

to sympathetically help others in need. It will thus be seen how difficult Mr. Mogee's task must have been. His means of transportation, where road conditions permitted, was on horseback, and where they did not, on foot. In 1894 he travelled over three thousand miles, many of which he "rode in the ditch, as the ditch was better footing than the road." In those days the Langley "roads were almost impassable for eight months of the year," and it speaks volumes for the christianity of young and old of that time that they could walk under such conditions for miles to attend public worship. "Where there's a will there's a way." Mr. Mogee left in April, 1896.

Until the close of Mr. Mogee's appointment, the Langley field was what is termed an "ordained mission." Under Mr. Dunn it included every community in the Fraser Valley, and during his first year it raised less than \$100. But in his last year it contributed \$553, and also bore half the cost of two new churches—Langley and Mud Bay—which together demanded a total expenditure of \$2,000. But such was the condition of the district in 1896 that the Home Mission Committee found it advisable to constitute it as a student mission field, with Mr. E. Leslie Pidgeon (now Dr. E. L. Pidgeon, of St. Augustine's, Winnipeg) in charge. He says of his appointment: "I was sent to Langley by the late Dr. Robertson in the spring of 1896. It was my first experience in mission work. I had three services one Sunday and four on the alternate Sundays. I may say I was just a boy at the time, through my second year in arts, and the kindness I received from these good and hospitable people has remained one of the brightest spots in my memory."

He was succeeded by Mr. Hugh J. Robertson, now the esteemed minister of Kildonan, but then contemplating beginning his university studies. He served this mission field from October, 1896, to October, 1897.

During Mr. Gold's (another student) appointment which followed immediately, there was organized for the first time "The Women's Band of Willing Workers." Its first president was Mrs. Hine, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. MacIntosh, offices which these two ladies have filled almost uninterruptedly ever since. Mrs. Shearer was vice-president.

Mr. Gold, in referring to his work, says: "One of the great hindrances to our work was from the licensed bar, which as usual, did its worst." After such a statement it is not surprising to find Mr. Gold not only doing good congregational work, but also becoming an energetic worker as secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League during the Prohibition campaign of 1914-15.

Conditions in Langley were now considerably improved, both through increased population and financial conditions. Hence the field regained its former status of "Ordained Mission." The Rev. Mr. Burton was appointed and began work in the summer of 1899, at the close of Mr. Gold's services, and remained until spring 1903.