

- 75th Anniversary -
1835-1910



Mlymouth
Congregational Church
and Society
Sherbrooke, Que.



List of Officers, Members and Adherents
January 1st, 1911,
together with a short Historical Sketch.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

PASTOR :

REV. G. ELLERY READ,
Residence—37 Melbourne St.



DEACONS :

S. F. MOREY,	A. S. HURD (Recently deceased)	JAMES SANGSTER
NEIL DINNING	W. H. ABBOTT	T. M. COWAN



SECRETARY :

A. S. HURD.



JOINT TREASURERS :

THOMAS M. COWAN C. E. KNOWLTON



TRUSTEES :

J. S. MITCHELL	J. M. JENCKES	E. C. GOODHUE
A. W. BLUE	A. S. McCAW	



CHURCH BOARD :

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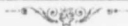
T. M. CRAIG	J. A. McKECHNIE	H. V. HAIGHT
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THE accompanying list of members of the Church and Congregation has been prepared and published with the hope that it may prove a helpful medium in facilitating the work of all who are engaged in the activities of Plymouth Church. As a means of reference to those who are associated with us it will be always available for consultation.

It should prove valuable, also, as a medium of promoting intercourse between the members of the Church. It is almost an unavoidable feature of church life, after the organization has attained a certain numerical size, that a great many of its members or adherents remain comparatively or altogether unknown to one another. This list should help, in some degree at least, to obviate this disadvantage, for disadvantage it surely is.

It is intended from time to time to publish supplementary lists in connection with the annual Church reports, which will assist the members in keeping a complete list for themselves.



MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

- * Armstrong, J. H.
- * Armstrong, Mrs.
- Allen, H. S.
- Allen, Mrs.
- Allen, Doris.
- * Abbott, Mrs. Ephraim.
- * Abbott, Miss Maggie.
- * Abbott, W. H.
- * Abott, Mrs.
- * ; Adams, Mrs. Milton.
- Bell, James.
- * Burroughs, Richard.
- Burgoyne, Miss.
- * Baldwin, Mrs.
- Baldwin, Fred A.
- * Blue, J. Harry.
- Burge, William Robert.
- Burge, Mrs.
- Bompas, Mrs.
- * Blue, Alex. W.
- Blue, Mrs.
- Blue, Alexander Walter.
- Blue, Majorie Ellen.
- Breckenridge, William.
- Breckenridge, Mrs.
- Breckenridge, Willie.
- Breckenridge, James.
- Breckenridge, Alex.
- Breckenridge, Maggie.
- Breckenridge, George.
- Breckenridge, Robert.
- Berwick, Enoch.
- Berwick, Mrs.
- Bissette, Mrs.
- * Boydell, Mrs. Trevor.
- * ; Barlow, Wm.
- * ; Barlow, Miss Eva.
- * ; Brooks, Mrs. G. W.
- * ; Brooks, Miss Florence.
- * ; Bothwell, Mrs. J. A.
- * ; Bothwell, Miss Elinor.
- * ; Bowman, Mrs. A. Abercrombie.
- * Cruthers, Miss Charlotte.
- * Craig, T. Malcolm.
- Craig, Mrs.
- Craig, Douglas.
- Craig, Duncan.
- Craig, Muriel.
- Craig, Susan Elizabeth.
- * Craig, Mrs. Thomas.
- * Cowan, Thomas.
- * Cowan, Mrs.
- Cross, W. G.
- Cross, Mrs.
- Cross, Sidney.
- Cross, Margaret Louise.
- * Cook, John A.
- * Cook, Mrs.
- Cook, John William W.
- Cook, Edward Shorey.
- * Carr, Dyer.
- * Carr, Mrs.
- Clarke, Charles.
- * Craig, J.
- * ; Channel, Alfred.
- * ; Cherry, Hugh.
- * ; Cherry, Mrs.
- * ; Crosby, Miss Ella.
- * ; Chauvin, Mrs. C. B.
- Dinnes, Robert.
- * Dunsmore, Charles.
- Dunsmore, Mrs.
- Dunsmore, Jessie.
- Dunsmore, Allan W.
- Dunsmore, Baby.
- * Davidson, Robert.
- * Davidson, Miss Florenea.
- * Donnachie, Mrs.
- * Donnachie, Daisy.
- * Dinning, Neil.
- * Dinning, Mrs.
- * Dinning, Gordon.
- * Dinning, Fergus.
- Dinning, Mrs.
- Dinning, Aileen.
- Dolloff, Harry.
- Dolloff, Mrs.

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- * Dunsmore, Peter.
- * i Davidson, W. S.
- * i Davidson, Robert G.
- * i Davidson, Mrs.
- * i Dickinson, Miss Margaret I.
- Ewing, R. A.
- Ewing, Mrs.
- Ewing, Miss Mildred.
- Emery, Alfred.
- Emery, Mrs.
- Emery, Marion.
- * Evans, Mrs.
- * Evans, William.
- * Evans, Miss Harriett.
- Farrell, L. H.
- Fox, E. A.
- Fox, Mrs.
- Fox, Miss Rena.
- Fox, Miss Florence.
- Fox, Miss Nina.
- Fox, Miss Evelyn.
- Fox, Dorothy.
- * Fales, John.
- * Fales, Miss Kate.
- * Fales, Miss Norma.
- Fales, Miss Leslie.
- * Foss, E. S.
- * Foss, Mrs.
- * Foss, Charles H.
- * Foss, Mrs.
- * Foss, Frank B.
- Foss, Helen.
- Foss, Marion.
- * Farwell, Mrs. Lemuel.
- * Foss, Mrs. J. O. S.
- Farwell, Dr. W. A.
- Farwell, Mrs.
- Farwell, Dorothy.
- * i Fales, Archibald.
- * i Foss, Miss E. M.
- * i Foss, Miss Annie.
- * Goodhue, E. C.
- * Goodhue, Mrs.
- Goodhue, Harold.
- Goodhue, Clifford.
- * Goodhue, Marion.
- Gray, G. H.
- Gray, Mrs.
- Gray, Howell.
- Gray, Kenneth.
- Gray, Baby.
- * Griffith, Ziba.
- * Griffith, Mrs.
- Griffith, Mrs. Hawley.
- Griffith, Harland.
- Gore, A. G.
- Gore, Mrs.
- Gore, Alfred.
- * i Gibb, James R.
- Haight, H. V.
- Haight, Margaret.
- Haight, Constance.
- Haight, Russell.
- Hall, Edward M.
- Hall, Mrs.
- Hall, John M.
- Hall, Mrs.
- * Hall, Miss Sara.
- * Hall, Miss Evelyn.
- Hallett, C. A.
- Hallett, Mrs.
- Hallett, Gerald.
- * Henderson, Miss.
- Hunting, Mrs. S.
- Harwood, Miss.
- Harwood, Miss Katherine.
- Hovey, Philip.
- * Hovey, Mrs.
- Hovey, Rex.
- Hovey, Waldo.
- Hovey, Frank.
- Hovey, Mrs.
- Hovey, Baby.
- Hogg, Robert W.
- * Hogg, Mrs.
- Hutchins, Mrs.
- Hope, James.
- Hope, Dorothy.
- Hope, Norma.
- Hovey, Fred.
- Hovey, Mrs.
- * Hovey, Miss Carrie.
- Hovey, John.
- * Hurd, Mrs. A. S.

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- * Hubbard, Heber S.
- * Hubbard, Mrs.
- * Hubbard, Miss Mary.
- Horsfield, I. H.
- Hawes, Herbert N.
- Hawes, Mrs.
- Hawes, Lillian E.
- Hawes, Gertrude.
- Hawes, Alberta.
- Hawes, Richard.
- Hawes, Rhoda.
- * Hawes, Miss Eola.
- * i Holt, Mrs. Jessie.
- * i Hopkins, W. S.
- * Jarrett, Mrs. Wm.
- * Jarrett, Miss Ellen.
- * Jarrett, Miss Edith.
- * Jarrett, Miss Agnes.
- Jarrett, John.
- * Jenckes, S. W.
- * Jenckes, Mrs.
- * Jenckes, Miss Alice.
- Jenckes, Paul.
- Jenckes, Miss Gertrude.
- Johnson, David E.
- Johnson, Mrs.
- Johnson, David A. E.
- Jenckes, J. M.
- * Jenckes, Mrs.
- * Jenckes, Kennan.
- * Jenckes, Elinor.
- Jenckes, Charlotte.
- * i Jenckes, Albert E.
- * i Jenckes, Mrs.
- Knowlden, Jr.
- Knowlden, Mrs.
- Knowlden, Gordon.
- Knowlden, Baby.
- * Knowlton, C. E.
- * Knowlton, Mrs.
- Knowlton, Baby.
- Macdonald, Dorothy.
- * Larson, Victor.
- * Larson, Mrs.
- Larson, Lars. Victor E.
- Larson, Baby.
- Lynch, Dr.
- Lynch, Mrs.
- * Long, Miss Hazel.
- Lindley, Wesley.
- * Little, Mrs. Joseph.
- * Leslie, Mrs. J. M.
- LeBaron, G. A.
- LeBaron, Mrs.
- LeBaron, Rex.
- * i Lothrop, E. A.
- * i Lothrop, Mrs.
- * McLeod, Robert.
- * McLeod, Mrs.
- McLeod, Robert Clifford.
- * McKechnie, John.
- McKechnie, Mrs. Malcolm.
- McKechnie, Miss.
- * McKechnie, Colin A.
- * McKechnie, Mrs.
- McKechnie, Gladys.
- McKechnie, Audrey.
- * McGillivray, Archibald.
- * McGillivray, Mrs.
- McGillivray, Evelyn.
- McGillivray, Shirley.
- McGillivray, Marion Elizabeth.
- * Mennie, George.
- * Mennie, Mrs.
- Morrill, V. E.
- Morrill, Mrs.
- Morrill, Marion.
- Montgomery, Mrs.
- * Mitchell, Miss Agnes.
- * Mitchell, Miss Jennie.
- Memery, E. S.
- * Memery, Mrs.
- * Moore, H. A.
- * Moore, Mrs.
- * Moore, George.
- Moore, Elinor.
- Moore, Baby.
- * McCormick, Mrs. E.
- * McCormick, Miss Helen.
- Morrison, Thomas.
- Morrison, Mrs.
- * McKindsay, W. H.
- * McKindsay, Mrs.

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- McKindsay, Arthur.
 McKindsay, Gordon.
 McKindsay, Margaret.
 McKindsay, Gordon Lillian.
 * McCaw, A. S.
 McCaw, Mrs.
 * Mitchell, Malcolm.
 Mitchell, Mrs.
 Mitchell, Baby.
 * Morey, S. F.
 * Mitchell, J. S.
 * Mitchell, Mrs.
 * Mitchell, Miss Jean.
 * ; Macfarlane, Mrs. M. A.
 * ; MacLagan, Mrs. A. F.
 * ; Mitchell, I. E., Dr.
 * ; Mitchell, Miss Maggie E.
 * ; Moy, James R.
 * ; Moy, Mrs.
 * ; McCulloch, Wm.
 * ; McCulloch, Mrs.
 * ; McCulloch, Miss M.
 * ; McCurdy, Mrs.
 * ; McNicol, J. L.
 * ; McNicol, Miss Jessie.
 ; Neilson, Robert.
 Neilson, Mrs.
 Neilson, Catherine.
 Neilson, James.
 Neilson, Elizabeth.
 Neilson, Hugh.
 Neilson, Baby.
 Newbold, Robert.
 Newbold, Mrs.
 Newbold, George.
 * Nourse, Mrs. A. T.
 * Nourse, Miss Grace.
 * Nourse, Miss Idonea.
 Nourse, Kenneth.
 Nourse, Hugh.
 * ; Owen, George.
 * ; Owen, Mrs.
 ; Page, E. J.
 ; Page, Mrs.
 Proctor, Chester S.
 Proctor, Mrs.
 Proctor, Katherine Alice.
- Proctor, Hazel May.
 Proctor, Lillian E.
 Platt, George E.
 Prichard, N. B.
 Prichard, Mrs.
 Prichard, Olive.
 Powers, Simon J.
 Powers, Mrs.
 Powers, Preston.
 Pllu, Mrs. (Sr.)
 Pllu, Alexander.
 Pllu, Tina.
 Pllu, Rita.
 Pllu, Miss Maggie.
 * Price, C. H.
 * Price, Mrs.
 Price, Leslie.
 Price, Lionel.
 Price, Earl.
 Price, Leone Clare.
 * Powers, Mrs. G. W.
 Peck, Mrs.
 Peck, Miss.
 Paton, Mrs. Andrew.
 Paton, W. E.
 Paton, Mrs.
 Paton, Andrew.
 * ; Prouty, Mrs. Ward.
 * ; Pierce, Mrs. H. W.
 ; Quimby, Herbert.
 ; Quimby, Mrs.
 ; Quimby, Mildred.
 ; Quimby, Albert.
 ; Quimby, Julia.
 ; Russ, Mr.
 * Russ, Mrs.
 ; Russ, Kenneth.
 ; Rugg, Dr.
 ; Rugg, Mrs.
 * Rugg, Miss Laura.
 * Rugg, F. S.
 ; Roberts, H. F.
 ; Roberts, Mrs.
 ; Roberts, Nancy.
 * Read, G. Ellery.
 * Read, Mrs.
 ; Read, Douglas.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY—Continued.

- * ∫ Streeter, T. P.
- * ∫ Streeter, Mrs.
- * Thornton, A. A.
- * Thornton, Mrs.
- * Thornton, W. E.
- * Thornton, Mrs.
- Thornton, Arthur.
- Thornton, Gertrude.
- Thornton, Stanley.
- Thornton, Florence.
- Thornton, Henry.
- Toole, Michael.
- Toole, Mrs.
- Toole, Gwendolen.
- Toole, Norman.
- Toole, Alice.
- Tate, Mr.
- Tate, Mrs.
- Tate, Viola.
- * Tuck, Mrs. T. J.
- Van Vliet, Miss.
- Virgin, A. R.
- Vaughan, F. T.
- Whiting, Fred.
- Whiting, Nellie.
- Wright, Peter.
- Williams, H.
- * Wilson, Mrs. Horace.
- Wilson, George.
- Wilson, Mrs.
- Wilson, Lillie.
- Wilson, Willie.
- Whiting, James.
- Whiting, Mrs.
- Whiting, Baby.
- Williams, E. J.
- * Webster, W. R.
- * Webster, Mrs.
- * Webster, Miss Louise.
- * Webster, Miss Clara.
- * Webster, Fred.
- * Webster, Hubert.
- * Webster, Ralph.
- * Webster, Robert.
- * ∫ Whitman, Mrs. Henry Nelson.
- * ∫ Wing, Miss Lizzie.
- * ∫ Wood, Mrs. Israel.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

AS the year 1910 signalised the 75th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth Church, the Pastor and Deacons take this opportunity of presenting in as brief a form as possible some of the salient features of its history.

In this connection reference is made and acknowledgement is due to the short historical sketch made in 1890 by the late Hon. J. G. Robertson, an honoured member of the Church and a son of its first pastor.

No better or more appropriate account of the formation of the Church would seem possible than the following:—

“A meeting was held in the house of Mr. Samuel Brooks, in Sherbrooke, on Dec. 25th, 1835, to consider the expediency and propriety of organizing a Congregational Church for Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, presided over by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the church in Shipton, now Danville.”

“The following candidates were admitted by letter from other sister churches and met on the 27th with those who were admitted on profession, and organized the church.”

“Admitted by letter from sister churches:—Bro. Alba Brown, Sister Lucy Brown, his wife; Bro. Horace Barber, his wife, from Stanstead Church. Sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel) Brooks, also from Stanstead Church. Bro. Joseph S. Walton, from church, Montpelier, Vt.; Sister Esther Walton, his wife, from church, Castleton, Vt.; Sister Sarah Kenaston, Granby, Vt.; Clarissa Bryant, Montpelier, Vt.; Bro. Samuel Norriss, Sister M. Norriss, his wife, Plymouth, N.H.; Sister Eliza Eldridge, Newbury, Vt.; Bro. Aaron Mallory, Sister Huldah Mallory, his wife, Woodbury, Vt.; Bro. Calvin Hannum, Lunenburg, Vt.; Bro. William Brooks, Peacham, Vt.; Sister Mabel Powell, Charlotte, Vt.

“And on profession:—Samuel Mallory, Elijah Powell, David Mitchell, William Mitchell, Mrs. Howe, Charles Brooks, Ralph Rankin, Mrs. Eunice Mitchell, Miss Martha Mitchell, Mrs. Harriett Ball.

“These mentioned appeared at Lennoxville, Dec. 27th, and gave their assent to the Articles of Faith and Covenant and were declared constituted a Congregational Church, and each of the 27 persons in full communion therewith.”

(Signed) A. J. PARKER,
Pastor of the Congregational Church, Shipton.

It is impossible in the brief limits of this article to give anything like an adequate account of the men and women who constituted the beginnings of this church, but in them and their descendants and many others who have been identified with its subsequent work and history the church possesses a rich heritage of character and personality to which not only its present position and prosperity are largely due but which was prominent in the history and life of this city and contributed largely to its upbuilding.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. James Robertson, who moved from Derby, Vt., in May, 1836, and continued pastor until his death in September, 1861, having thus completed a pastorate of over 25 years, a long period compared with the average duration of the pastorate in our Congregational, and, indeed, in all churches to-day. For over sixty years did Mr. Robertson labour in the Christian ministry, having been ordained in Scotland and continuing there for many years. Prior to his coming to Sherbrooke he had served the Congregational Church in Derby, Vt., for four years. He held services regularly in Sherbrooke and Lennoxville every Sunday and also conducted a Bible Class on Sunday evening.

His successor in the pastorate was the Rev. Archibald Duff, D.D., who was called from Cowansville, Que. He continued in the active work for eighteen years and was Pastor emeritus for three years, during which time the Rev. B. B. Sherman was the Pastor of the church, but Dr. Duff shared the work with Mr. Sherman both in the ministry of the pulpit and in pastoral activities outside. His work, like that of his predecessor's, was eminently successful, and, like him, also, he was much beloved by his people. He died in London, England, while visiting there, shortly after he had definitely severed his pastoral relations with the church. During his ministry the church adopted the name of The Plymouth Congregational Church.

The ministry of the two first pastors of the church thus covered a period of forty-eight years. The near successors of these men, however, remained in the pastorate but a comparatively short time. Mr. Sherman, whose pastorate was concurrent with the time that Dr. Duff was pastor emeritus, remained three years. He was succeeded by Rev. E. R. Brainerd who remained for about two years and a half. Then followed Dr. Henry E. Barnes, who ministered to the church from 1887-1892. The Rev. S. L. Mitchell was then called to the

pastorate of the church from Calvary Church, Kingston, Ont., and remained for three years. For a few months after his retirement the church was ministered to by the Rev. Frank J. Day, who was then a student in the Congregational College, Montreal. Mr. Day was subsequently called to the pastorate of the church and entered upon a ministry of over nine years, during which time the work was blessed and prospered under his care.

In 1905 he resigned to travel and study in Great Britain and Europe. Before he left steps were taken to secure another pastor and a call was extended to the Rev. G. Ellery Read, pastor of the Stanstead South Church, which he accepted. Mr. Read entered upon his ministry on the first Sunday in June of that year, there being but one Sunday's interval between the departure of Mr. Day and the coming of his successor.

The first deacons of the church were Alba Brown, David Mitchell and Samuel Norriss. They were succeeded in their office by worthy men who magnified their calling. A full list of these faithful servants of the church cannot be given, but among them were William Arms, Hon. Justice J. S. Sanborn, Joseph S. Walton, Peter McLellan, Samuel Tuck, E. W. Abbott, Henry Hubbard, William Addie, John McNicol and A. S. Hurd, K.C.

The last mentioned of these, who has passed so recently from the church below to the church above, united by letter with the church in 1875. When Mr. E. Hargrave resigned from the clerkship of the church in 1883, Mr. Hurd was elected to the position and continued in that office till the time of his death, thus serving in this capacity continuously for twenty-seven years. In 1898 he was elected to the office of deacon.

The church was originally yoked with the work at Lennoxville and through the long pastorate of Mr. Robertson and Dr. Duff this relationship was maintained. In 1886, during the pastorate of Mr. Brainerd, owing to his ill health the work was no longer continued by the Sherbrooke pastor, but the Rev. Hilton Pedley, now a missionary in Japan, then a student in the Canadian Congregational College, served the Lennoxville Church during the summer. There was some prospect of starting an independent cause in Lennoxville, but the plan was finally abandoned.

The church commenced to hold regular services in Sherbrooke in a schoolhouse that occupied the site of the present

Quebec Central Railway offices. The first building was erected in 1838 on the site occupied now by St. Andrew's Church. The present building was erected and dedicated to public worship in 1855. The selection of the site and the permanent character and dignity of its construction testify to the wisdom and faithfulness of those who became responsible for it.

The Church Hall was built in 1871 and proved a very valuable addition to the material assets of the church.

The organ alcove was constructed in 1880, having been necessitated by the installation of a new organ. Previous to this the church had been served by a smaller organ that occupied the gallery.

In 1893 the church was redecorated, a new carpet was laid and the present seats replaced the old style of colonial pew. At the same time two beautiful windows were installed in memory of the first two pastors of the church, and several memorial windows were subsequently placed therein by members of the church, to commemorate their loved ones who had joined the Church Triumphant.

In 1887, during the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Barnes the Parsonage was erected by a syndicate of enterprising men connected with the church, and was leased to the church at a rental that covered all charges. In 1904 the building was transferred to the church practically all the syndicate contributing their shares, and the balance of indebtedness thereon for its purchase being raised by the end of 1905.

In 1907 the present fine organ was built and installed by Casavant Bros. of St. Hyacinthe, and the total cost, which included new choir seats and platform, as well as many incidentals, was liquidated before the beginning of the present year.

During the seventy-five years of its life the church has sustained the trials and difficulties which are more or less incident to all churches, but it has continued on its way steadily, increasing in numerical strength and material prosperity, and bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the endeavour to strengthen the life of the community, in which its lot is cast, in those things that can alone be the saving and purifying elements of society. From the record of the past we have every reason to thank God, for the men and women who have carried on the work so faithfully, and take courage to go forward in our work with unfailing faith in our mission as a church of the Congregational order.