol, Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Hugh Robb, Mrs. S. Dickson, Mrs. Arbuckle, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. A. Stewart, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. A. Young, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. J. Thompson, Miss M. E. McLean, Miss A. McKenzie, Miss Jessie Thompson, Miss C. McKenzie, Miss Ida Arbuckle. Although this Auxiliary organized with twenty-six members, this number was not maintained, as in the year following it dropped to twelve and for several years afterwards the membership was only fifteen, and it was not until the fourth year of its existence that the Auxiliary received any recognition in the annual reports of the congregation. However, although membership was so small and average attendance at monthly meetings much smaller much good work was done. The third year after date of organization two hundred dollars (\$200.00) was remitted to the treasurer of the Central Society at Toronto; and in 1884, with the exception of Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary of Toronto, which represented seven city congregations, Seaforth headed the list of Auxiliaries in Western Ontario, contributing two hundred and twelve dollars and forty-three cents (\$212.43), to the General Society. In the thirty-seven years of its existence this Auxiliary, as a rule, reported an increase every year in membership and contributions, the latter varying from seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) the first year to over four hundred dollars.

In 1907 an affiliated Auxiliary to the Women's Home Mission Society was organized by Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, of Toronto. The officers appointed were: Honorary President, Rev. F. H. Larkin; President, Mr. James Cowan; Vice Presidents, Miss Steele and Mrs. Robert Bell; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. Keith McLean; Supply Secretary, Mrs. Cooper; Home Mission Pioneer Secretary, Mrs. M. Y. McLean. The membership for the first year was fifty, and the contributions twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$22.25). The