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Jubilee Souvenir
of the
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Church

St. Marys, Ont.
• Canada

1848-1908





St. Marys Methodist Church, Sunday School and Parsonage.

Diamond Jubilee

The
Methodist
Church



St. Marys
Ontario

Rev. D. N. McCamus,
Pastor.

A Society of Methodists was Organized in St. Marys, in the year 1848.
The Sixtieth Anniversary of that event is being Celebrated
November 8th to 16th, 1908



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Jubilee Services

SUNDAY, NOV. 8th, 1908—

Sermons at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.,
By Rev. Thomas Manning, B. A.,
of Windsor, Ontario.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15th, 1908—

Sermons at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
By Rev. George W. Henderson,
of Peterborough, Ontario.

MONDAY, NOV. 16th, 1908—

Grand Congregational Meeting. Tea served
by the women of the congregation from 6 to
8.30 p.m. Addresses and music from 8.30 to
10 p.m.

"Praise ye the Lord!"

"Let us exalt His Name together."

The History of the Methodist Church in St. Marys Reviewed



RECORDED on the memorial of John Wesley in Westminster Abbey are three of his memorable sayings: "I look on all the world as my parish"; "God buries His workmen, but continues His work"; "The best of all is God is with us." These sentiments have ever been controlling forces in the Methodist Church. The spirit of John Wesley reappeared in the heroic itinerants of primitive days in Canada, On foot with carpet-bag in hand, or on horseback with their saddle-bags, the pioneers of Methodism sought out the early settlers.

"I see them in the saddle for journeys long and sore,
I hear their voices ringing at the lowly cabin door,
They call the poor to worship upon the prayer-blessed sod,
They warn the irreligious, and sinners point to God."

It is with gratitude that we review the history of the rise and progress of the Methodist Church in St. Marys. At a time when the Township of Blanshard was almost an unbroken forest, Ephraim Evans, D. D., Chairman of London District from 1838 to 1840, made his way into Blanshard and may have been the first itinerant to visit the early settlers and preach the Gospel in their dwellings. Another of the pioneer preachers was Rev. Robert Corson, ordained in 1825. He is remembered as one who came in on horseback and went from house to house ministering to the spiritual needs of the people. The family record of Rev. Samuel C. Philp shows that he preached in Blanshard in 1842, when stationed in Oxford.

In the Missionary Report of 1844-5, this statement is made by the Missionary at Devonshire (now Exeter), the Rev. Thomas Williams: "In September last I was visited by the Chairman of the District, who advised me to withdraw my attention from Goderich and spend my alternate Sabbaths at Devonshire and Blanshard, which I have continued to do

to the end of the year." In the Missionary Report of 1848 the following record appears: "This Mission, as you are perhaps aware, was heretofore connected with the London Circuit; last year it was set off and a distinct position given to it; the names of one hundred and seventeen members were returned to me. The circuit embraces the whole Township of Blanshard, parts of Fullarton, Downie and Nissouri. In the centre of the work stands the new but flourishing Village of St. Marys, in which and its vicinity we have a society of between forty and fifty members, a growing confidence and good congregations and a prosperous Sunday School. Here we have four village lots granted to us for sites of church and parsonage and a burying ground." This is the first record of an organized society of Methodists in St. Marys.

After worshipping for a few years in the stone schoolhouse on Queen Street, the Methodists of St. Marys built a church on the lot where stands the present building. This church was dedicated in 1856 during the pastorate of Rev. J. Ormerod and his colleague, Rev. Stephen Bond. After the opening of this new church, services twice a Sunday were held in St. Marys. Thomas Noice, Superintendent of the Sunday School, was succeeded in office by John Neelands. In the same year the first parsonage was built.

In 1869, St. Marys was created a station with a membership of one hundred and sixty-eight. In the same year, under the pastorate of Rev. Richard Whiting, the church was enlarged and a frame schoolhouse built. The next very important historic event was the erection of the present church building. This was accomplished in 1879, under the superintendency of Rev. S. D. Rice, D. D. In 1896, when Rev. John Learoyd was pastor, the church was remodelled and renovated, giving us the beautiful auditorium we now possess. The Sunday School building, including Epworth Hall, was erected in 1893 and the parsonage in 1905.

The unions of 1876 and 1883 brought into one body all the Methodists of the town, and the societies which began with but a few members have together grown strong and are represented by a membership of five hundred and seventy-five, and a Sunday School of four hundred and fifty-six.

There is much in the history of the past sixty years to excite in us both humility and gratitude. The innumerable and invaluable blessings received and the present prosperous state of our church afford abundant proof of the Scripturalness of our doctrines, ordinances and means of grace. Let the review of what God hath wrought rejoice our hearts!

"To the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

The Pastors of St. Marys Methodist Church During 60 Years
From 1848 to 1908



Rev. Thomas Williams.

1848-9—Rev. Thomas Williams. Ordained, 1845; superannuated, 1882; died, 1899. He was the first Methodist minister to occupy a parsonage in St. Marys. He laid foundations upon which others have builded. His faithfulness is not forgotten.

Pastors—Continued

1850—Rev John Williams. Ordained, 1845; died, 1854; aged 36 years.

1851—2—Rev. Thomas Fawcett. Ordained, 1837. In 1850 he was killed by an accident on the Great Western Railway; aged, 51 years.

1853—4—Rev. Charles W. M. Gilbert. Ordained, 1842; superannuated 1859; died, 1890.

1855—Rev. Richard Pinch. Ordained, 1855. Health not good; only seventeen effective years. Died, 1890.

1856—Rev. J. Ormerod. Discontinued in our ministry, 1857.

1856—Rev. Stephen Bond. Stephen Bond began his ministry in St. Marys in 1856. The District meeting that recommended him to the Confer-



Pastors—Continued

ence was held in St. Marys. After a long and distinguished ministry of fifty-two years he has chosen to have his name placed in connection with St. Mary's, and is, therefore, a member of our Quarterly Official Board. He was super-



Rev. J. Learoyd

annuated at his own request, June, 1908, and now resides in the City of Toronto. In the highest courts and offices Rev. Stephen Bond has for many years been one of the most representative men of Canadian Methodism.



Rev. J. W. Holmes.

1857-8—Alexander Campbell. Ordained, 1852; died at Newcastle, 1865; Rev. Samuel C. Philps, jr., and Rev. Daniel Connolly were his colleagues. ↗

Pastors—Continued

1859-60—Rev. Andrew Edwards. After a ministry of thirty-three years he was superannuated in 1885. His colleagues were Robert Shaw (1859), and W. F. Morrison (1860).



Rev. John Wakefield, D. D.

1861-2—Rev. Thos. Cosford. Ordained, 1843. Was Chairman of Goderich District, 1861. Died in London, 1892; aged, 79 years. His colleagues were T. E. Garbutt (1861) and Daniel E. Brownell (1862).

1863-5—Rev. John Learoyd. Ordained, 1860. As Chairman of Districts, President of Conference and Delegate to five General Conferences, Mr. Learoyd was distinguished as a leader in the Methodist Church. He was superannuated in 1900; died in London in the jubilee year of his ministry, 1906 (aged 76 years), and was buried in St. Marys.

1866-8—Rev. J. W. McCallum. Ordained, 1845; superannuated, 1885; died, 1891.

1867—Rev. J. W. Holmes. Ordained, 1867; superannuated, June, 1908, after a long and distinguished ministry of forty-five years. He is at present residing in Saskatoon, Sask. Mr. Holmes was for many years Chairman of Districts, was President of Conference in 1891, and Delegate to every General Conference from 1886 to 1902.

1869-71—Rev. Richard Whiting. Ordained, 1849; superannuated, 1889; died, 1900; aged, 80 years.

1872—Rev. James Gray. Ordained, 1850; Chairman of District, 1872; Treasurer of Superannuation Fund, 1885-1892, when he died, aged 72 years.

1873-5—Rev. John Wakefield, D. D. Ordained, 1856; superannuated, 1903. Mr. Wakefield celebrated his ministerial jubilee in 1902. As Chairman of Districts, President of Conference, Delegate to General Conferences (1882-1902), and Delegate to the three Ecumenical Conferences, Rev. John Wakefield has been one of the most honored men of the Methodist Church. He is now residing in the City of Toronto. During his ministry in St. Marys, the church was blessed with a gracious revival.

1876-7—Rev. John Philp, M. A., D. D. Ordained, 1864; died, 1904. His ministry extended over forty-three years, and was strong and fruitful of many conversions.

Pastors—Continued

1878-9—Rev. Samuel D. Rice, D. D. Began his ministry in 1837; was superannuated in 1882; and died December 15, 1884. From the beginning, his ministry was distinguished for ability and he was soon recognized as a leader in the Church. His gifts as an administrator were of exceptional value and he was, in order, elected to almost



Rev. S. D. Rice, D. D.

every office within the power of his brethren to bestow. The confidence of the Church was notably expressed in his election to the position of Governor of Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton. This office he filled from 1863 to 1877. He was elected first President of the United Church, 1883, and in 1884 was chosen Senior General Superintendent. The present church building is a monument of his ministry in St. Marys.

1880-2—Rev. James Hannon, D. D. Ordained 1863; superannuated, 1905, and at present residing in London. Mr. Hannon is one of the most beloved and honored ex-pastors of St. Marys.



Rev. Jas. Hannon, D. D.

1883-5—Rev. W. C. Henderson, M. A., D. D. Ordained, 1860; superannuated, 1906, and now residing in the City of Guelph. His pastoral and official records show a long and honored ministry.

Pastors—Continued



Rev. A. M. Phillips, B. D.

1886-7—Rev. A. M. Phillips, B. D. Ordained, 1878; died, December 16, 1896; aged, 49 years. During his brief ministry, Rev. A. M. Phillips became known as one of the most thoughtful, devoted and effective of Christian ministers. At the very zenith of his power he was called to rest from a life full of arduous labours.



Rev. John Scott, M. A., D. D.

1888-90—Rev. T. M. Campbell. Ordained, 1870; superannuated, 1903. His home is in Toronto. Rev. T. M. Campbell is another of the pastors of St. Mary's whose ability as a wise counsellor and a leader have been recognized by the church in his appointment to some of its most responsible offices.

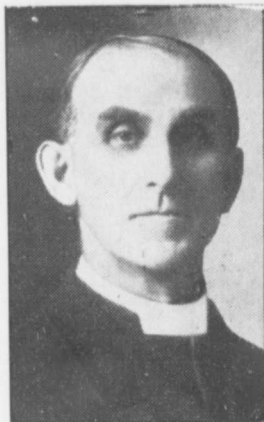
Pastors—Continued



Rev. H. A. Graham, B. A.

1891-3—Rev. John Scott, M. A., D. D. Ordained, 1871; superannuated, 1903; died, 1907, in Toronto. In the home and foreign fields Rev. John Scott's ministry was eminently useful. His gifts were of the exalted and versatile character and his record uniformly good.

1894—Rev. Andrew Cunningham. His ministry began 1867 and closed with his death in 1899. Aged, 55 years. Rev. A. Cunningham was an amiable, devoted and honored minister. His physical strength was insufficient for his ambitious spirit.



Rev. G. W. Henderson.

1895-7—Rev. John Learoyd. This was the second term for Mr. Learoyd. His ministry is remembered with gratitude.

Pastors—Continued



Rev. Thos. Manning, B. A.

1898-01—Rev. Geo. W. Henderson. Ordained in 1880. Mr. Henderson is now in the thirty-third year of his very useful ministry. He is stationed in Charlotte Street Church, Peterborough. His

pastorate in St. Marys is remembered as one of gratifying prosperity.

1902-4—Rev. Thomas Manning, B. A. The pulpit ministrations of Rev. Thos. Manning are remembered as amongst the strongest in the history of the church. His courageous and aggressive spirit was a wholesome stimulant to the religious life of the people. During his pastorate the present commodious parsonage was built. Mr. Manning was ordained in 1878 and is in the strength of a useful ministry in the City of Windsor.

1905-8—Rev. Humphrey A. Graham, B. A. Ordained, 1899, and is now in the thirteenth year of his ministry. He is stationed at Wellington Street Church, London. Mr. Graham's promotion has been exceptionally rapid, and the success that is following his work shows that his ability merits the confidence of the people. St. Marys made a good record during his pastorate and a very expensive and beautiful Casavant Organ was purchased and installed.

1908—Rev. D. N. McCamus. Ordained, 1882. Appointed to St. Marys, June, 1908.



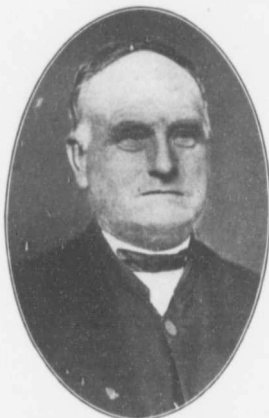
The New Connexion Methodist Church in St. Marys

THE New Connexion Methodist Church, which began its mission in Canada early in the Nineteenth Century, was represented in St. Mary's by Rev. Joseph Oates in 1853. After him the ministers in succession were: Reverends Francis G. Weaver (1854-5), Walton Preston (1856-7), James B. Kershaw (1858-60), Samuel B. Gundy (1861-4), David D. Rolston (1865-7), David Smyth (1868-71), and George Jackson (1872-4).

In March, 1867, the stone schoolhouse on Queen Street was purchased, enlarged and dedicated for religious purposes. The Trustees were: Corneil Switzer, Joseph Beavers, Christopher Sparling, John Jarvis and Wm. Mayhew.

In 1874, union with the Wesleyan Methodist Church was consummated. During the years from 1853 to 1874 the Church increased from eighty to one hundred and eighty-one members.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Marys



Thomas B. Brown.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church Circuit was known as St. Marys and Nissouri Circuit. It is believed that the very first sermon delivered in St. Marys was preached by Thomas B. Brown, a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada. At that time there were not a half-dozen houses in St. Marys. Mr. Brown was ordained an elder in 1844, and continued his faithful ministrations for many years. His son, Elisha H. Brown, was Steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-eight years, and Recording Steward for a quarter of a century. He is now a venerable and useful member of the Methodist Church of this town. In 1877 Rev. Stephen Knott was pastor in St. Marys with J. B. Cutler as Colleague. He was succeeded by J. A. Bloodsworth and W. N. Vollick. The last before the union was Rev. Dixon Sharp. During this period—1877-1883—the Presiding Elders were Rev. Edward Lonsbury and Rev. Dr. James Gardiner, now living in Belleville, Ontario.



E. H. Brown.

The Trustee Board

ALL PROPERTY, real and personal, deeded to the Methodist Church shall be held in trust by Trustees appointed for that purpose. The members of each Board of Trustees are empowered to administer their trust on behalf of the congregation whom they represent according to the discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada.

The first record of a Trustee Board of the Wesleyan Methodist Church is dated May 15, 1851. At that time they purchased a lot—50 feet x 150 feet—on the corner of Church and Elgin Streets. Here the first Methodist Church was built and dedicated 1856.

The Trustees of that Board were: George Mercer, Thomas Elder, Joshua Brink, William Carroll, Edward Long, William L. Armstrong, Jacob Legear and Francis S. Burdick. The lot was purchased from James Ingersoll, who represented the Crown. It was, therefore, a Crown grant, the consideration being only five shillings.

For some reason James Ingersoll made a new deed to the Church in April, 1864. On this deed the following names appeared as Trustees: Edward Long, Robert Eaton, Robert Birch, John Harrison, William Carroll, George Simpson, Richard Box and James Eaton.

A further purchase of property was made August 1st, 1876. The cost was four hundred dollars. The deed shows that the Trustees of the St. Marys Congregation of the Methodist Church of Canada were: John Wesley Poole, Richard Box, Joseph Dufton, Robert Eaton, William Lyell Hutton, Joseph Peart and Thomas Rogers—all of St. Marys—and William Aiken, of the Township of Downie. The property now held in trust for the Methodist Church of St. Marys, consists of:

THE CHURCH—Built of brick and stone; value, \$35,000.00; seating capacity, 1,200.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—Built of brick; value, \$9,500.00.

THE PARSONAGE—Built of brick; value, \$5,000.00.

THE SHED—Built of stone; value, \$1,500.00.

Total, \$51,000.00.

The Trustee Board of 1908

C. FREEMAN.	J. READY.	T. D. STANLEY.
W. A. MCINTYRE.	DR. W. F. BROWN.	W. C. BOX.
W. H. MAY.	J. W. PEARNE.	J. WHITE.
J. BEAVERS.	H. L. RICE, B.A.	W. J. SOMERS.
F. E. BUTCHER.	W. H. GRAHAM.	A. H. LOFFT.

T. D. STANLEY, Pew Steward and Treasurer.



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Quarterly Official and Trustee Boards, 1908.

NAMES.

FIRST ROW—W. J. Somers, J. W. Pearn, Wm. R. Butcher, W. A. McIntyre, Dr. L. L. Follick, John Ready, Dr. W. F. Brown and Frank E. Butcher.

SECOND ROW—George Vice, J. F. Pickard, Hazel White, Dr. J. R. Stanley, Joseph Pearn, George Chapman, L. H. Reesor, Robert Whitworth and A. H. Loft.

THIRD ROW—David Walks, H. L. Rice, B. A., Jeremiah White, Dr. J. Roberts, D. N. McCamus, C. Freeman, T. D. Stanley and Wm. H. Graham.

FOURTH ROW—W. C. Box and W. H. May.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD NOT IN THE PHOTOGRAPH—Rev. Stephen Bond, Rev. John Kirkland, W. W. Haines, Joseph Beavers, Ernest W. White, J. W. Peart, Mrs. F. E. Butcher and Mrs. J. Roberts.

QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARD

1908—1909

REV. D. N. McCAMUS, Pastor

STEWARDS:

T. D. Stanley W. H. Graham J. White J. Ready W. H. May
F. E. Butcher A. H. Lofft, *Recording Steward*

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES:

L. H. Reesor Dr. Stanley J. F. Pickard Dr. L. L. Follick E. W. White
J. W. Peart W. R. Butcher

LOCAL PREACHERS:

Geo. Chapman H. L. Rice, B.A. T. D. Stanley

CLASS LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Jos. Beavers J. Roberts J. Pearn Geo. Chapman R. Whitworth
W. C. Box G. Vice W. W. Haines

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

W. A. McIntyre

PRESIDENT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE:

H. C. White

PRESIDENT OF LADIES' AID:

Mrs. F. E. Butcher

PRESIDENT OF W. M. S.:

Mrs. J. Roberts

REPRESENTATIVE FROM TRUSTEE BOARD:

J. W. Peart

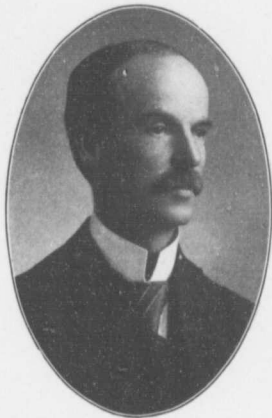
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS:

Rev. S. Bond

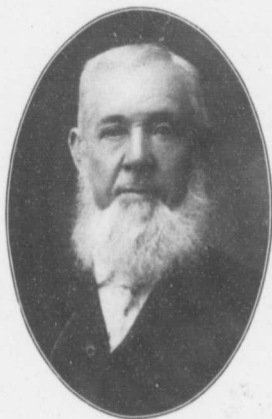
Rev. J. H. Kirkland

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Reported last year 553
Present Membership 575



A. H. Loft,
Recording Steward for eighteen years.



Joseph Beavers,
A Class Leader for 49 years.



E. W. White.



The Woman's Missionary Society, 1908

NAMES.

FIRST ROW—Mrs. Southcombe, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Reesor, Mrs. F. E. Butcher, Mrs. J. O. Mitchell, Mrs. Robert Whitworth, Mrs. James Clubb and Mrs. St. John.

SECOND ROW—Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. R. Gill, Mrs. Dr. J. Roberts (President), Mrs. Vice (Honorary President), Mrs. Joseph Pearn and Mrs. John Copeland.

THIRD ROW—Mrs. McCamus and Mrs. Dunseith.

The Woman's Missionary Society

AN AUXILIARY of the Western Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was organized at St. Marys on the 5th day of October, 1885, with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. C. Henderson; Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Eaton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hilliard; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Rice; Treasurer, Miss Gill. Members enrolled, twenty-three. Amount of money raised, \$40.50. Membership fees, \$22.75.

Since that time the following women have held the office of President: Mrs. Henderson, 1885-6; Mrs. Phillips, 1886-8; Mrs. Campbell, 1888-91; Mrs. Scott, 1891-4; Mrs. Cunningham, 1894-5; Mrs. Roberts, 1895-8; Mrs. George W. Henderson, 1898-1902; Mrs. Roberts, 1902-8.

The present officers are: Honorary President, Mrs. Vice; Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. Jos. Pearn; President, Mrs. Roberts; First Vice-President, Mrs. Gill; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Lindsay; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Copeland; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Southcombe; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bailey; Treasurer, Mrs. Dunseith; Pianist, Mrs. F. E. Butcher; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. J. O. Mitchell; Executive—Mrs. Robert Whitworth, Mrs. Reesor and Mrs. St. John. Amount of money raised last year, \$122.52. Number of members, 69. Life Members, 6. Total, 75.



The Sunday School Officers and Teachers, 1908

NAMES.

FIRST Row—Birdie Hamilton, F. E. Butcher, Minnie Ready, H. L. Rice, B. A., Ella Reesor, Wm. H. Tovell, Mabel Salvadge, George A. Harris, George Chapman, Olive Stanley, L. H. Reesor, Mrs. Southcombe and Wm. H. May.

SECOND Row—Mrs. Wm. Huether, Mrs. McCamus, Hazel White (Assistant Superintendent), Rev. D. N. McCamus, W. A. McIntyre (Superintendent), Ivy G. Butcher, Mrs. Dunseith and Mary L. White.

THIRD Row—Miss Epplett, Iola Tibbets, Hubert Myers, Ada Colley, Frank Butcher, Millie Lewis, Frank Bailey, Eva Whiles and Ethel Armstrong.

The Sunday School

THE first Methodist Sunday School in St. Marys was organized over sixty years ago under the superintendency of Thomas Noice. In 1856 the school was removed from the stone schoolhouse to the new Methodist Church on Church Street, where it grew in numbers and efficiency, keeping pace with the progress of Methodism. In 1869, a frame school room was built. This was occupied until replaced by the present commodious building, erected in 1893, under the superintendency of H. L. Rice, B. A. The Superintendents in order of time were: Thomas Noice, John Neelands, W. L. Hutton, Robert Eaton, Joseph Peart, G. Y. Eaton (who died during his superintendency greatly beloved and sincerely lamented. The memorial service is still remembered.) J. J. Crabbe, Thos. Butcher, T. F. Harrison, H. L. Rice, B.A. (1892-4), T. H. Follick, M. A. (1894-6), A. H. Lofft (1896-7), F. E. Butcher (1897-1900), H. L. Rice, B.A. (1900-1), F. E. Butcher (1901-2), W. C. Box (1902-4), F. E. Butcher (1904-6) and Wm. A. McIntyre (1906-8).

The Staff of Officers and Teachers is represented in the accompanying photograph. They consist of ten officers and twenty-five teachers. The School has an aggregate attendance of 425, and a Cradle Roll of 31.



The Choir of 1908

NAMES (Top to Bottom Rows).

FIRST ROW—H. L. Rice, B. A., J. H. Tuer, F. Ready, F. G. McTavish, Dr. L. L. Follick, H. Ready, W. C. Box, J. W. Peart, Wm. R. McCamus, F. H. Butcher, Howard Martin, Dr. J. R. Stanley and W. J. Swallow.

SECOND ROW—Miss Eva Whiles, Miss Salvadge, Miss M. Robinson, Miss F. Foster, Miss C. Haynes, Mrs. H. L. Rice, Miss Elizabeth Walden, Miss E. V. Reesor.

THIRD ROW—Mrs. J. H. Tuer, Miss M. Freeman, Miss Ivy Butcher, Miss J. E. Ford, Mr. F. C. Thomas, Miss Z. Rea, Miss C. Rea, Miss P. Hamilton and Mrs. L. H. Reesor.

FOURTH ROW—Miss Marion K. McCamus, Miss M. McCamus, Miss G. W. White, Miss C. K. Jickling, B. A., Mrs. F. G. McTavish, Miss M. Follick and Miss Gladys Butcher.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR NOT IN THE PHOTOGRAPH—Miss Ada Colley, Miss E. Cubbon, Miss M. Jickling and Miss Kathleen Rice, B. A., Fred Loft, Hubert Loft.

The Choir

THE Choir dates back to 1856, and was organized by the first leader, John Ford. Subsequent leaders were: J. W. Sparling, Joseph Peart, Mr. Taylor, Amos Harrington, Mr. Broadway, Mr. Cliff, J. J. Crabbe, M. J. Beam, T. H. Follick, M. A., Miss Mennig, T. T. Garner, A. Ross Love, and the present incumbent, F. C. Thomas, L. R. A. M., A. R. C. O.



Among the organists during these years were: C. S. Jones, Miss Bond, Miss Carrie Loto, Miss Lizzie Carter, Miss Shellington, Prof. Goodfellow, Miss Cosford, Prof. Adamson, Mr. Mason (a young Englishman whose brother and sister sang in the choir), Miss M. Shillington, Miss B. McCallum, Miss E. Watt, Miss Bessie Austin, Miss Ella Reesor, and Mr. Hamilton Butcher.

In the early days the choir was composed of Joseph Peart (Leader), the Misses Pearce, Geo. Gavin, Thos. McCullough, the Misses Jones, Miss S. Bailey and Thos. Jones.

The first organ was a pipe organ made by C. S. Jones' father, then a cabinet maker in St. Marys. It was afterwards replaced by a small reed organ which was again replaced with a larger. Subsequently a pipe organ was installed in the year 1886, when Mr. J. J. Crabbe was leader of the choir, and did the duty until 1907 when the present instrument replaced it.



The Epworth League, 1908

NAMES.

FIRST ROW (TOP)—Ivy Butcher, Mary Whiles, Hiram Hooper (Treasurer), Mabel Salvadge, Maud Freeman.

SECOND ROW—Minnie Ready, Olive Stanley, Hazel White (President), Rev. D. N. McCamus, Mrs. W. H. Marshall (Superintendent, Junior League), Birdie Hamilton and Mary L. White (Secretary).

The Epworth League

AT A time antecedent to 1890 the young people of the Methodist Church, St. Marys, were called together and an organization formed for mutual moral and religious improvement, and was known as the "Young People's Society."

This Society was further enlarged in its sphere of usefulness in 1890 by the creation of an Auxiliary called the "Help" Department. The purpose of the Help Department was for works of charity and beneficence. Of this Department the officers-elect were: Miss Jessie Colley, President; Miss Cash, Vice-President; Dr. Gillrie, Secretary; and Wm. C. Box, Treasurer.

On November 9th, 1891, the Young People's Society resolved to accept the constitution and name of the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Rev. J. Scott, M. A.; Mr. S. Little, President; W. C. Box, First Vice-President; Miss Clark, Second Vice-President; Miss S. Wright, Secretary; Mr. T. H. Follick, M. A., Treasurer.

The Epworth League (1908), has a membership of sixty, and raised for missions last year, \$115.00. The officers are: H. C. White, President; Miss Salvadge, First Vice-President; Miss Mary M. Whiles, Second Vice-President; Miss Birdie Hamilton, Third Vice-President; Miss Maud Freeman, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. W. H. Marshall, Fifth Vice-President; Miss Mary L. White, Secretary; Hiram Hooper, Treasurer; Miss Ivy Butcher, Organist.

The Ladies' Aid

FOR many years the women of the Methodist Church have been organized as a "Ladies' Aid" for purposes consistent with our divine mission. The material, social and spiritual life of the congregation has been strengthened, directed and developed by the skilful Christian ministries of the women of our Church. In the church and parsonage are to be seen evidences of the efficiency of this society. The Ladies' Aid is an integral part of the Methodist Church. The President, by virtue of her office, is a member of the Quarterly Official Board. The present membership is sixty-seven.



Ladies' Aid Executive

Mrs. James Clabb, Treasurer; Miss Iola Tibbets, Secretary; Mrs. F. E. Butcher, President; Mrs. D. N. McCamus, Vice-President.

Since 1894, the Presidents in succession have been: Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mrs. James Carter, Mrs. George Vice, and for the last ten years Mrs. F. E. Butcher. The Vice-Presidents were: Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. McCamus, Mrs. Loftt and Mrs. Near. Secretaries: Miss Whitworth, Miss Gilpin, Mrs. C. Wright, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Gill and Miss Tibbets. Treasurers: Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. M. J. Young, Mrs. Garner and Mrs. James Clabb.

Junior Epworth League

OFFICERS for 1908: Superintendent, Mrs. W. H. Marshall; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Olive Stanley; President, Florrie Butcher; Secretary, Willie Butcher; Treasurer, William Southcombe; First Vice-President, Harry May; Second Vice-President, Gladys Butcher; Third Vice-President, Ethel Finch; Fourth Vice-President, Merle Carter; Fifth Vice-President, Winnie Ready; Organist, Gladys Butcher. Money raised last year, \$70.30; contributed to Missions, \$50.00.

The Junior League was organized in 1895 by Mrs. Rice, assisted by Miss Whitworth, Mr. F. Sinkins and Mr. Clayton Freeman. The officers elected were: Kathleen Rice, President; Carrie Martin, Vice-President; Walton Peart, Secretary; Harry Taylor, Treasurer. Committees were appointed. Badges to Pledge-signers distributed and League work assigned. The League met regularly on Friday of each week at 4.15 p.m.



Henry Whitworth.

The Boys' Brigade

THE Boys' Brigade was organized February, 1900, under a constitution modelled after the motto: "Suffer hardships with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." The officers for 1908 are: Charles Burton Simms, President; Harris Brown, Vice-President; Roy Baker, Secretary; Harold Dunseith, Treasurer; Captains, Reginald Martin and Frank Butcher. The Brigade was reorganized November 24th, with a membership of twenty-two.

The Sextons

MR. HENRY WHITWORTH was born in Nottinghamshire, England, in 1833 and is now seventy-five years of age. He was appointed Sexton in 1870 and held the office for thirty-eight years. In addition to his duties as caretaker, he took an active part in church work. He has been succeeded in office by Daniel Ross, who is proving himself a competent man. Mr. Ross entered upon the duties of Sexton, March, 1908.

Our Missionaries



Rev. G. W. Sparling, B. A., B. D.

REV. GEORGE WILBERT SPARLING, B. A., B. D., is the son of Mrs. Robert Sparling, of St. Marys, and was born in Blanshard. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Church, June, 1907, and is a member of the Alberta Conference. On September 10th, 1907, he was married to Miss Dorothy Switzer, of Kirkton, Mr. and Mrs. Sparling are stationed at Dzi, Liu Dzn, Chentu, China, and are supported by the Bowmanville and Whitby Districts.



Mrs. Sparling, B. A.



Dr. W. D. and Mrs. Ferguson.

WILLIAM D. FERGUSON, M. B., graduated in medicine, 1908, and on the 11th day of August was married to Miss Irene Myrtle Marshall, of St. Marys. Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson were appointed to Mission work in China and sailed for that foreign field, October, 1908. They are members of St. Marys Methodist Church.