

for current expenses by the envelope system, and not by open collections and pew rents, Mr. William Ballantyne to be envelope clerk. It was some time before the system was adopted generally, but the managers persisted and finally prevailed. It is interesting to note that the money raised in 1882, for all purposes was \$5,862.98. Of this amount \$3,473.53, was the actual current income; \$1,541.65 was paid on the church debt; \$312.44 for the church schemes; \$210.00 Women's Foreign Missionary Society; \$122.36, Sabbath School.

In 1894 the church was honored by having the Synod of Hamilton and London meet in the Seaforth Presbyterian Church. As Rev. Mr. McDonald was the Moderator for that year, the ladies of the congregation presented him with a gown, previous to the meeting.

At the annual meeting in the following year a motion was carried moved by Mr. M. Y. McLean, seconded by Mr. D. D. Wilson, that the session be respectfully requested to take a vote of the congregation at as early a date as possible to ascertain, whether or not, a majority of the members would be willing to have the use of an organ, in the service of praise, provided the cost of said organ would not be taken out of the church funds. If a majority of the congregation voted to have the organ used in the church on these conditions, the Managing Board be empowered to procure one on trial for a term of six months. At the expiration of that time, another vote of the congregation was to be taken to decide if the organ be retained permanently. The organ was installed very soon after, and needless to say, it became a fixture. Prof. Jones, who had been the precentor since Mr. McDonald's induction left about that time and Mr. James Scott was appointed choir leader, and Miss Ewing organist. The introduction of the hymns into the service of praise, the decision of the congregation to stand during the singing and sit down during the prayer, at public service, were innovations that had shortly preceded the installing of the organ. About the same time it was decided to hold the evening service at seven o'clock, instead of six-thirty.

Mr. Julius Duncan, who had been the clerk of the Session since the early days of the church, resigned in 1886, and moved to Virginia, U. S. Mr. L. L. McFaul was appointed clerk in his place and held the office until his death in 1916.

After Mr. McDonald had been here some years, it was decided to give him an assistant during the summer months, the assistant to be a student from one of the theological colleges. Mr. W. J. Clark, now Dr. Clark, of Montreal, was the first assistant. Others were Mr. McMillan, now Dr. McMillan, of Winnipeg College; Mr. Wilson, now of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto; Mr. Hunt; Mr. Donald Guthrie; Mr. McPherson, who until his death, was the successful pastor of Chalmers Church, Toronto; Mr. Dickie, now Dr. Dickie, of Crescent Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and Mr. Fowlie. A very interesting anniversary was held a few years before Mr. McDonald's resignation, when Rev. J. W. McMillan preached on the Sunday,