AT HOME.

The New Methodist Church Opened.

Tremendous Gatherings, Brilliant Sermons and an Avalanche of Dollars.

An interesting page in the history of Methodism in Gorrie was reached when the doors of the fine new church were thrown open for public worship on Sunday morning last.

For several years past there had been talk of building, but last spring when the collectors faced the Trustee Board with subscriptions to the amount of $3700 it was felt that the time to erect a new church had arrived, and a building committee composed of Messrs. R. Ross, chairman; W. S. Bean, secretary; Wm. Dane, Jas. Leech, J. R. Williams, Wm. Evans, Jno. Evans, J. A. Strong, P. P. Aylesworth, E. Sparling, E. James, S. Greer, W. Clegg, W. J. Greer, D. Sanderson, W. Stinson, W. G. Gregg and Wm. Andison was appointed and work was at once begun so that the stone work was finished and the corner stone laid with imposing ceremonies on Dominion Day, at which time over $500 in cash was added to the building fund. The contract for the mason work was let to Mr. R. Blow, of Gorrie, while Mr. L. C. Dicks, of Fordwich, secured the balance of the contract. Work was pushed as rapidly as possible, and vain hopes were raised that the opening might occur on New Year's Day, but that interesting event had to be postponed until Sunday last.

The church is a red brick of Gothic structure, and faces the east, on the ground formerly occupied by the old structure. The building is 40x66 feet, outside measurement. The auditorium is on the second floor, having entrance from right and left winding stairs. The floor is on the raised or opera plan, the seats are superb and comfortable, sufficient for about 450 people and cost $500. The pulpit and choir alcove occupy the west end of this room, while across the east end and directly over the baize-door entrances is a substantial yet beautiful gallery which adds much to the contour and capacity of the church. This large room is lighted by a Bailey reflector and heated by two Copp furnaces which were placed in position in the basement by Mr. James Sutherland. The walls are finished in grey stucco, while the dome is hard white finish, with tastily painted and decorated principals. The acoustics are admirable, the softest articulation penetrating easily to every part. In the basement, which is not yet quite finished are lecture rooms and four class rooms, besides a kitchen, library, hallway, etc. The arrangement of this floor has been carefully attended to, and will no doubt give an impetus to the work among the youth of the church. The windows throughout are of cathedral glass of muffled tints, with stained glass marginal light, while a tower and belfry fourteen feet square, looms up majestically at the east end to a distance of about 80 feet.

The weather on Sunday left nothing to be desired in that direction, and visitors, many from long distances, took advantage of the excellent sleighing, so that the auditorium was fairly packed long before the time for commencing the service had come.

After the opening services the choir sang "Lord of Hosts," and then Rev. Dr. Kelly, of Philadelphia (who was converted in Gorrie, and sent out from this church to preach some 33 years ago) was introduced and delivered a powerful sermon from the narrative in John xxi, 3rd to 12th verses, "I go a fishing," His discourse was listened to with the closest attention. Mr. W. S. Bean was then called upon and he gave a report of the expenditures on the building, showing that the edifice, when finished, would cost as nearly as could now be estimated, $6,500, exclusive of the excavation and gratuitous labor, and that about $1,700 of this amount was still unprovided for. Rev. Mr. Kelly then rose to his feet and in a few words appealed to the congregation to wipe out this incumbrance then and there, so that it could be dedicated free of debt.

The immense gathering responded with a remarkable promptness, and for a few moments the pastor was kept busy marking down the subscriptions which came rolling in in $100, $50, $25 and lesser amounts, until in less than half an hour the total reached nearly $2000 which was augmented during the day, $145 by collections at the three services. The solemn and impressive dedication service was then conducted by Rev. Mr. Rupert, chairman of the district.

In the afternoon the church was again filled to overflowing to listen to the eloquent Rev. J. Livingstone, of Listowel. This earnest and zealous gentleman has few equals as an orator, and he fairly thrilled the audience on this occasion, taking as his text from Job vii, 17 "What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?"

Large and commodious as the new church is, it was over-taxed in the evening. When the hour for commencing arrived, every spot in which a person could be placed was occupied. The aisles, the altar, the choir alcove, even the pulpit, were crowded, while the vestibule contained at least 100 listeners who were unable to get inside, and large numbers had to be turned from the doors.

The choir of the church, which already has a more than local fame, fairly exceeded itself during the day, rendering the difficult yet appropriate anthems and hymns in a masterly, inspiring way which greatly added to the interest and pleasure of the various services.

THE LECTURE.

On Monday evening the church was again overcrowded to listen to Dr. Kelly's lecture on "The Winning Forces of Manhood." W. M. Grey, Esq., of Seaforth, a former Gorrieite, was called to the chair. Besides him there were on the platform Revs. Rupert, Edmunds, Leech and Shaw, Rev. Mr. Livingstone taking a seat in the choir and singing a solo with excellent effect during the evening. The chairman in his address referred to his life in Gorrie, where he was converted. He had held every position in the gift of the church and felt that he was indebted in a great measure to the help he obtained while here for it. Howick was a splendid place in which to be a christian and to the person who could not succeed here he thought there was not much chance elsewhere.

His remarks were followed by a duet from Messrs. Skilling and Yeo, of Teeswater, which was excellently rendered, a brief though pointed address from Rev. Mr. Shaw, a male quartet by members of the choir, and then Rev. Dr. Kelly was introduced and proceeded at once with one of the finest lectures ever delivered here. He premised his lecture by advising his audience not to wait till a man dies before extalling him. We put on the tombstones what would be an inspiration if told in life. He then turned to the choir and gave them a well merited word of praise. He was pleased to see so many young men in the audience; they have the possibilities of life before them. In building their character he advised them to be natural, do not try to be merely an imitator; do the work intended by God for you to do; no other person can do it as well. Look on the bright side of things; don't borrow trouble; too many of us lift tomorrow's burdens up to-day and wear ourselves out fretting over future cares. Take all the comfort out of "now" for yesterday is gone and to-morrow is not ours. Don't tell all you know; this advice is indispensable to the man who wants to amount to anything. He delivered a scathing rebuke to the class of people known as "bores;" who talk, talk, talk. "Welcome neuralgia," he went on, "welcome colic, headache—anything in preference to the calling bore." Don't be a hobby-rider; everybody hates them, and they never amount to anything. "I now come to my subject," he said, "and for the next couple of hours will discourse upon it. [Great laughter.] One of the winning forces of manhood is Availibility—being ready to avail yourself of the opportunity just when it is represented, to grasp the opening at once instead of waiting till the opportunity is past. Aim at something, hang on to the purpose and do your best. Another of the great forces is Industry. He complained of what he called "too much Europe"—that is, a tendancy in so-called Society to belittle the artisan and extol the professional pursuits. All honest toil is noble. Christ was as much the Son of God when standing up to his ankles in shavings as when opening the eyes of the blind." Work humiliates no man. Some of the grandest men in our country came out of obscurity by their own efforts. The world has no use for the dandified, gloved young man. Not diplomas, but *acts* are what bring a young man to the front. The man who goes up the golden stair by natural, square labor goes up to stay because he goes up in God's way. Enthusiasm, too, is a winning force; it is a very important element; throw your whole soul into the work of life; too much enthusiasm at first won't hurt, for it soon wears off. Concentration is another force and one of the most useful. Count the cost first, see that it is right, then put your whole energies into the fight with a determination of purpose. He summed up by saying that no character is a success that does not perform its duty to God. The greatest ambition and purpose of life is to get ready to feel at home in heaven, and he closed the address with an eloquent appeal for Christianity, without which life is a failure. His lecture was filled with illustrative anecdotes, some of them new and spicy, others old enough to suggest the days when he was working at his bench in the early days of Gorrie, but all of them well-told and to the point, so that the hour-and-a-half that he was upon his feet seemed but a very short time to the listeners.

Mr. W. S. Bean moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Kelly. In a few well put words he told of the doubts and fears entertained at times by the building committee which were now happily vanished. He believed the Lord had sent Dr. Kelly back to Gorrie to give us this great help at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jas. Leech and the pastor, and carried by a unanimous show of hands, after which Dr. K. replied briefly, and the gathering was dismissed.

Township of Turnberry.

Minutes of Council meeting held in McDonald's Hall, Bluevale, Monday Jan. 16th, 1893.

The members of Council met according to statute viz: Wm. McPherson Reeve, Wm. Cruickshank dept. Reeve, John Diment, Wm. Mundell and Wm. Gemmill councillors. The Reeve in the chair.

The minutes of last and special meetings were read, approved and signed.

The Reeve reported that all mortgages due this Township except one of one thousand dollars have been paid.

Moved by Mr. Diment seconded by Mr. Gemmill, that a by-law be passed appointing Alex. McEwen and Douglas Fraser auditors for the current year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Diment seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that a by-law be passed appointing all the members of this council, Road Commissioners for the current year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank seconded by Mr. Diment, that a by-law be passed appointing James Elliott, Malcolm, Lamont and Wm. Gemmill members of the Local Board of Health and Doctor Fowler, of the town of Wingham Medical Health officer.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gemmill seconded by Mr. Mundell, that the assessor's salary for the current year be $55 and no extras.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Diment seconded by Mr. Mundell, that a by-law be passed appointing John S. McTavish assessor for the current year.—Carried.

The above by-laws were all read three times and passed.

The following accounts were passed and orders on Treas. issued:

Robt. Elliott, Printing	$16 25
James Flouty, Printing	2 50
Geo. Mason, Minute Book & Clips	1 20
John Burgess, Regis. B. M. & Deaths	9 00
John Burgess, Election Expenses	14 27
Tom R. Powell " "	8 00
A. G. McDonald " "	8 00
Geo. B. Scott, " "	8 00
Rev. J. B. Wallwin, Refund taxes	2 88
Wm. Duncan, charity	4 00

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank seconded by Mr. Gemmill, that this meeting do now adjourn to meet in McDonald's Hall, Bluevale, on Monday February 20th 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m.—Carried.

J. BURGESS, Clerk.

Wingham.

Owing to absence from town, Mr. Editor, I have been neglecting my duty as respecting your valuable paper, but will endeavor to be a little more prompt with news in the future.

The X-mas holidays this year have had their pleasure sadly marred in our town by the death of many of our respected and beloved citizens. I will name a few here: Mrs. Thos. Cornyn; Mrs. Thos. Netterfield sr., Mrs. R. M. Robinson, Mr. Richard Shrigley, Mr. Geo. McDonald.

Messrs. Robt. and Thos. Cornyn have bought out the undertaking business carried on by Mr. Hodgson and are prepared to attend to the wants of people in the line of furniture, as cheap as any, for either cash or credit.

Quite a number of Winghamites are sick at present. Colds seem to be the most fashionable.

Pork was as high as $8.45 in Wingham last week.

Mr. Strathdee, Station agent at G. T. R. here, has been removed by the company to Brantford. Before leaving Wingham he was presented with an eloquently worded address, by the business men of Wingham, in token of his good citizenship.

The boys of Messrs. Button & Fessant's chair factory took up a collection in order to defray the expenses of their fellow workman's funeral, Mr. Geo. McDonald.

Mr. Jas. McCracken, Superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School has resigned. He goes to College in March to study for the ministry.

Mr. Thos. Netterfield sr., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Wilson of London.

Mr. Deyell, who was hurt some weeks ago in Mr. Davis' bush, is slowly recovering.

On Friday evening last Mr. Durnian gave a party to some friends, which turned out to be a very rough affair, as some, not invited, having imbibed a little of the fire element, and came armed and determined to get in. After some difficulty they pushed the door open, and when they crossed the threshold they were met by a blow from the proprietor's fist. They retaliated, but with a hammer, and the blows were trebled in number. Mr. Durnian fell, severely wounded, the blood oozing from his head. Chief Bullard was called in and led one of the intruders home, but when the Chief left him on the platform the return for his kindness was a kick in the face which spoiled the appearance of that member. Then the Chief returned to the beginning of the struggle and quieted it down. Those who were the cause of the disturbance were brought before the Mayor on Monday evening, but we have not yet heard the result of the trial.

Our popular butcher, Mr. T. Drummond, has been wearing a pleasant smile this last week, the cause of which is the presence of a little baby girl in the family.

At the last meeting of St. Paul's Y. P. S. C. E. the following officers were elected: Pres., Mr. W. Crawford; vice Pres., Mrs. E. W. Hughes; Treas., Miss A. Johnston; Sec., Mr. Wm. Hartley.

Mr. James McCracken, superintendent of St. Paul's S. S., left on Monday last for London College to study for the ministry. We wish him success.

On Monday morning last the fire alarm sounded and immediately the fire men were on the spot, which was Mr. John Elliott's kitchen, and had the fire under control. Between the fire and water considerable damage was done.

Bluevale.

A peculiar event occurred on Sabbath last in the village of Gorrie when it was discovered in the home of Mr. Henry Perkins that there were present three Postmasters with their wives, three assistant Postmasters, three operators and three music teachers. The names of the postmasters were Messrs. Perkins, Timmins and Farrow. All pertook of a sumptous repast at the home of the aforesaid enjoying pleasant conversation, interspersed with appropriate music. The occasion was the opening of the new Methodist church here.

Miss Anna Richardson, of Bluevale, is spending this week visiting friends in Gorrie.

We are glad to learn that the Rev. A. Y. Hartley, our popular minister, was able to resume his work on Sabbath and is calling around among friends in the usual way.

Rev. J. W. Pring has been holding revival meetings at Ebenezer church, and he became so fatigued that he was unable to deliver his sermon in full on Sabbath last.

What might have been a serious accident occurred to Mrs. J. W. Pring. While returning from church last Sabbath she was overtaken by a wild horse and reckless driver, throwing her down and inflicting a slight wound on her head.

Dul mage,

1893 IS HERE TO STAY! The thermometer readings it is giving shows us that. Some long-haired individual predicted 1893 as an eventful year. The sum of the figures is 21, or three 7s, hence something will happen. Our hard freeze will count one. There was a man in the north part of the township who lied about the weather a few days ago. It has been cold, no doubt, and some hard records have been broken, but this individual stated that one day last Week in Toronto it was 100° below zero, that a train had frozen to the track from the water escaping from the tender, that pedestrians froze stiff on the streets and were stood up against the buildings like mummies.

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