

overflow services in the basement of the church. The offering taken at the opening services amounted to \$867.

Mr. Pritchard continued as pastor until June 10th, 1898, when he tendered his resignation to the Presbytery of Sarnia, thus bringing to a close a very fruitful ministry. At that time, Angus McPherson was appointed Session Clerk, a position which he filled for many years. In this connection it is interesting to note that this year, 1919, Mr. McPherson enters upon his 42nd year as Elder of this congregation, an honored servant of God. Our prayer is that he may be spared long to serve among us.

After a vacancy of four months the congregation extended a call to James Barber, B. A., of Knox College. The call was accepted and Mr. Barber was ordained and inducted on Nov. 1st, 1898. He was a man of an evangelistic spirit and sympathetic manner and gave good service to the congregation. On January 26th, 1902, James Campbell was elected and ordained an Elder of the congregation, and in December of the same year, Mr. Barber received and accepted a call to Arthur, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, and the pulpit was declared vacant on Dec. 28th.

Mr. Barber was succeeded by Rev. K. J. Macdonald, B. D., who was inducted on Nov. 10th, 1903. In March, 1906, R. A. Barron, B. A., and John Jardine were elected and ordained Elders. In April of the same year Mr. Macdonald received and accepted a call to St. Matthews' church, Montreal, thus terminating a very brief but happy pastorate.

On Oct. 23rd, 1906, a call was extended to the Rev. L. H. Currie, B. A., Knox College, Toronto. The call was accepted and the ordination and induction took place on Nov. 9th. After a fruitful ministry of over six years in

which many members were added and indebtedness reduced, Mr. Currie left his many friends to labor in the Lord's vineyard at Grimsby, and once more the congregation cast around for a leader in Israel and their happy choice lay in the Rev. J. R. Laverie, B. A., of Kilsyth, Owen Sound Presbytery, who was inducted in the spring of 1913. It was during his time that the greatly reduced mortgage indebtedness was entirely cancelled, and in November, 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lohead, members of the church from its inception, burnt the mortgage before a rejoicing people. Shortly after this the progressive congregation sold the old manse property on Prince St., for \$1500 and purchased the present handsome manse adjoining the church for \$3900. Now the congregation has a church property of which it need not be ashamed.

Early in the summer of 1918 the Rev. J. R. Laverie received and accepted a call from the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, London, Ont., and once more the congregation was bereft of a popular pastor, who had done good work in his growing congregation. Early in the fall however, the present pastor, the Rev. H. D. Cameron, B. A., of West Hill, Scarboro was inducted and settled in their midst under most happy circumstances.

The Manse was renovated at an expense of over \$700.00. The sum of \$807.00 was put on the plate in connection with the anniversary services held in October of the same year and thanks to the determined enthusiasm of the Ladies' Aid and the Board of Management, with the substantial co-operation of the entire congregation, the mortgage on the manse property was burnt at the following Annual Congregational meeting held in January 1919. Mrs. Wm. Lohead again befittingly officiated.