

The cost of the church was in the neighborhood of \$7000.00.

The Manse destroyed by fire on July 15th, 1900, was erected in 1870.

The architect was Mr. Procter, of Wingham. The contractors were Smith, Buchanan, Harland and Steinhoff.

Mr. J. B. Taylor, a faithful member in the early days, afterwards entered the ministry and gave good service for many years.

The congregation adopted the monthly envelope system for Missions in March, 1900. Mr. N. Cuming is Secretary for this department.

During the 40 years of Dr. McLean's pastorate 683 were added to the membership and 385 removed. There were 532 baptisms and 250 marriages.

The flat stone used as a door sill in the new church was brought from Brussels by the late George McGowan, a faithful member of the congregation for many years.

The opening of church was in January 1878, with the late Rev. Dr. McVicar, of Montreal, as the preacher. There was a Tea Meeting held on the Monday evening following.

The church organists have been, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Jas. McMurchie, Mrs. Gelles, Miss Jeanie Habkirk, Miss Ina Taylor, Mrs. Dr. Stuart, Mrs. Stalker and Miss Emma Leith.

On Nov. 4th, 1900, Dr. McLean's farewell Sabbath, the texts were Numbers 10:29-32 and Phil. 1:27. The former text was the same as Dr. McLean preached from at his first service in Blyth in 1866.

The corner stone was laid on Dominion Day, 1877. In the receptacle there is an historical sketch and the usual papers and coins; also a subscription list with the names of all those contributing more than 50 cents.

The Building Committee of the present church were:—James Barr (Chairman), Dr. Sloan (Secretary), Jas. McGowan, John S. Laidlaw, George Stewart, W. Scott, John Gosman and Wm. Drummond (Treasurer).

There have been a great many precentors and choir leaders, among them we name the following:—Messrs. Weatherston, Fraser, Halliday, Oakes, J. McKinnon, D. McGowan, Watson, McGill, Moser, Poplestone, Tyndall, Mrs. (Rev.) Small, McKay and Cook.

Two sons of the congregation have entered the office of the Christian Ministry, viz.—Rev. R. W. Ross, M. A., of Fort Massey church, Halifax, and Rev. W. I. McLean, M. A., of Guthrie, Sarnia Presbytery. Both are doing creditable work and are highly esteemed.

The following letter from Rev. John Rennie, of Sarnia, is worthy of a place in this Booklet:—

REV. J. L. SMALL,

Blyth, Ont.:

DEAR MR. SMALL,—Thanks for the kind invitation sent to me to attend the Jubilee Celebration of St. Andrew's church, Blyth. I should be pleased to go if I were physically able for the undertaking. It would be specially interesting to me to be present, and to recall experiences which I had when, in the Summer of 1856, I went in once a fortnight, from Clinton on horse back and preached in a little log barn at the corner of the township of Morris among the new settlers who were there then, before the village of Blyth had an organized existence. The infirmities of age have so increased of late that I cannot undertake the necessary effort now. Friends will please excuse me. I rejoice in the growth and prosperity of the Blyth congregation and I sincerely pray that all concerned may have a rich continuance of the Divine blessing.

Yours with best wishes,
JOHN RENNIE.

Sarnia, Sept. 10, 1910.