

Row, wife of John Row, Esq. And the names of those who have contributed to this building prior to this day have been written on paper and enclosed with this account.

The M. E. Church in Belleville is situated in the Ontario Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

The Annual Conferences are three in number; the most easterly being called the Bay of Quinte, and the most westerly Niagara.

The General Conference composed of delegates from each Annual Conference met at Napanee, on the 26th day of August, A. D. MDCCCLXXIV. and will in due course meet at Belleville on the fourth Tuesday in August, A. D. MDCCCLXXVIII. The officers of it are as follows: The Rev. Albert Carman, Doctor in Divinity, Bishop; Rev. Michael Benson, Secretary; Rev. Francis C. Stratton, Assistant Secretary; Rev. James Gardiner, Missionary Secretary; Rev. Samuel Goldsmith Stone, editor of the *Advocate*.

The officers of the Ontario Conference of the M. E. Church are the Rev. A. Carman, D. D., Bishop; the Rev. James Curtis, Secretary; the Rev. Thomas Argue, Missionary, Treasurer; the Rev. George Miller, Secretary of the Missionary Society. The number of ministers in this Conference is LXXI (71); and the minutes of the General and Annual Conferences are here enclosed, and the members in communion are twenty-three thousand and twelve in the whole church (XXIIIXII, 23,012).

In the Town of Belleville and in the Ontario Annual Conference is situated Albert College and University, under the control of the church.

The Calendar for the year MDCCCLXXV. is here enclosed. The officers are as follows: The Rev. Albert Carman, D. D., Chancellor of the University; the Rev. Jabez Robert Jaques, D. D., Ph. D., President of the College; the Reverend Erastus Irvine Badgley, B. D., Registrar of Senate. The number of Professors in the College is nine, (IX, 9). The graduates on the roll are: Doctors, two (II, 2); Masters, ten (X, 10); Bachelors in Divinity, one (I, 1); in Laws, five (V, 5); in Arts, thirty-one (XXXI, 31); Under-graduates, seventy-five (LXXV, 75.)

The Town of Belleville is situated in the County of Hastings and Province of Ontario, and the officers are as follows: William A. Foster Mayor. Robert Newbery, Town Clerk. Robert Tannahill, Treasurer. Abraham Diamond, Esq., Barrister, Police Magistrate. Alexander Waters, Harbour Master. Allan T. Petrie, Chief of Police. Richard Taylor, Street Surveyor. Dunham Ockerman, Collector.

And there are enclosed herewith of the current year the Holy Bible, Hymn Book, the discipline of the M. E. Church, minutes of the Town Expenditure, the *Canada Christian Advocate*, the *Daily Intelligencer*, the *Daily Ontario*, the *Daily Globe*, the *Daily Mail*, of Toronto, the *Montreal Witness*, coins of the Dominion, the Missionary Report of the M. E. Church, MDCCCLXX.

The following are the officers of the Ladies' Church Aid Society: Mrs. Lydia McKay, President; Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Treasurer; Mrs. Saumatha Walker, Secretary.

Which was then placed in the stone with a number of other articles supplied by the Masonic fraternity.

The Grand Master then delivered the following oration:

"Men, women and children here assembled to-day, know all of you that we are true and lawful Masons, obedient to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honor in most countries, and to do good to our brethren, and fellow-men, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God, who is the Great Architect and Ruler of Heaven and Earth. It is true we have among us certain secrets, but these secrets are neither dishonorable nor unlawful—and unless our craft were good and our calling honest, we should not have existed for so many centuries nor numbered among the Craftsmen so many illustrious, noble and truly good men ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

"The true principles of Masonry have ever been open to the study of all, and to-day remain unchanged by the lapse of time, or the assaults of our opponents. Universal charity is the foundation, morality and virtue the walls, and brotherly love the cement of the Masonic edifice, and while charity, virtue and brotherly love are esteemed among men the edifice cannot crumble to pieces.

"From time immemorial, it has been customary whenever Masons have been held in good repute to seek their assistance in the erection of buildings of a public character—and on no occasion have Masons more cheerfully rendered such assistance than at the erection of an edifice to be devoted to the worship of God—the promulgation of His just, wise and beneficent laws, and the proclaiming His most inexhaustible mercies.

"We have been requested by the clergymen and building committee of the Episcopal Methodist congregation, to lay the corner stone of this church, and by the direction of the Grand Master, I have convened here to-day a special meeting of Grand Lodge to perform that ceremony according to the ancient usages and established customs among Masons.

"As Masons bound to obey the moral and civil law, to fear God, to honor the Queen