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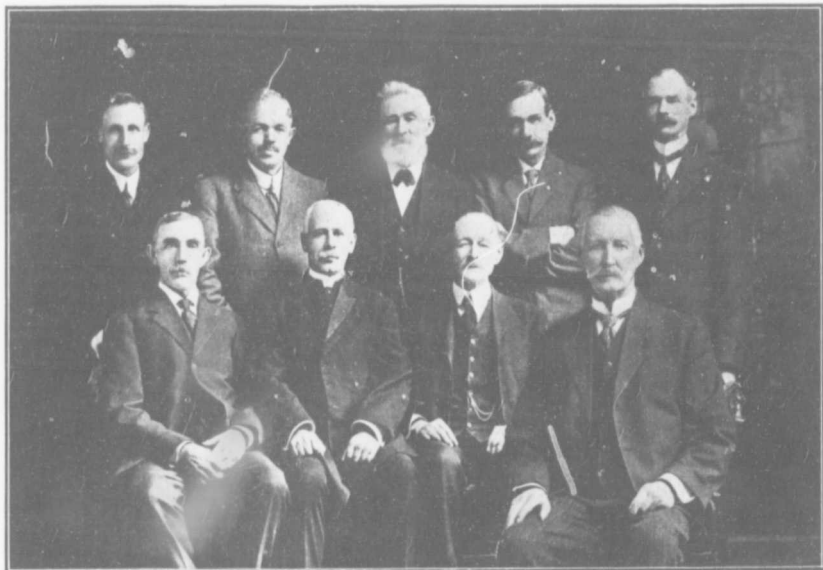
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NEW MELVILLE CHURCH



DR. J. A. MACDONALD, LAYING CORNER STONE
OF MELVILLE CHURCH, BRUSSELS, ONT., MAY 25 1914



BUILDING COMMITTEE OF MELVILLE CHURCH

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Historical Sketch of Presbyterianism in Brussels

FROM ITS FOUNDATION TO THE PRESENT TIME

ABOUT sixty years ago Presbyterianism in this community had its beginning and has been a power for good in Brussels and vicinity ever since. For a few years occasional services were held in private houses and during the Summer season in the bush. From the first there were two well-to-do and prosperous congregations, one known as Knox (called after the great Scottish divine John Knox), and the other Melville (named after another eminent Scottish divine, John Melville), and until May, 1895, when union was consummated, these two congregations worked side by side "adding unto the Church such as would be saved." Consider these two congregations separately.

Knox Church

About the year 1856 or 57 the members met together and agreed upon the erection of a place of worship in the Village of Ainleyville (now Brussels.) A site, containing an acre of land, was secured on John street and upon it was erected a Church 23 x 40 feet. This was the first Church in Brussels (then Ainleyville.) For a few years the services were conducted by Probationers and Students. In 1861, or the early part of '62, Rev. W. C. Young, who came from Orono, was inducted as the first pastor, and labored manfully and zealously in ministering to the spiritual wants

of the people of the congregation until 1865 or '66, when, because of ill-health, he found it necessary to resign.

In 1865 the old Church was replaced by a new one 40 x 60 feet, Thomas Walker, deceased, being the contractor. The first Elders of the congregation were Robert Taylor, William Grant and Thomas Strachan (the last named passing away full of years and good works on May 27th, 1914.) In 1867 Rev. Samuel Jones, who was previously a Baptist minister at Kingston, was inducted into the pastoral charge and for 20 years he faithfully expounded the Gospel and was very earnest in denouncing the evils of the day. In 1888, then in his 80th year, Mr. Jones closed a fruitful ministry.

In 1888 Goshen B. Howie, a native of Palestine, was called and with earnestness and devotion labored for upwards of three years, when he resigned and returned to the land of his birth to enter Mission work.

Mr. Howie was succeeded by Rev. D. Miller, who did excellent work for three years and at the end of the time resigned.

During these early years Knox Church followed the old Presbyterian custom in having the Praise service led by a Precentor without organ or choir. The first Precentor was the late Dougald Strachan, followed by J. Coutts, Duncan Taylor, J. Johnson and Alex. Strachan.

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The question of union with Melville Church was then taken up and happily consummated in May 1895. The Sunday School which continued throughout the entire history of the congregation, the W. F. M. S. which was organized in 1888, but for three years previously was in union with Melville Auxiliary, and the Young People's Society have all done good work for righteousness in the life of the congregation and community. The acting Elders at the time of the union were Thomas Strachan, John Strachan, G. A. Deadman, D. Glassier, D. C. Ross and Philip Botz.

Melville Church

The first preacher of Melville Church was a student from Knox College, Toronto, named Donald McLean, about the year 1854, then followed Alex. McKay, D. H. Fletcher, and other students who supplied during the Summer months while College was closed. In 1857 an acre of land was purchased on Queen and Turnberry streets from Thomas Halliday, and on this site was erected a Church 30 x 40 feet. The first Elders were Donald McLaughlin and Gilbert McCallum. This congregation had no settled pastor until the beginning of 1865 when Rev. John Ferguson (later Dr. Ferguson), from Glengarry County, was

inducted and spent 14 years of faithful and earnest service, closing a most fruitful ministry in 1879. At Mr. Ferguson's induction Rev. Mr. Young preached, Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield, and interim Moderator, addressed the Minister, and Rev. Mr. Stewart the people.

For a number of years Rev. Mr. Ferguson conducted services at Walton and Cranbrook in both Gaelic and English. Cranbrook was separated in 1872 and Walton in February, 1877. Melville congregation increased in size and strength until in 1872 the old church becoming too small, steps were taken for the erection of a new church. The present site was secured from T. McMichael and upon it was erected a building 40 x 60 feet, which was closed on March 15th, 1914. Contractor was Thomas Brown, Cranbrook.

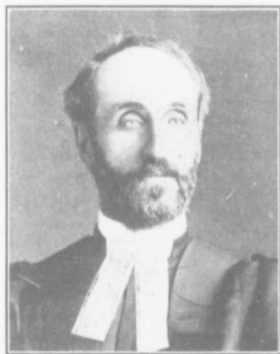
In October, 1879, Rev. John Ross, B. A., now Dr. Ross, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Melville Church and for 26 years gave the best of satisfaction as preacher and pastor. He was a close student and thus his sermons were always full of food for thought.

For many years the singing was led by James Mitchell. He was followed by Daniel Stewart, who was assisted by a

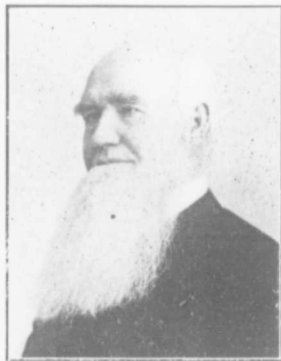


REV. W. C. YOUNG
First Pastor of Knox Church

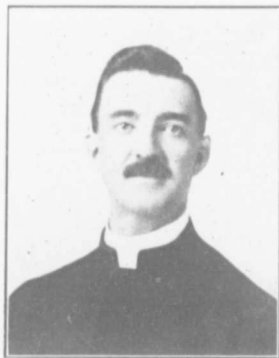
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REV. DR. ROSS
26 Years Pastor of Melville
Congregation



REV. DR. FERGUSON
The First Pastor of Melville
Church



REV. A. C. WISHART, B.A.
A well known Melville Church Pastor
now in Calgary

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choir which has continued ever since to lead the service of Praise.

Before the establishment of a regular congregation a Sunday School was conducted, at first in a private house and has been carried on most efficiently and successfully ever since.

The W. F. W. S., which was organized May 1884, in union with Knox, with Mrs. (Rev.) Ross, President; Mrs. Jessie Kerr, Secretary; Mrs. R. dt. McCallum, Treasurer. The Young People's Society was organized in 1891, always being an active working force for the betterment of the world.

Acting Elders at the time of the union were Gilbert McCallum, Alex. Stewart sr., James Mitchell, Hugh Forsyth, Alexander Stewart, Angus McKay and Duncan McLaughlin.

Rev. Dr. Ross continued to minister to the united congregation until 1906, when because of failing health, he closed a most successful pastorate to accept a unanimous call to Port Dalhousie.

Rev. A. C. Wishart, B. A., minister of Knox church, Beaverton, followed, being inducted into pastoral charge in August 1906. The work of Melville congregation had now become such as to tax the energies of any man, but Mr. Wishart threw

himself with great zeal and devotion into the work which he so faithfully continued until October 1912, when he closed a most successful ministry to accept a unanimous call to Calgary, Alta. In March 1913, the Rev. A. J. Mann, who was pursuing post-graduate work at Knox College, Toronto, was inducted and has proved himself an earnest preacher and a faithful pastor and has been greatly heartened in the work. Since the union of Knox and Melville congregations a W. H. M. S. was organized in 1907 with Mrs. McLaughlin, President; Ella Smith, Secretary and Grace Stewart, Treasurer.

The Ladies Aid Society organized in 1909 with Mrs. P. Ament, President, and Mrs. Richards, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Little Stars Mission Band organized in 1895 with Mrs. McGowan, President; Kate Smith, Secretary, and May Deadman, Treasurer. These along with the organizations in operation before the union, not forgetting the union Sunday Schools at different rural points within the bounds of the congregation, have done much to build up and stimulate the life and work of the congregation and community. The Missionary and benevolent work has always been a credit to the congregation realizing "it is more blessed to give than to receive."



REV. SAMUEL JONES
For 20 years Pastor of Knox Church

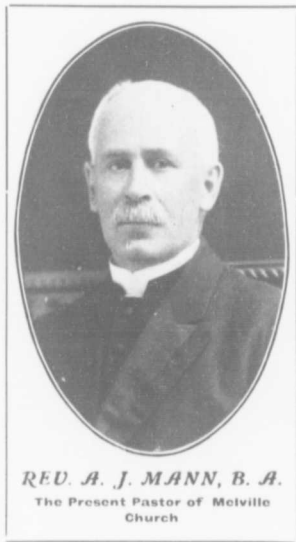
NOTES OF INTEREST

THE new Church stands upon the old site, on the South East corner of William and Princess streets, where the old Church stood for 42 years. The structure, which is 64 x 93 feet, is of modern architecture, the walls being of red pressed brick, with a tower on the South East corner, 18 by 18 feet and 65 feet high. There are three public entrances, two from William street and one from Princess. The church, which is heated by steam and lighted by electricity, has a slate roof, stained glass windows, circular pews, the pulpit in the North-west corner and the choir gallery in the North end.

Basement is fitted up with individual class-rooms, which will be a great aid to the effectiveness of S. S. work. There is also a large kitchen, which will be of great service to the congregation, especially for social gatherings. A pipe organ is being installed by the Ladies' Aid at a cost of \$1,200 purchased from the Lye Co., Toronto. The Y. P. S. has contributed \$255.00 to the Building Fund; Mission Band, \$127.00 and the Sunday School \$140.00.

Architect was Mr. Russell, Stratford, and contractor, John Hunter, of Cranbrook. The stone and brick work was sub-let to Park and Brown, of Cromarty and Fullarton villages, respectively. Old horse sheds have been replaced by a cement shed 51 x 220 ft. with a metallic roof at a cost of \$2,806, contractors being John Adams & Son, of Wroxeter. The new church will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000 and about \$16,500 was subscribed before it was decided to build.

Corner stone, bearing the inscription "Melville church, Brussels, 1864-1914," placed in the centre of the front stone wall, was laid on May 25th 1914, by Dr. J. A. McDonald, Toronto. In the receptacle of the stone were placed specimens of Canadian coinage and postage stamps, a copy of the church Financial Statement for the past year, a copy of the Presbyterian Hymnal, Historical sketch of the congregation, Church periodicals, Toronto Daily Globe and Mail and The Brussels Post.



REV. A. J. MANN, B. A.

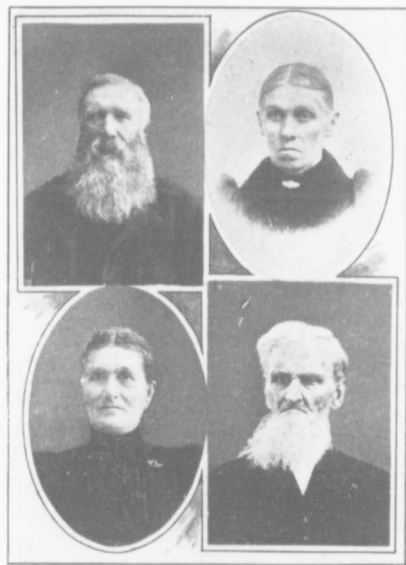
The Present Pastor of Melville
Church

Two Knox Church Pastors



REV. G. B. HOWIE
NOW IN PALESTINE





*Quartette of Knox Church Members of
First Congregation*

ANDREW SIMPSON
MRS. THOS. STRACHAN

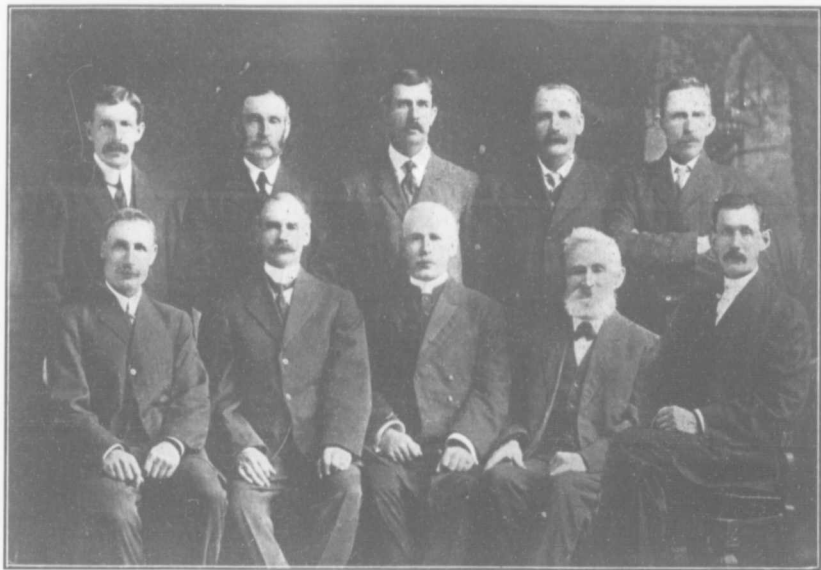
MRS. JAS. FERGUSON
RONALD McNAUGHTON



*Resident Original Members of Melville
Church*

MRS. DONALD CURRIE
MRS. G. McCALLUM

MRS. WM. BOSS



SESSION OF MELVILLE CHURCH

D. McDONALD
WALTER YUELL

G. A. DEADMAN
D. C. ROSS

P. A. McARTHUR
REV. A. J. MANN

JAMES GRANT
ALEX. STEWART

A. D. GRANT
S. C. WILSON

Interesting Sketches of the Various Organizations

Melville Sabbath School

IN the early days the Sabbath School was held in the home of Mrs. McLaughlin, about two miles North of Brussels, under the direction of Alexander Ferguson. About the year 1869 it moved to the frame church, corner of Turnberry and Queen streets, where Daniel Stewart, J. C. Halliday, John Knechtel and Robert Aitchison worked most faithfully for some years. In 1874 Rev. John Ferguson was appointed Superintendent and was succeeded by Alexander Stewart, who was followed by W. R. Wilson. The following composed the teaching staff:—Alexander Stewart, Peter Ferguson, Adam Good, John Alexander, Walter Smith, Mrs. W. Ross, Mrs. Tufts, Mrs. J. Kerr, Mrs. (Dr.) Graham and Misses Sinclair, Ross and Thomson. G. F. Blair and J. H. Cameron filled the office of Superintendent for a number of years. Rev. A. C. Wishart succeeded Mr. Cameron. Athol McQuarrie was next appointed and he was followed by A. D. Grant, the present occupant. Present teaching staff is:—Rev. A. J. Mann (Bible class), S. C. Wilson, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. R. Oliver, Misses Lizzie Ross, Grace Stewart, Mae Smith, Carrie Ament, Belle Henderson, Isabel McDonald, Margaret Stewart, Kate Smith, Jean Moore, Isabel Strachan, Jean Elliott, and Mrs. J. Kerr. Secretary and Librarian, Thos. Armstrong and Harry Ament. The School has a good Library, is much interested in Missions and is in a prosperous condition.

Melville Y. P. S. C. E.

PERHAPS there is no more interesting report connected with our Church's history than the story of the Young People's Society work from its initial stages until the present time.

During the year 1885 the basement of the Church was fitted up for Divine service and Sunday School work and in the second year after an organization of Young People was formed for social and intellectual improvement during the Winter months. These meetings were held monthly and were so well attended and the enthusiasm aroused to such an extent that the ensuing season the young people formed themselves into a Society called the Young People's Christian Association having as its object definite lines of study and as far as possible everyone taking part. The pastor, Rev. Jno. Ross, being Hon. President, gave much valuable encouragement and assistance in directing the plan of the meetings. The program of each month was: Literary meeting consisting of study of the choice of English and American literature; Musical and Social meeting consisting of a social evening with music, address, recitation and song happily blended; Devotional meeting consisting of some theme of spiritual thought in which the Hon. President usually led; and the Missionary meeting made up of short readings and essays on special lines of Missionary activity. One meeting was devot-

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ed entirely to the study of China in which almost every phase of that great nation's life and history was presented to the Society by some 13 of its members. In the month of November, 1892, there was a special rally of all the young people of the congregation to consider the plan, purpose and principles of the Christian Endeavor movement and a Society was formed having as its officers:—Hon. President, Rev. Jno. Ross; President, Robt. Buchanan; Secretary, Alex. L. Stewart; Organist, Miss Lizzie Wilson. These meetings were largely attended, the average number being 100 to 120. We would not wish to slight anyone in our remarks but special mention should be made of such members as G. F. Blair (Barrister), J. H. Cameron (Principal of Public School), Elder Stewart and David Hogg, men who gave splendid addresses on the topics. Also a few families deserve special mention, viz:—William Ross and Daniel Stewart as being the "Old Guard," in the musical part of the meetings. In following the story of Endeavor work during the succeeding years it is just the life story of so many congregations, young people grow up and move away to other parts of the country. Sometimes valuable additions were made in the person of young men and women coming to live among us and who aided very much in the helpfulness of the meetings. In 1895 Knox church united with us and together a good Society was formed, the meetings being well attended and full of instruction and interest, continuing for some time until we suffered by the loss of a number of members. Members of our Society removed to other parts of the country and there seemed to be a decline in Endeavor enthusiasm. During the Autumn of 1906, Rev. A. C. Wishart instituted a vigorous revival among

the young people and the Endeavor grew until it excelled all former records in one practice at least viz, more young people were taking active part in the meetings than ever before, thus has the work gone on. Sometimes we feel the interest shown has not been what might have been expected but we do know that from the young people's Society of Melville church many young men and women have gone from time to time to other parts of our land and who have made good in the battle of truth and righteousness, an honor to themselves and a valuable asset to the church they identify themselves with and are bringing glory to the great head of the church. Now in looking over the work of the Young People's Society for all those years we can perhaps learn some valuable lessons from the study. In the early years of our work we must say there were a greater number of our young men and women well grounded in the principles of religion as taught in our Shorter Catechism. There were not so many books at the disposal of young people but what they had were more widely and intelligently read and studied. There was a choir in connection with the Young People's Society at one time that had no equal in the Presbytery of Maitland. We feel that it is only just to say that in the latter years of our history a greater number of our members are taking active part in the study and discussion of the weekly topics. We also feel that the topics under discussion are of greater personal interest to young people than the topics of the years gone by and that each leader has something well worthy the careful study and attention of each one of the audience and we must say that although the choir of recent years may not have trained singers of more than local fame it

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has to its credit the fact that it is and has been a real training school for the worship and praise of the Saviour. Under the leadership and training of Miss Jessie McLaughlin, herself an enthusiastic Endeavorer, a new order was instituted in which girls and boys in their "teens" were brought into the choir and taught respect and reverence for God's House and sacred things as well as the proper rendering of musical selections in keeping with the evening's topic. Her successors, Miss Katie Deadman and Mrs. J. Meadows, have each in turn continued that wise plan and it has been the expressed conviction of more than one member and visitor that many times have we received special inspiration and benefit from the messages in song given by our Young People's choir. In closing the Endeavor Society feel that they have always been under a debt of gratitude to each one of our pastors who have given us of their best in wise spiritual counsel, in kindly exhortation and in personal appeal to do our part in the great battle of life to fulfill the spirit of our motto "The world for Christ."

Melville W. F. M. S.

ON May 6th, 1884, the ladies of the congregation met for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Society. Mrs. John Ross was chosen President and acted for seven years. Mrs. R. K. Ross was then chosen and presided for a short time, when Mrs. John Ross was again appointed and filled the office from 1894 until 1906, when Mrs. G. A. Deadman was appointed and filled the office until the amalgamation in May 1914. Mrs. Deadman was elected President of the United Society, but was called to her reward early in June. Mrs. A. D. Grant is now acting President. Our first business meeting was held June 17th, 1884 with 17 members present. Membership varied in numbers beginning with 17, the present membership being 57. The contributions ranged from \$35.00 to \$222.56. In 1896 a Sewing Circle was organized, which has proved of great



OLD MELVILLE CHURCH

value in helping along the work among the Indians in the West, although the Society had been sending clothing since 1897, the first bale going to Rev. Hugh McKay, of Round Lake. At first one copy of the Foreign Missionary Tidings was received and read at the meetings, now about 60 copies are received. In 1902 a Course of Study, laid down by the

General Society, was taken up which has proved very helpful and instructive, a paper being prepared and read by one of the members each month. Only two of the charter members are now in the Society. The Master has given us a great work to do. True greatness is in serving, not being served.

Melville H. M. S.

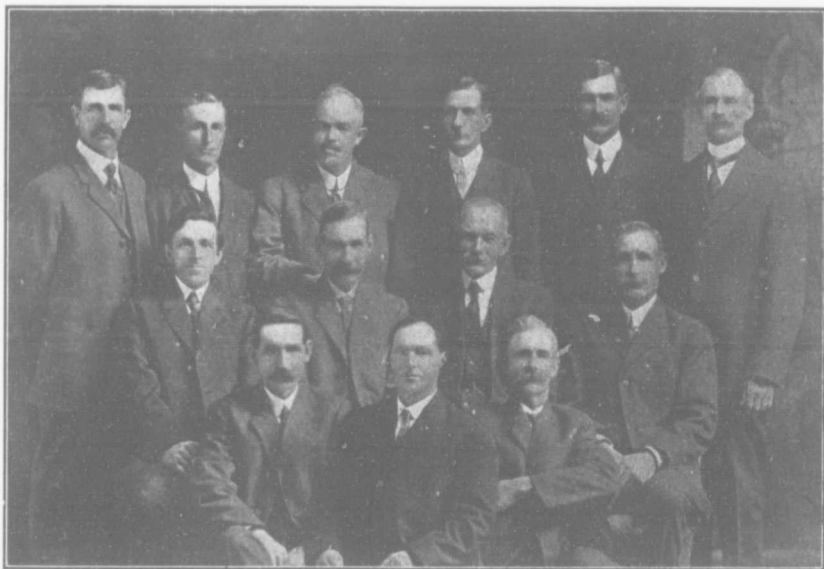
MELVILLE Home Missionary Society was organized on December 11th, 1907, with Mrs. Neil McLauchlin as President; Miss Margaret Stewart, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. D. Glassier, 2nd Vice-President; Miss Grace Stewart, Treasurer; Miss Ella Smith, Secretary; Miss Jean Habkirk, Pioneer Secretary; Miss Jessie McLauchlin, Organist. The meetings were held on the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month, taking the place of the regular Prayer meeting and were in charge of different members of the Society, occasionally the program being varied by an address from a neighboring minister. The membership although changing constantly, kept up well, 52 being the largest number on the roll. Of the total number who were members of the Society during its history, 26 have moved from the bounds of the congregation and three others, Miss Tena Sinclair, Miss Helen Smith and Mrs. G. A. Deadman have been removed by death. Owing to the removal of Mrs. Neil McLauchlin from the congregation in April 1909, Miss Margaret Stewart was elected President which office she filled until the close of 1912 when Mrs. A. D. Grant was chosen President and remained in the office until the amalgamation of the Home and Foreign Mis-

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sionary Societies in May 1914. The Society has five Life Members, Mrs. (Rev.) Ferguson, Mrs. A. D. Grant, Miss Gertrude Deadman, Miss Margaret Stewart and Alan Mann. Missionary contributions were very gratifying. From the time of organization the total amount of money raised by the Society was \$750.25. During this period clothing valued at \$37.00 was forwarded to the West and fruit and clothing valued at \$110 was sent to Toronto to the work of Social Service and Evangelism.

Melville Ladies' Aid Society

THE Ladies' Aid Society was organized in January, 1908, with Mrs. P. Ament, President; Mrs. J. Leckie, Vice-President; and Mrs. I. C. Richards, Secretary-Treasurer. For a time we could scarcely call ourselves an Aid Society, no marked degree of work being done until 1911 when a number of improvements were made in the manse. Mrs. D. C. Ross served as second President from January 1911 to January 1914 and Mrs. Richards, Sec.-Treas. In order to have all the ladies of the congregation interested in the work of the Society in October 1913 canvassers were appointed in each district in the congregation to solicit monthly contributions. The results were most gratifying, showing an addition to our funds from Jan. 1st 1914 to the end of October of over \$500.00. The officers during 1914 were Mrs. S. C. Wilson, President; Mrs. A. D. Grant, Mrs. Jas. Grant, Mrs. Ament and Miss Rae Moses, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. C. Ritchie, Treasurer and Mrs. J. Kerr, Secretary.



BOARD OF MANAGERS OF MELVILLE CHURCH

P. A. MCARTHUR	JAS. BELLASTYNE	JAS. FOX	A. STRACHAN	ROBE. STRACHAN	D. C. ROSS
	JOHN DAVIDSON	M. BLACK	W.H. ARMSTRONG		WALTER YULL
	ANDREW LAMONT	ALLAN ADAMS	O. SMITH		

Melville Mission Band

THE W. F. M. S. of Melville church held a meeting on December 14th, 1895, with Mrs. (Rev.) Ross presiding for the purpose of organizing a Mission Band. The name given to it was "The Little Stars Mission Band." Officers were:—President, Mrs. McGowan; Vice-President, Miss Lizzie Ross; Secretary, Kate Smith; Organist, Fannie Thomson. The membership was one hundred. Each year the "Little Stars" have contributed their mites into the great Mission fund remembering the great Mission example that "Christ came not to be ministered unto but to minister." They have averaged about \$45.00 a year with their mite boxes which are always opened on the Birthday Party night. The work that they have done has been the making of quilts, dressing dolls, making scrap books, &c. The study has been the different Mission fields in the world and so they learn bit by bit how the Gospel spreads far

"Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that must surely be;
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea."

The Mission Band has had only three Presidents, Mrs. McGowan, who had charge for three months; Mrs. (Dr.) Graham for nine months; and Miss Lizzie Ross; and seven Vice-Presidents, Miss L. Ross, Mrs. R. G. Wilson, Mrs. N. M. Richardson, Mrs. Barbara Strachan, Miss Jessie Kerr and the Misses Mamie Ross, Kate Smith, Kate Deadman and Belle Henderson.

I cannot do much said a little star,
To make this dark world bright;
My silver beams cannot struggle far
Through the folding glooms of night;
But because I am part of God's great plan
I cheerfully do the best I can.

The officers for the year 1914 are:—President, Miss L. Ross; Vice-President, Kate Smith; 2nd Vice-President, Belle Henderson; Secretary, Laura Ament; Treasurer, Jean Moore; Organist, Annie McLaughlin.

Knox Church Sabbath School

KNOX Church Sabbath School was a strong support of the church to which it belonged. The pioneer worker who is living to-day is Mr. J. R. Grant, whose specialty was black-board work illustrating the lessons. Following him was Chas. Jackson, who did excellent service along this line. The Superintendents were Rev. S. Jones, Jas. Warner sr., Thos. McGillicuddy, Geo. McKay and G. A. Deadman, the latter enjoying this position at the time of the Union. Some of the teachers were Jas. Warner jr., Wm. Warner, Wm. Botz, Robt. Knechtel, Wm. Wallis, Walter Jackson, Mrs. J. R. Grant, Mrs. J. C. Halliday, Mrs. Barbara Strachan, Mrs. Deadman, the Misses Lucy Warner, Katie Calder, Grace Aldridge, Maggie McKay and Lizzie Ross and also the Superintendents. D. C. Ross and Robt. Ross were Secretary and Treasurer for many years and Alex. Strachan did faithful work as Librarian and Precentor. Some are living to see the fruits of their service and of others it can be said "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them." So shall it ever be that "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

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Knox Church W. M. S.

IN May 1888 this Society was organized under the leadership of Dr. Howie for the purpose of making clothing for the needy in and around the village, to give them the opportunity of attending Divine service. Their efforts were blessed with great success. They were also enabled to send a bale to Northwest Missions each year. This was continued until the union with Melville church in 1895. The officers of the Society were:—President, Mrs. J. R. Grant; Secretary, the late Mrs. Deadman; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. McKay, (nee Miss Nellie Ross)

W. F. M. S. Jamestown

A Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jas. Strachan in May 1910 for the purpose of organizing a Branch W. F. M. S., of Jamestown. Rev. A. C. Wishart, B. A., in the chair, assisted by Mrs. G. A. Deadman, President; and Mrs. A. Strachan, Secretary, of Brussels Auxilliary. The following were the officers:—President, Mrs. Jas. Strachan; Vice-President, Mrs. L. Eckmier; Secretary, Mrs. A. Simpson, (deceased); Treasurer, Miss Rae Moses; Tidings Secretary, Miss Jessie Strachan. The money collected in that time amounted to \$57.00, including clothing. Present officers are the same, excepting Secretary which is Miss Marjorie Strachan, with ten members on the roll in good standing.

Jamestown Sunday School

THE Jamestown Sunday School was started about the year 1868, when the late Thos. Strachan took up the work, he being assisted by the late Robert Taylor, Jno. Strachan and others. School was held in a log burn on the Strachan homestead now owned by Mrs. Jas. Strachan, where it was carried on for a number of years, when it was discontinued for some time and later was started in Jas. Strachan's house, the late John Strachan being Superintendent and was carried on for a number of years under his leadership. He resigning about sixteen years ago, when the late Jas. Strachan took up the work which grew greatly under his direction until it was deemed advisable to get a larger and more central place in which to carry on the work. In the year 1901 Victoria Hall was erected and the school removed to its new home, where it grew to larger dimensions so that it was decided to continue the work during the Winter months, it having been held only during the Summer months. Mr. Strachan continued to superintend the work until failing health compelled his retirement. Thos. Strachan then took the office for a time until he had to give up owing to failing health. The late Mrs. Andrew Simpson took charge for a short time but owing to ill health she was not able to carry on the work. A meeting was held and Duncan MacDonald was chosen Superintendent with Andrew Pollock as Assistant and they, with other able supporters, are still carrying on the School.

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Union Sabbath School

S. S. No. 3, Grey Township

ABOUT the year 1873 or 1874, a Sabbath School was organized which continued for a number of years. Among those who were leaders during that time were Duncan McLaughlin, Oliver Smith, Mr. Alexander and John and Thos. Yuill. About the year 1886, on request of a number in the Section, Rev. John Ross came out and assisted in re-organizing the School. The late Thos. Strachan was the

first Superintendent and with the exception of a year or two, when E. V. Smith now (Rev.) acted as Superintendent, gave excellent service for some 12 or 13 years when he left to take up S. S. work in S. S. No. 6, Morris township. Mrs. N. M. Richardson, now of Manor, Saskatchewan, then became Superintendent and continued until her removal to the West after which the present Superintendent, P. A. McArthur, took the position. The attendance has on the whole been very good, the number on the roll at present being about 42.

NOTES OF INTEREST

A. M. McKay, a former Elder, is doing good work as Missionary at Tyvan, Sask.

George McKay, a former well known member of Knox church is engaged in the ministry in the United States.

John Strachan is attending College preparing to entering the ministry of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of Melville congregation.

Miss Ada Ross, eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Ross, a former pastor, is under appointment to go to China as a Missionary. She will be wished much success in her work.

The Revds. D. L. McCrae, of London, W. G. Hanna, of Toronto, and D. Perrie, of Wingham, are sons of the congregation and have done splendid work for the church of Christ.

A former member of the congregation, in the person of Mrs. (Rev.) Pierce, formerly Miss Georgia Ross, is now at Harpoot, Asiatic Turkey, with her husband, doing faithful service in the Mission field.

Owing to the amalgamation of the Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian church in Canada the W. F. M. S. and the W. H. M. S. of the congregation were united in June 1914. The united Society is now doing excellent work.

The late Alex. Stewart and Thos. Strachan, for half a century very active in the Eldership of the church, passed away during the year, after the plans for the new church were matured and were both greatly interested in its erection.

Melville Church Elders

Mr. Gilbert McCallum	Ordained March, 1859
Mr. Donald McLauchlin	Ordained March, 1859
Mr. Alexander Stewart	Ordained Oct. 15, 1865
Mr. Duncan McLauchlin	Ordained Jan. 11, 1874
Mr. W. R. Wilson	Ordained Jan. 11, 1874
Mr. James Mitchell	Ordained Jan. 11, 1874
Rev. Samuel Jones	Inducted May 15, 1892
Mr. Hugh Forsyth	Ordained May 15, 1892
Mr. Alexander Stewart	Ordained May 15, 1892
Mr. Angus M. McKay	Ordained May 15, 1892
Mr. Peter Watson	Ordained after union May 26, 1907
Mr. James Grant	Ordained after union May 26, 1907
Mr. P. A. McArthur	Ordained May 26, 1907
Mr. Walter Yuill	Ordained March 24, 1912
Mr. Duncan McDonald	Ordained March 24, 1912
Mr. Alex. D. Grant	Ordained March 24, 1912
Mr. S. C. Wilson	Ordained March 24, 1912

Knox Church Elders

Mr. Thomas Strachan	Ordained before 1863
Mr. Robert Taylor	Ordained before 1863
Mr. William Grant	Ordained before 1863
Mr. Philip Botz	Ordained Jan. 9, 1868
Mr. Robert Broadfoot	Ordained Jan. 9, 1868
Mr. William Warner	Ordained April 23, 1876
Mr. John Strachan	Ordained April 23, 1876
Mr. John Lamont	Ordained April 23, 1876
Mr. G. A. Deadman	Ordained Sept. 2, 1888
Mr. D. C. Ross	Ordained Sept. 2, 1888
Mr. Daniel Glassier	Ordained Sept. 2, 1888

The Present Session

A. J. MANN, Moderator

ALEXANDER STEWART	G. A. DEADMAN
D. C. ROSS	JAMES GRANT
PETER A. McARTHUR	WALTER YUILL
DUNCAN McDONALD	ALEX. D. GRANT
S. C. WILSON	