

the manse," the work of the women of the church, hitherto mostly confined to assisting in choir, Sabbath school and social gatherings, was given wider scope by the founding of a Ladies' Aid Society, and the organization of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Gordon Mission Band. The resignation of Mr. McTavish in 1895 to accept a call to Deseronto was a matter of deep regret to everyone.

In May, 1896, Rev. D. Y. Ross, M. A., was inducted into the pastorate and entered upon the work with the experience gained in two former successful pastorates. A year devoted to the work in the mission fields of the West, gave him a keen insight into the value of mission work, which always had his support and assistance, as well as that of Mrs. Ross. All departments of the work begun by his predecessor were ably carried on. Kindly and courteous, he was conscientious in the discharge of his duties in the pulpit and as a pastor, especially when illness or sorrow entered any home. He gave special attention to the church attendance of the children, and valuable assistance and instruction in the praise service, possessing musical gifts of a high order. In 1897 the Book of Praise, one of the finest collections of hymns extant, was introduced.

On September 19th, 1904, the 70th anniversary of the organization of St. George Presbyterian congregation and the building of the First Church was celebrated. Sermons were preached on the Sabbath by the Rev. R. G. McBeth, M. A., of Paris, and on the Monday following a lecture given by the Rev. R. E. Knowles, M. A., of Galt. Initial



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