

members of the Church. At this meeting, when the Confession of Faith had been read,—the elders or presbyters standing—the entire Assembly, through its President, “implored on them the imposition of the hands of the Lord.” In 1883 the Evangelical Church entered on a new epoch. The constitution was revised. Instead of the First Confession of Faith was substituted the Apostles’ Creed, with a brief preface and appendix. The preface declares the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith; it acknowledges the doctrines of the fall of man, and of salvation through the redemption of Jesus Christ. The appendix is in these words:—

In the person of all its members, the Church renders homage and consecrates itself to the thrice-holy God; to the Father who has loved us; to the Son, who by His sacrifice has redeemed us from eternal condemnation; to the Holy Spirit, who regenerates and sanctifies the believer. To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

Whosoever assents to this creed becomes, at his own request, a member of the Church. No further questions are asked. “The judgment of hearts is left with God, who only knows them that are His.” In respect to baptism, liberty is accorded to the members as to the time and mode of administering it. All the members, male and female, have the right to nominate candidates for the offices of pastors, elders and deacons, but the election of such rests with the male members eighteen years of age and over. The pastors are elected *ad vitam aut culpam*, the elders retire in rotation and are eligible for re-election. Pastors, elders and deacons are alike ordained by imposition of hands. The elders may join in the laying on of hands at the ordination of pastors; they may preside, if so elected, as moderators of presbyteries, and they may even preach, *if they can*. The statistics of this truly evangelical and active little Church for 1887 were as follows—

Pastors in active service.....	4
Ordained missionaries and evangelists	3
Pastors Emeritus.....	4
Elders.....	10
Deacons.....	8
Communicants (nearly three-fourths being females).....	500
Sunday-school teachers (female, 70; male, 20).....	90
Sunday-school scholars.....	945

### Home Missions.

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THROUGH the reports that have been submitted from time to time and published more or less fully in the RECORD, our readers are so far familiar with this field as to know that it is a very large and interesting one, and has been for many years under the fostering care of the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly. Comparatively few, however, know any thing about the indefatigable missionary upon whom has devolved the duty of superintending the work in these remote districts, and whom we now beg to introduce to our readers,



REV. ALLAN FINDLAY.

Mr. Findlay is a son of the manse, born at Princetown, N.Y., in 1841, and came to Canada in 1846 with his father, Rev. James Findlay, who became minister of the congregation of Waterdown, and who died there in 1863. Mr. Findlay studied for the ministry at Knox College, Toronto, was licensed in 1865 and inducted into the charge of Granton, 31st January, 1867. In 1875 the Presbytery of Barrie, in conjunction with the Assembly’s Home Mission Committee, secured Mr. Findlay’s services to take oversight of the work in the districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka, giving him a