

# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Corner Stone Laid This Afternoon

BY LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, IN THE  
PRESENCE OF A LARGE ASSEMBLAGE OF PEOPLE

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the corner stone of the handsome new church being erected on the corner of Barton street and Smith avenue by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was duly laid by Lieutenant-Governor Wm. Mortimer Clark, in the presence of a large assemblage, gathered to witness the interesting ceremony and to take part in the proceedings. Among those invited were the Moderator of the Presbyterian, Rev. P. J. McLaren, and all the Presbyterian clergymen in the city, also the city members of Parliament, Sheriff Middleton, and Mayor Biggar and the city aldermen. Rev. J. A. Wilson, the popular pastor, occupied the chair. The following was the programme of the proceedings:

God Save the King.  
Prayer by the Moderator.  
Singing of Psalm selection 74 (Duke Street).  
Scripture reading, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, Ezra iii. 10-13, and I. Cor. iii. 6-23.  
Singing, Onward, Christian Soldiers.  
Prayer, Rev. P. J. McLaren, Moderator of Presbytery.  
Short historical sketch, Mr. W. R. Leckie.  
Presentation of trowel to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.  
Address by the Lieut.-Governor.  
Prayer by Rev. Dr. Leckie.  
Three-minute speeches by prominent men present.  
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.  
Doxology.

The musical part of the programme was under the direction of Mr. Thomas Anderson, leader of the church choir. The new church, which has already been described in the Times, and a cut of which also appears in this paper, will cost, complete, including a new organ, about \$17,000. The Building Committee itself subscribed over \$2,500, and one elder and one manager are canvassing the various districts connected with the church, and are meeting with gratifying success in getting subscriptions. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupation by the end of September. Since Rev. Mr. Wilson, the present pastor, took charge, the congregation has increased to such an extent that a new and larger church became a necessity. This is the fourth time the congregation has had to build.

The following is a brief history of the church since its inception:

When Gunn's locomotive works began operations in 1857 in the building occupied by the Sever Pipe Works and Fellers Packing establishment, it was the means of bringing a large settlement of mechanics to the immediate neighborhood. The city at this time did not extend east of Mary street, and a small settlement around Wentworth and Barton streets, northward towards the bay, spiritually unprovided for. The late Rev. Robt. Burnett, pastor of St. Andrew's (now St. Paul's) of 1857, the Williams street, entered this field in the spring and summer of 1857, conducting an open air Sabbath school, under the apple trees on the west side, south of house occupied by John Ross, keeper of the stores, Gunn's Locomotive Works. Chairs were carried from the houses in the vicinity for the scholars and during wet weather the services were conducted in the houses. As the work continued to prosper, Rev. Robert Burnett decided to erect a suitable building for church and Sabbath school services.

Early in 1858 a tender was let to Edgar & Melville, corner of Bay and York streets, for the building and furnishing of the same.

Towards the end of the summer of 1858, the building was completed and the Rev. William Masson appeared as a missionary, and was given a call shortly afterwards. In the meantime, John Land had built a manse, just north of the gully on Wentworth street, which he had kindly set aside for the free use of the pastor.

The church was then named St. John's Presbyterian Church. The church officers were:

Elders—Robert Parker, Henry Seme, F. Lauder, Managers—John Land, Geo. Elder, David Maxwell.

A choir was organized by James Kilgour, who was kindly assisted by the late Prof. Jones.

Some members of the choir were The Misses Land, Miss Baxter, Miss C. Webster, Miss A. Thompson, Robt. Kilgour, George Elder, Alex. S. Wink, Robert and George Smith.

The Sabbath School superintendent and teachers were: Superintendent, J. Cato; teachers, James Cornell, Mrs. William Masson, Miss C. Webster, Misses Land. There were from 75 to 100 scholars attending the Sabbath school at this time.

At the first communion held in 1858, sixteen members were present at the table, which had been placed in the centre of the church, including Mr. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. John Kilgour, Mr. and Mrs. John Land.

The closing farewell service was very touching. The pastor, as was the custom, began to read:

You now must hear my voice no more,  
My Father calls me home—  
The pastor could read no further, and the remainder of the once large congregation were deeply touched.

The Rev. Mr. Masson and wife left Hamilton for Russelltown, C. E., on the steamer Magnet, foot of James street, and a large crowd of friends gathered there to bid them farewell. The minister's stipend was about \$700.

In connection with the church was an active cricket team, the Rev. Wm. Masson being Honorary President; Alexander Wink, President; F. W. Pearson, John Robert and James Kilgour, James F. Webster, George Webster and Hugh Fairgrieve being familiar names on the team.

From 1860 until 1865 no Sabbath services were held, but during a portion of this period a day school was held in the building. In 1865 the late William Allan, of St. Andrew's (now St. Paul's), organized the Sabbath school known as the Wentworth Mission, and before long a large band of willing Christian workers from Central, Knox and other city churches had gathered together to carry



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on the work. Among the earnest workers between 1865 and 1874, best known throughout the city were Wm. Allan, Superintendent, 1865 until 1874; officers, Geo. Webster, James McArthur, John McCracken and A. Pennington. Teachers, M. E. Rice, Robt. Parker, Thomas C. Watkins, Angus Reid, J. Fair, A. McKillop, Hugh Shaw, John Kirkness, John Land, Jonathan Ames, J. G. Y. Burkholder, D. McLeod. The ladies were also well represented. Mrs. M. E. Rice, Mrs. Angus Reid, Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. J. Ames, Aggie Thompson, Mellon, Austin, Henderson, Haidee, Pennington, Laura Pennington, M. Cameron, Weatherston, Chappel, Gibson, T. Baxter, Land, Maggie McCov, M. Kilgour, Boyd, Shaw, Wright, McNair, Gorie, Goodfrie, McDonald.

M. E. Rice introduced an organ into the school in 1867, and acted as organist until leaving, when Miss Laura Pennington and Miss Mary Kilgour, officiated. Some of the 1865 to 1874 scholars lately in active church work were ex-Ald. Jas. Dixon, Wm. Webster, Peter Thompson and J. W. Sinclair. The ladies were also well represented. Mrs. M. E. Rice, Mrs. Angus Reid, Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. J. Ames, Aggie Thompson, Mellon, Austin, Henderson, Haidee, Pennington, Laura Pennington, M. Cameron, Weatherston, Chappel, Gibson, T. Baxter, Land, Maggie McCov, M. Kilgour, Boyd, Shaw, Wright, McNair, Gorie, Goodfrie, McDonald.

Benjamin Leckie organized a choir with the following members: Miss El-



REV. J. A. WILSON,  
Pastor of St. Andrew's Church.

each gave \$100 for the mission building, and a trust deed was made out on Oct. 6, 1870—Alex. Davidson (McNab), J. G. McIntyre (Central), and Mr. Breunen (Knox) signed the deed. In 1872 an effort was made to start Sabbath church services, and Mr. Scrimmager (now professor) entered the field and started to gather together the people. In 1873 Rev. Mr. Tulley was the summer student, and in 1874 J. H. Ratcliffe, now of St. Catharines. Rev. Dr. H. Fletcher often held prayer meetings during the week.

At the organization of new St. John's in 1874 it was decided to carry on the Wentworth Mission in connection with St. John's Church, and after this period it was mostly officiated by St. John's officebearers. In 1874 James McArthur, an officer in St. John's Church, and a man beloved by everyone, was appointed superintendent, and carried on the work until the early part of 1882, when he resigned on account of ill health. Benjamin Leckie, being secretary-treasurer from 1877 until the end of 1881. During 1876 and 1877 the young men organized a literary and mutual improvement society, Angus Reid being President; J. Weir, Vice-President, and Benjamin Leckie, Secretary-Treasurer. The society started with eleven members, and soon had thirty-nine. Some of the topics discussed were "Love vs. Fear," "Soldier vs. Sailor," "Religion vs. Commerce," "Land Carriage vs. Watercraft," and essays on "Life of St. Paul," "Flowers," "The Life of Geo. Wishart," besides readings, recitations, and songs. Some of the names of the members of this society

len Kirkness, organist; C. Leckie, Wm. Woolley, Miss Mary Woolley, Miss Elva Morris, Miss Maggie McPherson, Miss Maggie McKay.

The Board of officers were: Wm. Woolley, John Eaglesham, A. Ewing, J. A. Aiken and J. Jamieson, the last named being treasurer of Sunday school and mission.

The stipend was \$10 per week; the balance being made up by giving Sabbath School collection and church offerings, making up the difference among the workers. Mr. Duncan returned again in 1884 and continued the good work which had been very successful the previous year.

In July, 1884, A. A. McKillop resigned as superintendent on account of leaving the city and W. R. Leckie, who had lately arrived from Glasgow, and who is now the respected City Treasurer, was appointed superintendent and in June, 1885, St. John's Mission was organized, under the name of Wentworth Presbyterian Church. It is mainly owing to Mr. W. R. Leckie's acknowledged ability as a leader and organizer and to the untiring zeal and the patience and kindly spirit displayed by him in the great cause that Wentworth Church has grown so materially during the past eighteen years in spiritual and numerical strength.

Wentworth Presbyterian Church was organized in the old Mission House, on Wentworth street north, on June 30, 1885, with twenty-eight members. On July 25th of the same year the following were elected elders: The late John

Kirkness and the late David Ewing, Duncan McLeod and W. R. Leckie. The latter was appointed Session Clerk, which position he still holds. The first Board of Management was composed of Campbell Leckie (Chairman), the late Wm. Woolley, (Secretary), J. A. Aiken (Treasurer), Eric Bower and John Jamieson. The Presbytery stationing committee placed Rev. A. H. Caswell in charge for a short time. He was followed by the Rev. Thomas McGuire, (now dead), who was shortly after given a hearty call to the pastorate of the church, but circumstances prevented him from accepting it. On June 23rd, 1887, the corner stone was laid of the then new church on the corner of Barton street and Smith avenue, where the new church is being erected at present. Rev. James Murray, B. D., of Streetsville, now of Erskine Church, Toronto, was called and inducted on May 15th, 1888. His ministry was very successful and an addition had to be made to the church, and in 1893, during his pastorate the present Sunday School was built. Hon. Geo. W. Ross, laying the corner stone. The Rev. Andrew MacWilliams, M. A., of Peterboro, received a call on the retirement of Mr. Murray, and was inducted pastor April 14th, 1896. Much to the regret of the members he left in June, 1904, to accept a call from First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's. The Rev. J. A. Wilson, B. A., the present much respected pastor, was inducted into the pastorate of the church on December 13th, 1904, under whose charge the church has prospered wonderfully. At the annual meeting held in January 20th, 1904, the name of the church was changed from Wentworth Presbyterian Church to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The reason for the change was because strangers had difficulty in finding the church, looking for it generally on Wentworth street.

## STORAGE WAREHOUSE.

MYLES BUILDING SHOULD FILL A LONG-FELT WANT.

The big, modern, fireproof warehouse of Thomas Myles' Sons, at the corner of Main and Hughson streets, which was recently completed and opened for business, is expected, will fill a long felt want in Hamilton. No expense was spared in erecting the building to have everything up to date. The requirements of the underwriters have been carried out to the letter, and the inspector, on his official visit, reported that it was one of the best risks in the Dominion.

The capacity of the building is over 400,000 cubic feet, or about 35,000 cubic feet to each floor. Most of the space will be rented by the foot. The central location of the building and the splendid ventilation system are two noticeable features. It is constructed entirely with concrete cement, reinforced with heavy steel bars, netted together, and supported with concrete pillars, reinforced with steel. The iron window frames are filled with cement, and the windows are of wire glass.

The place has been made as fireproof as possible. There is less than a hundred feet of lumber in the building, and even that is encased in a manner that makes it fireproof. The electric wiring throughout is conduit encased, making fire from that cause impossible. The cellar is cool, and, like the rest of the building, well lighted. This part is specially adapted for storing cheese and other perishable goods. It covers the entire area and part of it will be divided off for a bonded room. In the basement and ground floor are two modern burglar proof vaults. They are lined with steel and cement, and the walls are unusually thick. They will be used for storing valuables.

A number of large vans will be used for carting and a driveway runs in from the street, so that all loading and unloading is done easily and quickly. A driveway is an electric freight elevator 10 by 12, with a capacity of three tons.

On the ground floor are bright roomy offices, which will be used by customers and the company's own offices. The remainder of this floor will be used for storage and reception purposes.

Each flat is 12 feet high and a new feature in connection with the building is the steel and concrete stairs.

The first two floors have been especially fitted up for free merchandise, while the third will be used for bonded and custom goods. The fourth floor will be divided into space for open storage, another department for storing one hundred and twenty suitcases, and two separate rooms for storing trunks. There are two other apartments for commission men wishing to store goods, specially fitted up for that purpose.

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## BULL AND BLANKET.

TERRIBLE FIGHT BETWEEN STALLION AND BOVINE.

Coachman Was Bringing Horse Into City and to Protect It Threw Red Blanket Over Animal—Bull Jumped a Fence and Stallion Met Attack.

New York, May 11.—A special to the Tribune from Paterson, N. J., says: A terrific fight between a stallion and a bull occurred on the farm of Paul Hoffer, at Haledon, this afternoon. The stallion, an animal valued at \$1,400, with a record of 220, was killed. He was owned by William Petrie, of 764 Broadway, this city.

Mr. Petrie's coachman was bringing the horse to this city to its stable. To protect it from the raw air he threw a red blanket over it. The bull became infuriated when he saw the blanket, and leaping over the fence, made for the stallion. The stallion turned and met the attack with his steel-shod hoofs, cutting a deep gash in the bull's shoulder.

The blow stopped the bull for a moment, but it returned to the combat and both animals fought all over the barnyard. In trying to rescue the horse a hired man broke his arm. The bull was shot.

## FAMILY POISONED.

TWO DEAD AND OTHERS SERIOUSLY ILL

Ate Beefsteak for Supper and It Probably Contained Poison—One of Boys Telephoned for a Doctor.

Rochester, May 11.—A whole family named Oppenheimer, living on Russell street, was taken violently ill to-night after eating supper. One member, Earnie Oppenheimer, the eldest daughter, aged 24 years, died about 10 o'clock to-night. The father, Simon, another daughter and two sons are at the homeopathic hospital in a precarious condition. The family had beefsteak for supper, and it is believed this contained some poison.

The members of the household were taken ill about the same time. One of the boys had the presence of mind to telephone for a doctor or they would have all died. As it was, the girl was beyond help.

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## CAR OF HORSES BURNED.

A Harrowing Mishap Near Treherne, Manitoba.

Treherne, Man., May 11.—Mr. Reece, here with a car of horses from Omaha, sold a few and to-day reshipped the balance to Strathburg, about three miles west of here the car was discovered to be on fire. The car was cut out, and with the engine a race was made to Holland, but all that could be done was to place the car on a siding where it burned to the trucks, with horses valued at two thousand dollars. The car next to the horses also had an end burned out, but it was saved by the trainmen.

## STR. GEISHA SUNK.

Four Persons Thrown Into the Water, Drowned.

Halibury, May 11.—The steamer Geisha was sunk at Halibury dock this morning, the accident being caused by a sudden check of the stern line, which listed the boat and the cargo shifted. Nobody was drowned, and only four persons got wet. A collier dog was in the cabin and was drowned. The Geisha will be replaced by the steamer Blanche until the sunken vessel is raised, which will be in a few days. The Geisha was a great favorite on Lake Temiskaming and White River.

## TO COLONIZE NEGROES.

Company With Capital of Seven Hundred Millions.

New York, May 11.—A special to the Tribune from Stamford, Conn., says: J. Simon Scott, for five years a letter-carrier in the Stamford Postoffice has just organized and had incorporated under the laws of South Dakota, the Ethiopian Progressive Association of America, in which only negroes can hold stock, the avowed object of which is to assist the negro in his material, moral and religious upbuilding. The association is capitalized at \$700,000,000 in shares of \$10 each. One of the principal purposes of the company appears to be the settling of negroes in colonies in Africa.

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## WATERDOWN

Mr. John Mitchell is laying cement sidewalks for William Smith.

The Misses Hall, evangelists, are assisting Rev. Mr. Foot in revival services in the Methodist Church.

The Rev. S. B. Russell will preach anniversary services in Knox Church on Sunday, the 27th inst.

The football team is well organized, and is getting down to much needed practice.

Vegetation is slow in this section. Warm showers and warm sunshine would be popular.

The automobile nuisance is abroad in the land. One wonders why it is that citizens, who ordinarily give evidence of sanity, would seem to take leave of their senses when once seated in a motor car. It isn't pleasant to think of the results that are likely to follow upon the reckless way in which some chauffeurs conduct themselves. One has visions of broken buggies, broken limbs, to say nothing of indignant teamsters with shotguns and buckshot.

## STONEY CREEK

Miss M. Middleton, of Toronto, is visiting her cousin, Miss E. Gordon, here.

Mr. George O. Norton was renewing old acquaintances here on Sunday last.

The members of the Women's Institute entertained the members of the Burlington Institute on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Gordon has returned home, after spending a few weeks with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. Jack Melson, of Toronto, spent a few days in the village last week, prior to his departure for the old land.

Miss K. McGregor, of Winnipeg, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Mrs. W. Nash is still very ill. She and her family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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