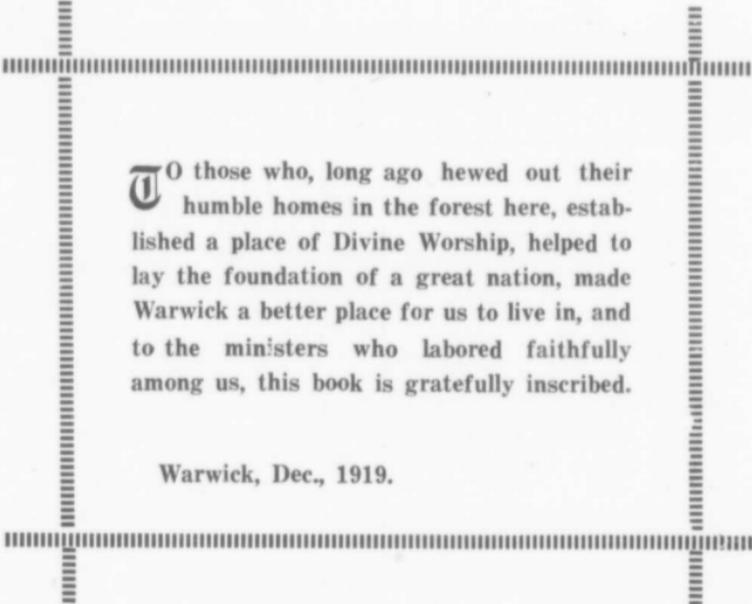


SOUVENIR BOOK
— OF —
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY



Knox Presbyterian Church, Warwick



TO those who, long ago hewed out their
humble homes in the forest here, estab-
lished a place of Divine Worship, helped to
lay the foundation of a great nation, made
Warwick a better place for us to live in, and
to the ministers who labored faithfully
among us, this book is gratefully inscribed.

Warwick, Dec., 1919.

Historical Sketch of Knox Presbyterian Church

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WHEN the early settlers came to this part bringing with them the faith in God that inspired their hearts in the Old Land, there was no place of public worship. The neighbors to the east in Adelaide, worshipped in the little log church on the Main Road, 6 miles away; some of the people from here, including Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross, walked there to service and the Rev. William Dees preached.

Meanwhile the Congregational people built a church on the hill on Jesse Kenward's farm. The Presbyterian people of Warwick organized a congregation too, composed of the Main Road section and the 4th Line section, and Mr. Dees came to preach. He rode, saddle-back, his white horse "Kate" through the woods from Adelaide, along the old stage road, every two weeks, stayed Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cameron and at the Williams and

Marshall homes on the Corner. He preached on the 4th Line in the church by the old cemetery in the morning, and in the Congregational chapel on the hill in the afternoon, so that there was service each Sabbath, the Congregational minister conducting service one week, and the Presbyterian minister the next. Another familiar figure to be seen riding through this part at that time was "Uncle" Joe Little, on his faithful "Toby." He, too, was the friend and helper of everyone and, although he died on the Island of Anticosti, he is buried in the Methodist cemetery at Warwick Village. A Union Sabbath School was held for a time in Kelvin Grove School, till each had their own place of worship and then Sunday School was held in the churches. Mr. Dees lived at the home of Mr. Minielly in Adelaide, on the Main Road, in the red brick house that still stands, but he suffered from a severe affec-

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WARWICK



Rev. William Dees



Rev. E. H. Bauld



Rev. John Abraham, D. D.



tion of the throat and sometimes was scarcely able to preach. He returned to Scotland and soon afterward, died.

In the early days, then, we were connected with the Adelaide congregation and belonged to the Presbytery of London. For a time, some of the people attended communion service at Nairn, because in one part of the day Gaelic was preached.

Then came Rev. Jas. LaFayette, a scholarly Frenchman. He lived in Warwick Village and preached in the two churches. The communion service was held in the 4th Line church, but once, during his pastorate, it was held in the Nairn Road church. In 1866 he removed to Komoka to teach in the Seminary there, and the Rev. E. H. Bauld was appointed to the charge. In the meantime the main road section decided to build a church. Mr. C. J. Kingston had given to the church 100 acres of land, to be used for the support of a minsiter, at, or near, Warwick Village. James Brandon, Robert Auld and James Baird were appointed to select a site, which was donated by Mr. Wm. McLeay, now of Watford, and the work began, the building committee being John McElroy, Wm. Auld, T. D. Lee, David M. Ross, James Baird, Wm. McKenzie, James

Brandon, Robt. Auld, Adam Baird, Robert McLeay, James Thompson and John Ross. The stone for the foundation was brought from Lake Huron and the brick from Mr. C. M. Janes' brickyard. The building went on in 1869 and on the first Sabbath day of 1870 the building was opened and dedicated for worship and was called Knox Church. The morning service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Bauld, the afternoon service by Rev. Mr. Salmon of the Congregational Church, and the evening service by Rev. Mr. Brodie of the Methodist Church.

On the following Tuesday evening the tea-meeting was held. Mr. John Ross was the first elder and was precentor during his life. At that time the congregation remained seated for singing and stood for prayer. The Psalms and Paraphrases were sung, the tunes Old Hundred, Duke Street, New Lydia, Kilmarnock, Boylston and Dennis being among the favorites.

Mr. Bauld resigned in 1871 and in 1873 Rev. John Abraham took the charge. In this year the first shed was built, the building committee being Hugh McKenzie, J. F. Elliott and Wm. Auld. During this pastorate Hugh McKenzie, Robert McLeay and David McKay were ordained elders. In 1879

ELDERS OF KNOX AND WATFORD



From Left to Right (Standing)—R. B. McLeay, Wm. Harris, John Ross,
Wm. Bryce, Hugh McKenzie, David Thom.

From Left to Right (Sitting)—Rev. P. C. Goldie, W a. Auld, S. Anderson,
J. McNaughton, J. Laing, W. P. McLaren.

Rev. Mr. Abraham removed to Whitby where he remained until he retired from the active ministry and is now living in Toronto. In 1880 Rev. Peter C. Goldie was called to the charge and remained till 1884. During this time Mr. Wm. Auld and Mr. Harris were ordained elders.

In 1884 Rev. Hugh Cameron was called to be minister, remaining four years. Under his direction a Board of Management was organized, consisting of nine members, three to retire each year. The pastor held weekly prayer-meetings in the church or in the homes. The Hymnal was used in the service for the first time. The second shed was built in 1888. Mr. Cameron accepted a call to Morrisburg, Ont., where he has remained ever since. He was succeeded by Rev. John H. Graham in 1889. During his pastorate the Christian Endeavor Society was organized and was for many years a great help to the young people.

All along, the Sabbath School was doing a fine work. Mr. John D. Fraser, now of Leamington, helped greatly with the singing and was superintendent for several years. Mr. W. B. Laws, now of Watford, was Bible Class teacher. He too was superintendent. Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McLeay and

Mr. Auld, all elders and Sunday School teachers, died during his pastorate. Mr. Henry Baird was ordained as elder, but later removed to the West.

The Rev. Robert Haddon was inducted in 1897. In 1898 Mr. D. A. Ross was appointed treasurer for the congregation, and still holds the office. In 1899 the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. Robt. McIlveen as the first president. Following her were Miss Margaret McLeay, Mrs. Robert Laws and Mrs. David Auld. In the same year the organ was first used, with Miss Jean Ross organist for the church service and Miss Christie McKenzie for the Sabbath School. Others who assisted later were Mr. Henry Kent, Miss Verna Auld, Miss Alice McGregor and Miss Anna Auld.

Mr. Haddon resigned to accept a position on the staff of "The Presbyterian and Westminster," the church magazine, of which he is now editor, so that we still have his messages coming to us each week.

The Rev. E. B. Horne, of Brantford, was then called to the charge. Mrs. Horne organized the Women's Home Missionary Society with Miss Jean Ross as president. The two societies were united in 1914. The



Rev P. C. Goldie



Rev. Hugh Cameron



Rev. J. H. Graham



Robt. McKenzie



The Present



Milton E. Barrett

Session



W. D. McKenzie



Robt. Laws



D. A. Ross



shed was remodelled in 1908, the two being made into one closed-in building, and a tea-meeting was held in the fall. During this pastorate Mr. John Ross died and Mr. Robt. McIlveen removed to the West.

Members of the present session are Mr. Robert McKenzie, senior elder and session clerk; Mr. Milton Barrett, former Sunday School superintendent; Mr. W. D. McKenzie, present Sunday School superintendent; Mr. Robert Laws, former Sunday School teacher; Mr. D. A. Ross, church treasurer.

Rev. Mr. Horne accepted a call to St.

Andrew's Church, Renfrew in August, 1912, and the present pastor, Rev. J. C. Forster, was inducted in December, 1912. Since his coming a number, especially of the young people, have united with the church. All who answered the country's call have returned in health. The work in the Sunday School is going along well. The congregation is in a prosperous condition, but is looking for greater things in the Forward Movement era and Golden Jubilee year, all the while "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."





Rev. Robt. Haddon



Rev. E. B. Horne



Rev. J. C. Forster



The Present Membership

Mr. and Mrs. John Aitken
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Auld
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Auld
 Mrs. David Auld
 Miss Ena Iles
 Miss Anna Auld
 Mr. Franklin Auld
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Baird
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. Baird
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barrett
 Mr and Mrs. Ed. Cundick
 Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cundick
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carroll
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fleming
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Janes
 Mr. E. Janes
 Mrs. C. Joynt
 Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Laws
 Miss Jean Laws

Miss Helen Laws
 Mr. and Mrs. John Leggate
 Miss Amy Leggate
 Mrs. F. J. Fenner
 Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McKenzie
 Miss Jessie McKenzie
 Miss Grace McKenzie
 Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKenzie
 Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McKenzie
 Miss Mary McKenzie
 Miss Margaret McKenzie
 Miss Charlotte Magee
 Mr. and Mrs. James McElroy
 Mr. and Mrs. John Minielly
 Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McKay
 Mr. Thos. McKay, Jr.
 Mrs. Wm. Perry
 Mr. and Mrs. James Perry
 Mr. and Mrs. Mac Perry
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry
 Mr. Gordon Perry

Mrs. John Ross
 Mrs. David Ross, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ross
 Mr. Kenneth Ross
 Miss Annie Ross
 Miss Mary Ross
 Miss Lillian Ross
 Miss Alice McGregor
 Miss Jennie Meriman
 Mr. Horace Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thompson
 Mrs. O. Weaver
 Mr. and Mrs. James Wills
 Miss Dora Wills
 Mr. James Wills, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waun
 Mr. James Waun
 Mr. Wm. Waun, Jr.

Sabbath School Officers and Teachers

Superintendent—Mr. W. D. McKenzie

Assistant—Mr. Wm. Carroll

Sec.-Treas.—Mr. Clarence Joynt

Assistant—Mr. Cameron McKenzie

Organist—Miss Anna Auld

Librarian—Miss Alice McGregor

Teachers—

Mr. Robt. McKenzie

Mr. D. A. Ross

Mrs. Wm. Auld

Miss Ena Iles

Miss Annie Ross

Miss Mary McKenzie

Miss Lillian Ross

Present Board of Management

Robert McKenzie

Ed. Cundick

Wm. Carroll

David Auld

C. E. Janes

Peter Fleming

John Leggate

Donald McLeay

James Smith

Those Who Enlisted Here

Sergt. Matthew Cunningham	Pte. Lloyd Cook
Pte. Horace Smith	Pte. Robt. Ross
Pte. Robert Thompson	Pte. James Wills

Those from Here Who Enlisted Elsewhere

Nursing Sister Miss Nellie Leggate	George Leggate
Dr. W. J. McKenzie	Guy Lucas
Norman McKenzie	Harry Hoborough, died in France, 1917.
Lorne Janes	Clarence Barnes
Robt. Janes	Sidney Welch



THE Members of the Session of Knox Church desire to express gratitude to Miss Lilian Ross for the careful preparation of this historical sketch, and also to add that Miss Ross has for many years taken an active part in the work of the Sunday School, in the Women's Missionary Society and in all other departments of the work of the Church, and since the decease of her father in 1905, has filled with faithfulness and ability the position of leader of the Service of Praise

