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was given to Mr. Duff of Port Elgin, and that for the wood-work to Mr. Stevens of Chesley. Minor contracts for other work were let to different parties. On the 2nd of July, 1900, the corner stone of the new Knox Church was well and truly laid by the late Henry Cargill, M. P., of Cargill, Ontario. Mr. Cargill was presented with a silver trowel, suitably engraved, by Mrs. MacLennan of the Manse and John A. MacKenzie, chairman of Building Committee. It was a perfect summer day, and a vast throng of people assembled. Speeches were made at the laying of the corner stone, and also at the supper which followed. The late Dr. R. G. Murison was marshal for the day, took great interest in all the proceedings. The following gentlemen spoke—Revs. John Anderson, John Johnstone, Jas. Fitzpatrick, P. M. McEachern, J. L. Murray, D. D., F. A. MacLennan, and F. O. Nichol; and Messrs. W. M. Dack, ex-M. P. P., Andrew Malcolm, M. P. P., Mayor Mackendrick, and D. MacNaughton, M. P. P. It was a day of gladness unmarred by any untoward accident. By the end of the year the church was finished, and on the first Sabbath of the New Century was dedicated to the service of God by the late Rev. Principal Grant, D. D., of Queen's University who preached in the morning from Haggai II. 9 "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts". In the evening the church was crowded to overflowing, and a service had to be conducted in the lecture room. Dr. Grant preached in the evening from St. Mark XIV:26, and his theme was "the test of a good work". Dr. Grant also addressed the Sabbath School. Rev. James Steven and Rev. R. G. Murison had charge of the service in the lecture room. Rev. P. M. McEachern conducted a service in the Gaelic language in the afternoon at which Rev. John Anderson assisted. The tea-meeting on Monday was equally successful, and the proceeds of the offerings on Sabbath, and of the tea-meeting exceeded six hundred dollars. The debt on the church at the time it was opened must have been



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