

East End Methodist Church

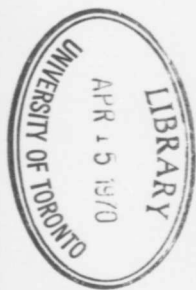
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OF

## EAST END METHODIST CHURCH

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In the year 1826 a "society" was formed in the "Quebec suburbs," as the east end of the city was then called, and in the following year a small chapel and school house were erected in Gain street for the accommodation of the congregation and the children of families living in the neighborhood. This chapel was a frame building, about forty feet long, by twenty-four wide, and of very unpretentious appearance, both inside and out. In those days there were but a few scattered houses to be seen in what is to-day the thickly populated section of the east end, and cattle grazed in the fields in which the site of the present East End Church was then situated. At that time things that seem, to the present generation, to have "always been," either did not exist or were new to the people of the time. Old St. James was then (1827) the centre and spring of Montreal Methodism, and was the only church owned by the denomination in the city. The Rev. Dr. Stinson was the pastor of St. James Church, which was situated at the corner of St. James and St. Francois Xavier streets.

The members of the new "society," as the early communicants of the Methodist Church called themselves, when they first banded together as a church, were ministered to partly by the pastors of "St. James" and partly by local preachers and class leaders. Good progress was made during the first ten years of the society's existence, so that in 1837 the congregation had increased to such an extent that it was found necessary to secure a new chapel.

The cause in the east end found a true and generous friend at this period in Mr. James Ferrier, afterwards the Honorable Senator Ferrier, who fitted up a neat and commodious place of worship on Montcalm street near Notre Dame street, which he presented to the society. The meeting place on Montcalm street is described as a long upper room in a frame building which stood between Notre Dame street, the east end of which was called St. Mary's street, and the river, and was used as a chair factory on week days.

The following entry appeared in the records of the trustees of St. James's Church on this subject, dated Oct. 24, 1837: "Resolved, That we cheerfully accept the charge of the building in the Quebec suburbs, so generously fitted up by Mr. Ferrier, at his own expense, for the worship of God, and that the thanks of this meeting are hereby tendered to Mr. Ferrier for this kind and liberal offer."

This place was occupied by the society free of charge until 1845, when the present church in Lagauchetiere street, corner of Plessis street was erected.

In this year the present East End Church was opened by the senior pastor of the circuit, the Rev. Matthew Richey, D.D., and the Rev. G. H. Davies was placed in charge as the first regular minister of the new independent church. The total number of communicants connected with the Methodist body at that time in Montreal was 770, and those directly connected with the East End Church numbered about one hundred.



REV. MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D.



REV. G. H. DAVIES,  
First Pastor of the E. E. M. Church.

The original cost of the East End Church was \$23,401.

The Rev. Dr. Richey was a man in every way remarkable; majestic in bearing, elegant in manners and undoubtedly one of the most eloquent ministers of his day.

The Rev. Mr. Davies entered the ministry in England in 1842. He studied for two years at the Richmond Institute, London, England, was ordained on Nov. 9, 1845, and Montreal was his first station. He is remembered on account of his great earnestness. He remained in the active work for forty years, at the end of which time he was compelled, through bodily infirmity, to ask for superannuation.

The year 1845 marked the beginning of a new era for Methodism in Montreal. On July 27 the second St. James Street Church—the third building occupied by the congregation—was opened. Upon their leaving the former church at the corner of St. Francois Xavier street, almost the entire furnishings were taken out of it and placed

in the new Lagauchetiere street building, which was ready for opening a few weeks later. One of the articles taken from the old St. James Street Church was the pulpit, which was—until recently—used in the East End Church. It must have been built in 1821. The style of this pulpit was its greatest peculiarity, its height being a remarkable feature. It was once a "double-decker," and was evidently designed for the use of a preacher and a clerk, a lesson reader or a precentor. The galleries at one time went all the way round the interior of the church, but the end over the entrance to the church has not been used for many years and is now partitioned off. The seats have the old-fashioned straight backs.

The basement has been altered several times and now affords abundant accommodation for Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor meetings and social gatherings.



REV. GEORGE DOUGLAS, LL.D.



REV. E. B. RYCKMAN, D.D.

The church proper, with galleries will seat about seven hundred persons. It is a large plain-looking stone building, and in its early days was one of the most comfortable and commodious in the city. The style of exterior architecture is of the Grecian Doric order, the front being a reproduction of an ancient Greek temple and is quite interesting to lovers of antiquity. The entrance, which is on Lagauchetiere street, is ornamented with four large Doric pillars supporting an angular pediment. The windows are of the old style, having small panes.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Davies, the Rev. Messrs. Chas. Churchill and Dr. Richey and others often preached in this church, by exchange of pulpits.

The Rev. (afterwards Dr. Lachlin Taylor, was pastor in 1848. The Rev. John Jenkins, D.D., LL.D., and the Rev. C. De Wolfe were pastors at St. James and frequently preached in the East

End Church by way of a change, as also did the Rev. Charles LaVell.

The Rev. G. N. A. F. T. Dickson succeeded to the pastorate in 1851.

The late Rev. Geo. Douglas, D.D., was pastor of the East End Methodist Church in the years 1852 and 1853. During the early years of his ministry he gave promise of an exceptionally brilliant career, which promise was more than attained to the highest rank in Canadian Methodism. For many years he occupied the responsible position of Principal of the Montreal Methodist Theological College, which position he held at the time of his death. He was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Shaw. At a meeting of the International Missionary Union at Clifton Springs, in July, 1893, a correspondent of the New York "Independent," describing the meeting, says:—"The most memorable event of the meeting was the sermon on Sunday morning by the Rev. Dr. George Douglas, President of the Methodist Theological College, Montreal. The striking contrast between the appearance of the man and the quality of the sermon, made it more memorable. A man totally blind, who cannot walk without support, nor stand without something solid to lean against, with no use of his hands, every finger being rigidly and unalterably closed, with a linen handkerchief drawn in between the ends of the fingers and the palm of the right hand and carefully tied to the thumb, that it may be secure thus, this wonderful man is placed before his audience, leaning against his pulpit. Slowly and with full voice, he announces his text: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also." "Tribulation," he said "is the law of physical development."

Referring to the struggle in the birth of Light, he asked, "Who art thou, oh thou brilliant messenger?" "I am the cast-away child of the physical tribulation," was the reply." 2. Tribulation is the law of all noble achievement. 3. The divine law is the formation of noblest character. 4. It is the pledge of divinest sympathy.

"It is impossible to give a comprehensive idea of the beauty of thought and language in this sermon and address. With a lofty and comprehensive range of thought the language from beginning to end was rapturous with poetic inspiration. It must have been heard to be appreciated, and to be heard is never to be forgotten."

The next to follow the Rev. Dr. Douglas was the Rev. Dr. J. H. Bishop in 1854. In 1854 Methodism in Montreal was divided into three circuits—centre, east and west.

The division caused trouble, however, owing to the manner in which the arrangement was carried out by those in authority, and resulted in driving from the Methodist cause in Montreal a large percentage of the membership of two congregations. This movement seriously affected the East End Church, as 183 members out of a total of 248, including all the officials but one, withdrew.

The seceders invited the New Connexion Methodist Church to open a cause in Montreal, with the result that a new church was built on Panet street for those living in the east end, and another on Dupre lane for those in the western circuit.

The Rev. J. H. Bishop was appointed to the East End Church in 1854 and had a rather hard time. One of those who stayed with the East End Church in its hour of trial was Mr. John Burrell. The work was maintained and in time recovered from the effects of the unfortunate circumstances.

Rev. J. Jones took charge in 1855; Rev. G. E. Sanderson in 1856-57; Rev. E. B. Ryckman in 1858-59; Rev. W. R. Parker in 1860-62.

The Rev. W. R. (now Dr.) Parker, was the first minister to remain for a term of three years.

During Mr. Parker's time a free school was started to supply the



REV. H. F. BLAND.



REV. JOHN BORLAND.

needs of those who were unable to afford education for their children even at a low charge. There were no public schools in the east end at that time and the fees charged by private schools were too high for many to pay. This school was kept up as a free undenominational day school for eight years with an average attendance of about seventy pupils. The poorest were even supplied with books free, and in addition to all this the ladies of the church treated the children to a Christmas dinner fit for the Queen. This speaks volumes for the East End pioneers, and many men filling positions of responsibility with success to-day can testify to having received their education there. The success of the undertaking was largely



due to Miss Jean P. Campbell, who took hold of the work in a missionary spirit and won the lasting gratitude of hundreds of pupils.

The Rev. Henry F. Bland succeeded Dr. Parker in 1863. He was the first married preacher in charge of the church.\* It is worthy of remark that up to this late date the accounts of the church were all kept in Halifax currency, or pounds, shillings and pence. The change to "dollars and cents" was made in 1864. The first Ladies' Aid Society in this church was organized during his term.

The Rev. John Borland followed, assisted by the Rev. S. J. Hunter. They had Sherbrooke Street Church to look after also. Mr. Borland was one of the pioneers of Methodism and was a colleague of the Rev. Wm. Squire in 1841. He held numerous important appointments, including the presidency of the Montreal Conference.



REV. S. J. HUNTER.



REV. WM. GALBRAITH.

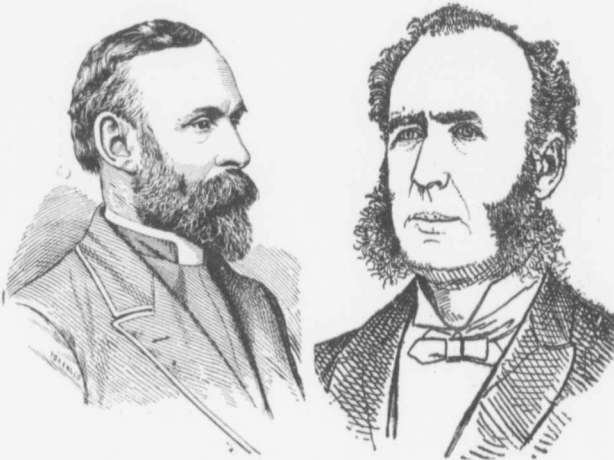
chairmanship of several districts and had charge of some of the most influential churches. He was a champion of the cause of the Oka Indians at the time of their land troubles, many years ago.

The Rev. J. A. Gordon followed him, and he in turn was succeeded by the Rev. Wm. Galbraith, D.D., in 1872 to 1874.

Dr. Galbraith was a theologian and argumentative preacher. During his postorate Sherbrooke Street Church separated from the East End and became an independent congregation. It was also during his term that the present organ was placed in the East End Church.

Musical matters as well as other branches of the work had been developing during the flight of years, and the time had come when a modern organ was thought desirable. The days of the precentor or man who "pitched" the tunes had long since passed. A small

"Alexandre" harmonium had seen service and had been succeeded by a small pipe organ which was purchased from one of the Baptist churches. But the latter was now out of date and a committee, two of whose members were Dr. Robins and Mr. Jos. Eveleigh, was appointed. The committee found that the organ formerly in use in the American Presbyterian Church was for sale. That church once stood at the corner of McGill and St. James street. The congregation worshipped in the Normal School building while their new church on Dorchester street was being built, and the organ (Warren make) was moved up there. But the new church had to have a new organ, so the "Warren" Company took the old one back and sold it to the East End. This was in 1874.



REV. DR. J. B. SAUNDERS.

REV. J. KINES.

The musical service in this church has always been noted for its heartiness, we have never had a paid singer, nor a Godless choir. Long before we had an organ Mr. John Mitchell led the choir acceptably, giving many of his best years, freely to the work. Mr. Geo. Vary also rendered good service as leader. Professor Miller, band master of the 60th Rifles, took charge and was very successful in his training.

Dr. S. P. Robins took charge of the first small organ, giving his services free. He was succeeded by Mr. Howard Ransom. About this time the present large pipe organ was installed—then we had as organist and leaders of the choir, Miss Symmester, Mr. Herbert Patton, Mr. S. F. Robins, Arthur Cornelle, Miss Shuttleworth (now Mrs. Ahern), who resigned in 1894 and was followed by Miss

Bella Tarlton, who, for several years, gave acceptable service. When she resigned Mrs. Ahern again proved herself a capable organist and leader. Miss May Gifford, her successor, is well appreciated as organist and Mr. R. F. Richardson as leader.

Rev. Dr. D. V. Lucas was pastor in 1878-80. He remained three years. He was also for a number of years engaged in lecturing on behalf of the temperance cause. The Rev. Mr. McCann was a sympathetic and attractive preacher. He was an Irishman and a brother of Vicar-General McCann, of the Roman Catholic Church in the diocese of Toronto.

The Rev. Dr. Saunders, after a two years' term, was appointed principal of Stanstead College. His removal from the East End



REV. ALFRED McCANN.



REV. WM. HALL.

was strongly opposed by the officials and congregation, who desired his valuable services for another year. He has been called the "model preacher." The church was first called the "East End" Methodist Church, during the pastorate of the Rev. Richard Whiting.

The late Rev. Wm. Hall, M.A., an old Montreal boy, was one of the pastors of this church. While among this people he succeeded in raising over five hundred dollars for the Protestant Insane Asylum at Verdun. He afterwards became Principal of the French Methodist Institute at Westmount. Mr. Hall was the first Select Councillor of Orient Council, No. 19, R. T. of T., and was the one who suggested at the formation of the Council in the East End Church, that it be named "Orient."

Rev. F. C. Reynolds was pastor in 1895-96. He remained two years

The Rev. G. G. Huxtable remained in the East End Methodist Church for a term of four years. He was then the oldest preacher in the active work of the ministry in the Montreal Conference. He was born in Devonshire, England, and commenced to preach in 1850, and has been at it constantly with very little rest ever since. He entered the ministry in the British Wesleyan Conference, and early in his ministry was appointed to the West India Islands; though still retaining his membership with the British Conference. He has been thirty years in the Canadian field.



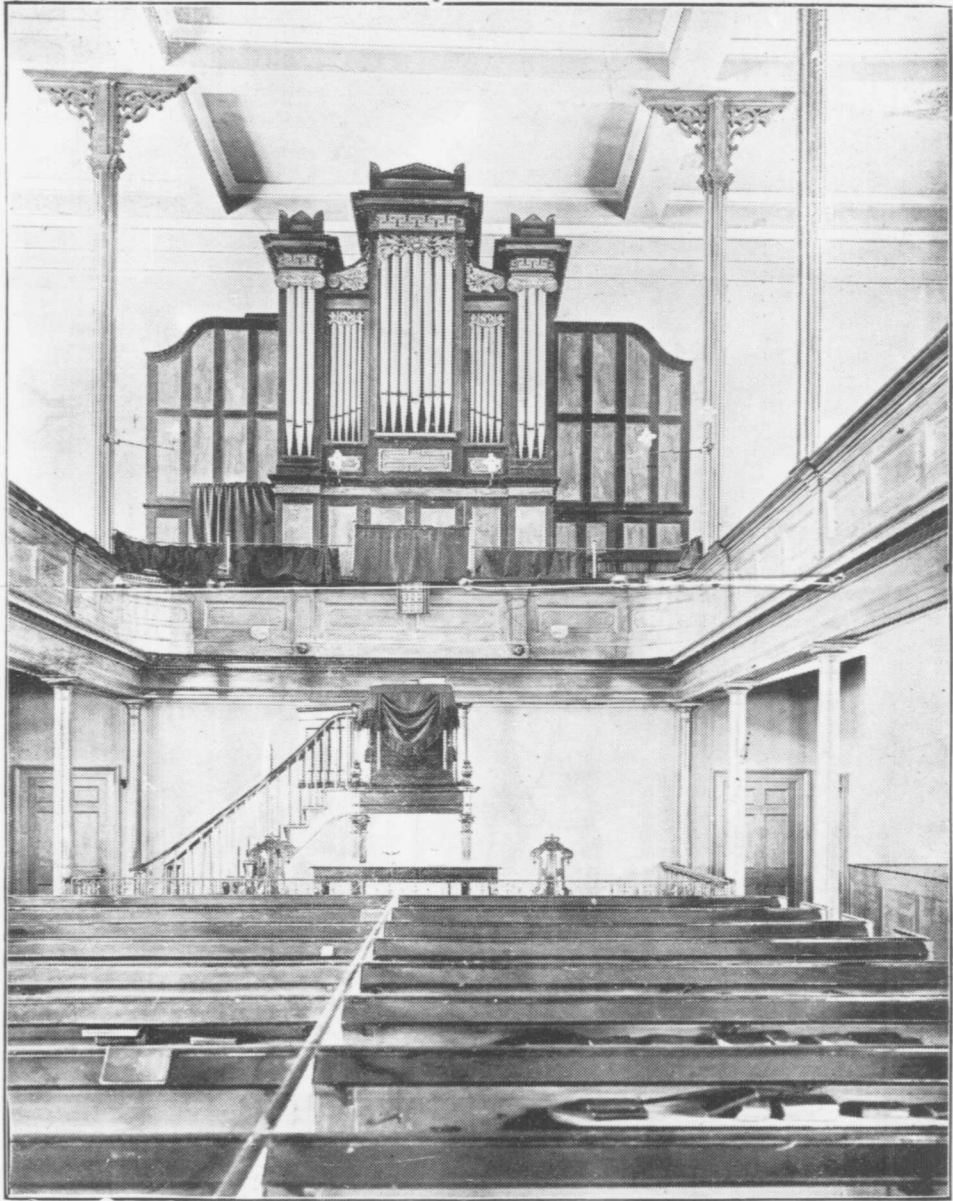
REV. G. G. HUXTABLE.



REV. F. C. REYNOLDS.

THE FORMER PASTORS OF THE CHURCH—1845 to 1904.

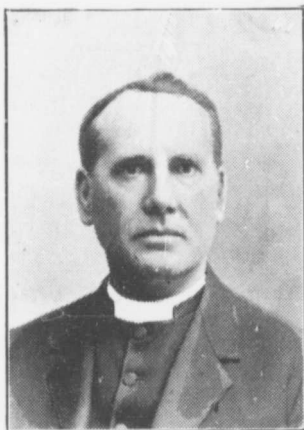
In 1845-46, the Rev. John Jones was pastor; in 1846-47, the Rev. J. E. Sanderson; in 1848, the Rev. Lachland Taylor; in 1849-51, the Rev. G. N. A. F. T. Dickson; in 1852, the Rev. George Douglas, D.D.; in 1854, the Rev. J. M. Bishop; in 1855, the Rev. J. Jones, in 1856-57, the Rev. J. E. Sanderson; in 1858-59, the Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D.; in 1860-62, the Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D.; in 1863-65, the Rev. H. F. Bland, (father of the Rev. Messrs. C. and S. Bland), the assistant, the Rev. Thomas Derrick; in 1866-68, the Revs. John Borland and S. J. Hunter, (brother of the Rev. Dr. Hunter, of this city); in 1869-71, the Revs. G. A. Gordon and Alexander Campbell; in 1872-74, the Rev. Wm. Galbraith, D.D.; in 1875-77, the Rev. Richard Whiting; in 1878-80, the Rev.



The Interior of the Old East End Methodist Church.

D. V. Lucas, D.D.; in 1881-82, the Rev. J. B. Saunders., M. D.; in 1883, the Rev. J. M. Hagar, M.A.; in 1884-86, the Rev. James Kines; in 1887-88, the Rev. Wm. Hall, M.A.; in 1889-91, the Rev. Alfred McCann; in 1892-94, the Rev. Foster McAmond, B.A.; in 1895-96, the Rev. F. C. Reynolds; in 1897-1900, the Rev. G. G. Huxtable; in 1901-1904, E. W. Crane.

Rev. Edward Ward Crane, was born in the County of Gray, Ont., of Irish parentage. He was educated at Cobourg Collegiate Institute and Victoria College. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Church on the Franklin Centre Circuit, Quebec, in 1874, and was ordained under the presidency of the late Rev. John Borland, in Brockville, in June, 1878.



REV. E. W. CRANE.



REV. W. H. STEVENS,  
Present Pastor.

The Rev. William Hansford Stevens is a son of the late Major S. A. Stevens of Sherbrooke.

In 1885, and prior to entering the Christian ministry, Mr. Stevens went to Montreal as assistant-secretary of the Y.M.C.A. which position he held for three years.

He took his Theological course at the Wesleyan Theological College and with it a partial course at McGill. He was ordained at the Cornwall Conference by the Rev. Dr. Jackson, the President of that year. Previous to his ordination, Mr. Stevens was stationed on the Calumet and Grenville Circuit for one year and afterwards

became the first minister of the Bell Street Church, Ottawa, which church was established and built while he had charge of the parish.

Since his ordination, Mr. Stevens has had charge of the following churches: Hudson, St. Lambert and St. Henry, Montreal. He came to the East End from Knowlton, Que., where he had been stationed for the past three years.



HON. JAS. FERRIER.  
(See Page 3.)



COLONEL JOHN LITTLE.  
Ex-Mayor of London, Ont.

#### THE QUARTERLY BOARDS OF 1855—1886.

The minute-book, beginning on July 31, 1855, and ending Nov. 11, 1886, furnishes the names of those who composed the quarterly boards, viz.: Messrs. T. D. Hood, A. W. Hood, Angus McPhie, John Ballard, G. Connolly, Hunter, John Lewis, John McComb, Ransom, John Ferns, H. Ransom, Cooper, John Burrell, Geo. Daffield, Isaac Cleary, Edward Pickup, Fessenden, W. Sweet, John Millen, Richard Holland, (ex-alderman of this city); Robt. Graham, W. A. Johnston, H. Cross, Thos. Cassidy Robt. Nicholson, Jas. Cassidy, David McMillen, superintendent of the House of Industry, of this city; S. P. Robins, (Dr.); Edward Thompson, James McMillen, Sergt.-Major Davis, W. H. Rosevear, Samuel Hatton, G. A. Sargison, John Goodbody, John H. Greliston, Thos. Costen, sr., J.

Severight, Jameson, McGowan, John Palmer, Thos. Crane, Allen, Henry Vine, Fisher, Robt. Miller, Watson, Matthewson, Rivet, Ellis Dickson, Young, J. Milne, J. Lund, John Terrill, Sinclair, Wm. Dawson, Chas. Wilson, Henry Armstrong, P. F. Ferguson, William Armstrong, Jas. Lord, S. R. Pickards, Francis Corner, Andrew Irwin, Thos. Boyes, James Murray, John Green, Chas. Deacon, Arthur Pickard, Wm. Green, Thos. Green, Edward Smith, Thos. Luscomb, Jas. McCracken, Robt. Clendinneng, George Deacon, Geo. Dickson, Wm. Cole, John Weldon, A. W. Kneeland, Ph. D.; J. R. Johnston, Wm. Smith, James Hamilton Ferns, J. Rennick, John Best, Thos. Fox, James Wynn, Peadon, Jas. Mitchell, J. Peterson, S. F. Robins, A. McGregor, Joseph Carson, sec. Dominion Alliance); H. Gillespie, Wm. Ford, Wm. Strang, T. Hinchcliff, John Mills, Wm. Gallagher, Johnston Oatey, Ed. Bulmer, Chas. Cornell, J. H. McComb, jr., Thos. Carthart, J. L. Palmer, J. Brown, Clippendale, Davis, Jackson, Skeith, Walter Lancey and T. McComb, A. Humphreys, Opzoomer, C. Perkins, W. G. Joslin, W. Hart, Normington, Carpenter, J. Parsons, Wilson, Waldron, Tucker, A. Lewthwaite, sr., R. Lewthwaite, jr., John Flower, J. Gilliland, S. R. Burrell, W. Burrell, B. Tarlton, A. Ahern, J. Dickinson, T. Hutchinson, W. F. Borland Wm. Owers, Bryant, Jones, Langtree, D. Hurst, G. Lambton, J. Musgrove and George Deacon.

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Messrs. T. D. Hood and A. W. Hood were circuit stewards and generous supporters of the East End and other Methodist churches in the city. One of the latter's sons, A. W. Hood, Jr., became a Methodist minister and has preached in the East End Church.

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Another person to be remembered was the late Mr. John McComb, who was a member of the quarterly board from some time previous to 1855, and up to 1890, was the one official who did not join the New Connexion at the time of the secession. He was the oldest and one of the most respected members of the church, and was a class leader for very many years.

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Another name worthy of special mention is Mr. John Millen, class leader for a number of years. Everybody who knew him regarded him as a sincere Christian. His prayers and exhortations at the prayer meetings are not forgotten yet. Mr. Millen was city missionary for a number of years, under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city.

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The late Mr. Richard Richards, local preacher, must not be passed without a tribute being paid to his noble example and abundant works.

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The name of the late Miss Catherine Curry who on account of her many deeds of mercy, was called "the angel of the Quebec Suburbs," must not be passed without a tribute being paid to her noble example and abundant works.



This record would be incomplete, without referring to the succession of noble women who have devoted their best services to the furthering of the interests of this Church. The greater number of whom have passed over to the silent majority.

In early times we had Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. E. Pickup, Miss C. Currie, Mrs. R. Connolly, Mrs. Greig. The late Mrs. A. W. Hood, Mrs. W. Peatman, the late Mrs. T. D. Hood, Mrs. Thomas Little, Miss Little, Mrs. Robt. Nicholson, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. David McMillen, Mrs. Terrill, Mrs. Weldon, Mrs. John Ferns, Mrs. John Burrell, for many years treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, Mrs. Costen, Mrs. Ellis, E. Dickson, Mrs. Martinson, Mrs. S. F. Robins, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. E. S. Lancey, Mrs. A. G. Fisher and Mrs. John Wil-



MR. AND MRS JOHN MCGARRY.

son. Two of those who have lately crossed the line deserve special notice. Mrs. W. Wilkinson was a noble example of unselfishness, and was foremost in every good work—preferring the interests of the East End Church to her own.

Mrs. John McGarry, sincerely regretted, was another self-denying woman who devoted her best services to this church during

a long and active life. She was present at the last Sunday service held in the old church, Sept. 25th, 1904. After reaching her home she took ill and died within a few hours and was buried from the church she loved so much.

These, with many others, rendered most efficient service to the church and through it to society.

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Among the many who have removed to other fields of labor whose work and service have been highly appreciated by the congregation, we name a few as memory may suggest: Mrs. Jas. Kyle, Miss Bailard, Miss Rayburn, late Mrs. Smardon, Mrs. John Little, of London, Mrs. W. H. Kollmyer, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. A. W. Hood, Mrs. Kneeland, the Misses Terrill, Mrs. J. McComb, Mrs. J. H. Ferns, Mrs. Flower, Mrs. Gough, Miss Shen-  
nick, Miss Lizzie and Florence Fox, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Ahern, Mrs. Dorion. The Misses Maria and Fanny Mitchell who excelled in the service of song when the tuning fork was the only musical instrument we had. Mrs. Geo. Mitchell, Mrs. G. S. Rorke, Mrs. S. R. Burrell, Miss Lillian Robins, Mrs. W. H. Weldon, the Misses Wynn, Miss Effie Lamb, Mrs. Fox. Mrs. S. P. Robins has been president and secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society for years and has given her services to this church unstintingly. also Mrs. John Mills.

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Formerly the ladies conducted a Dorcas Society, making up warm garments chiefly for the children of the Sunday school who were needy. Lately the necessity for this passed, and a committee of the teachers has been formed who takes charge of this department of work.

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The energy of the ladies then found vent in a wider field, and they formed the Women's Missionary Society, a branch of the larger association.

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Of the men who have ceased to work here or gone to other fields of labor we have space to name but a very few. Mr. T. M. Fox, who has, for a number of years, so successfully filled the office of trustee steward. Mr. John McGarry, aged 86, the oldest

member now living, who has liberally supported the church throughout his lifetime, and Mr. Jos. Mills who was ready for any service. Mr. W. F. Borland—but time would fall to name all who though absent are ever remembered.

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It is not difficult to eulogize the dead or the absent, but when we single out or praise a few out of a numerous band of earnest workers the task seems serious.



MRS. T. L. HINCHLIFF.

There are two names deserving of special notice for their more abundant labors: Mrs. Hinchliff who, in addition to a general interest in all departments of church work, has charge of the primary department, "a work of love," and, with her band of helpers, is very successful.

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Mrs. Morrison has for years taken charge of the Band of Hope, giving up much of her time to it besides taking a general interest in all church work.

The last wedding in the old church was celebrated on the 26th May, 1904, contracting parties being Mr. Wm. Crussel and Miss Maggie Wilson.

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The last funeral to leave the old church was that of Mrs. John McGarry, on the 28th September, 1904.

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The last Sunday service were held on the 25th September, 1904. Morning preacher, Rev. Dr. W. Jackson; evening speakers, Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. Dr. Griffith, Professor Kneeland and Colonel Little, of London, Ont. The Rev. W. H. Stevens, pastor, in the chair.

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The last week night service was conducted in the auditorium of the church on Wednesday, 28th, 1904. The pastor preached and at the close of the service the sacrament was administered to about seventy-five persons—some partaking of it for the first time.



Two other names that must not be omitted in this connection of those who rendered valuable services to the Church and Sabbath-school are Mr. A. C. Bennett, who filled the office of secretary to the Sabbath-school for many years, and was a favorite with all the scholars—the other is the late Mr. Fred. Bennett, who was librarian of the school, and also helped in the church choir.

Mrs. Ewan, wife of Dr. Ewan, formerly Miss S. J. Lewthwaite, and a former member of the church and Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and a teacher in the Sunday School, was with her husband, laboring on the mission field in China, whither they went in 1897.



MRS. (DR.) EWAN.



DR. R. B. EWAN.

There are connected with the church the usual Ladies' Aid Society, the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and a woman's missionary society, all of which are doing splendid work.

The Sunday-school has always been one of the leading features in connection with this church. Its record would make a very interesting history of itself.

The earliest records have been lost, but a banner still in possession of the school bears the date 1833, from which it is reasonable to suppose that it was organized in that year, if not before. It would appear that the late Dr. Geo. Douglas and Mr. Archie Bennett were two of the earliest superintendents of this school. The sessions then were held at 2.30 o'clock on Sunday after-

noons. The records extant give the following list of superintendents for the years indicated:—1856-57, Mr. Connolly; 1858-64, Mr. Pickup; 1864-65, Mr. Rosevear; 1867-73, Mr. A. W. Hood; 1874-76, Mr. A. Irwin; 1877-78, Mr. McCracken; 1878-79, Mr. T. B. Johnston; 1879, Mr. And. Irwin and Hy. Armstrong; 1880, Mr. H. Armstrong; 1881, Mr. T. McComb; 1882-84, Mr. Jas. Murray; 1885-86, the Rev. Jas. Kines; 1887-88, Mr. J. H. Ferns; 1889, Mr. J. H. Ferns; 1890-93, Mr. J. Flower; 1894, the Rev. F. McAmmond; 1895-96, Mr. Andrew Irwin; from 1897 to 1903, Mr. Geo. Deacon who was ably assisted by Mr. A. G. E. Ahern.

A morning school was started also in 1856, which was kept up until 1876 under the following superintendents: Mr. Pickup, D. McMillen, Mr. Eckroyd, Mr. Vine, Andrew Irwin and Mr. Ellis Dickson. The names of Mr. A. C. Bennett as secretary and Mr. Fred. Bennett librarian, are also tenderly remembered.

Prof. A. W. Kneeland was connected with the old church for many years. He filled the office of circuit steward in a very able manner. As a local preacher he frequently preached from the old pulpit. By request he has written the following, concerning it:

The old pulpit of the East End Methodist Church was the most quaint and at the same time the most elegant piece of furnishing in the building.

Standing high on four beautifully wrought supports, at first sight it seemed frail and, to a timid man, somewhat dangerous; but when the man of God had reached his seat within, he found it his ideal of comfort; and the perfect command of every part of the large edifice which it afforded, at once destroyed his first feeling of dislike, while the splendid character of its construction was soon made manifest by the unyielding firmness of the structure.

Just as the change of a single word in a passage of Scripture, often mars the beauty of the whole group, so the slightest change in the form or position of the old pulpit seemed to mar its beauty and render it out of harmony with the architecture of the edifice. Indeed the pulpit seemed designed for the Church and the Church for the pulpit; so far as form and position were concerned. But when the past worshippers in the East End Church come to recall the great and good men who have adorned the old pulpit and who from it have expounded the word of God to trusting believers, uttered blessed promises to weary and discouraged pilgrims and in no uncertain tones declared God's judgments upon the impenitent, then a feeling akin both to awe and love is awakened; and to anyone who would lay ruthless hands upon that sacred thing, one would be constrained to use words similar to those of the poet—"Woodman, spare that tree; In youth it sheltered me; And I'll protect it still."

There is little in the beauty of the design; there is little in the excellency of the material; but in the sacred memories that cling around the old pulpit, there is more than a passing sentiment.



DR. S. P. ROBINS.

It is with much pleasure we refer to the ministry so freely rendered by Dr. S. P. Robins in the pulpit. His sermons were replete with good common sense, and were models of Christian teachings, he was local preacher, class leader and teacher. His lengthy service to this church is worthy of more than a passing notice.

As our space in this pamphlet is somewhat limited, we can but briefly refer to a few of those who belonged to the Church:

The late Robert Nicholson, in his capacity as Trustee Steward, rendered valuable help to the church for a number of years, and was one of its large financial supporters. His four sons—George, Robert, William and John were also connected with the society, and three of them in turn were Secretary to the Sabbath School.

Mr. James Hamilton Ferns, filled the offices of Trustee Steward and Sabbath School Superintendent with acceptance. His uncle, Mr. John Ferns, was also connected with the church for a number of years, and was a cheerful contributor to its funds.

Mr. Joseph Eveleigh, who, for a number of years worshipped in this church, never failed to give tangible evidence of his interest in the prosperity of its work.

The late Mr. John Ballard was so regular in his attendance, that his absence for one Sabbath was noticeable by all. He was never known to be late for any of the Sabbath services, during the many years he worshipped in the old church.

The late Mr. S. R. Richards was a respected member for many years. He was a class leader and a local preacher, and member of the Choir. He was a lover of sacred music.

Mr. John Terrill, sr., for many years the leading tenor singer in the choir, was also a member of the Quarterly and Trustee Boards.

Mr. Geo. Robinson, senior member of the firm of Robinson, Little & Co., of London, Ont., is one of the old members of East End.

He still retains a warm affection for the Old Church and has shown a practical appreciation of the effort to erect a new church edifice.

The late Mr. Thomas Little, was for some time the Librarian in the Sunday School. In connection with the work in the church he also gave his support in very many ways. His son, Mr. John Little, was very popular in the Sabbath School with both teachers and scholars, during his long term of secretaryship. He, some years ago, removed to London, Ont., where, some time afterwards he was elected Mayor of that city. Though separated from the old church, he still has a warm feeling toward it, and has given evidence of it by a large contribution toward the new church.

The late Mr. John Holland, was long identified with church and Sunday School. He was regarded in his day as the model Bible Class Teacher.



The late Francis Corner, for many years a teacher in Sabbath school and also a member of the official Board, is still held in remembrance by many of those whom he taught in the school.

The late Mr. Cooper, was a staunch supporter of the work carried on in this church in his day. He will be remembered by many of the older members as the man who always came to church—summer or winter—wearing a large straw hat. He loved fresh air to such an extent that he kept his bedroom window open at nights no matter how the mercury stood in the thermometer.



REV. DR. E. V. LUCAS

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There are many other names we would like to comment upon—viz: the late Mr. John Weldon, father of Mr. W. Weldon, Manager of the Windsor Hotel, the late Messrs. G. Langtry, C. Perkins, Robert Corner, sr., and Fred Baker; also Mr. Silas Carpenter, who liberally supported the cause while connected with it, but our space forbid us.

Mr. John Burrel, still continues his connection with the church, and take a deep interest in its welfare.

Mr. Thos. McComb, son of the late John McComb, who is also a local preacher and has been a very active worker in all department of this church, should also be mentioned in this sketch, as he has given valuable time and information in the compilation of this book. His brother, John McComb, of the firm of Lockerby and McComb, should also be mentioned as an old and faithful worker in the old East End.

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#### QUARTERLY AND TRUSTEE BOARDS—1903-4.

Rev. W. H. Stevens, Pastor; W. G. Burrell, Treasurer Trustee Board; Thos. Cathcart, J. Dickinson, W. Gallagher, J. D. Haines, Thos. Hutchinson, Thos. L. Hinchliff, Jno. Innes, A. Lewthwaite; W. D. Lewthwaite, Recording Steward; J. B. Musgrove, Jno. McClelland, Thos. McComb, Geo. Ransom, Jno. Ransom, R. Reany, Sec. Trustee Board, and R. F. Richardson.

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS—1903-1904.

The officers and teachers for 1903-1904 were as follows: Superintendent, Mr. W. G. Burrel; Asst.-Supts., Mr. R. Reany, Mr. A. G. E. Ahearn. Organist, Miss May Gifford; Secretary, Mr. James Hutchinson; Asst.-Secretary, Mr. Ed. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. Thos. Hutchinson; Librarian, Mr. Thos. L. Hinchliff; Asst.-Librarian, Mr. W. D. Lewthwaite; Teachers: Rev. W. H. Stevens, Thos. Hutchinson, R. Reany, W. Shepherd, Chas. Crane, Jos. Jenkins, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. T. McComb, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. K. Hutchinson, Mrs. George Hinchliff, Mrs. Piche, Mrs. S'nger, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss M. Gifford, Miss Lena Gifford, Miss Lula Gifford, Miss Jennie Joslin, Miss Emma Joslin, Miss Lilly L'ngfield, Miss Annie Lingfield, Miss G. Ransom, Miss M. Smith, Miss May Taylor, Miss Marion Christie, Miss Mary Jenkins, Miss Maggie Wilson, Miss Laura Taylor, Miss Lydia Taylor, Miss Hattie Wynn, Miss Sarah Jones. Primary department: Superintendent Mrs. T. L. Hinchliff; assistants, Miss Lizzie Jenkins, Miss Lottie Lingfield and Miss Ethel Hutchinson.

## OUR NEW CHURCH.

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The plans for the new church, which have been prepared by Messrs. Finley & Spence, Architects, show a plain but attractive exterior of brick and stone. The site is situated at the corner of Bertrand and DeMontigny Streets, measuring 80 x 63 ft., (one block north of St. Catherine Street and one block east of Papineau Ave.) being the centre of present congregation, the main entrances and principal facade being on Bertrand Street; these entrances lead directly to the Auditorium and has seating capacity for nearly 400 people. Provision has also been made for future extension by adding a large gallery around three sides of the Auditorium, which would add to the seating capacity of the Church by about 250 seats.

The pulpit, choir and organ loft are situated in the centre of the east side of Church facing the main entrances on Bertrand Street. The choir is large and roomy having seating capacity for over 30.

The basement is reached from the north-main entrance on Bertrand Street, and is exceptionally high and well lighted on three sides, the plans providing for its being damp proof.

The side entrance on DeMontigny Street leads to the Minister's Vestry, Choir-room, etc., while the rear of basement containing heating apparatus, kitchen, etc., is reached by a side entrance. Keeping this part of the building entirely separate.

The foundations of Church are now nearly completed, and it is expected that the roof will be on the building before winter sets in.

## THE EPWORTH LEAGUE OF 1904.

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Hon. President .. . . . .	Rev. W. H. Stevens.
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1st Vice-Pres. .. . . . .	Mrs. Piche
2nd Vice-Pres. .. . . . .	Miss Jennie Cole
3rd Vice-Pres. .. . . . .	Miss M. Jenkins.
4th Vice-Pres. .. . . . .	Miss Lilly Lingfield.
Correspondent Secretary .. . . . .	Miss Jennie Cole.
Secretary .. . . . .	Mrs. M. Gifford.
Organist .. . . . .	Mrs. R. F. Richardson.

### Committees:

Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. K. Hutchinson, Mrs. Gray, Miss L. Jenkins,  
Miss Lottie Lingfield, Miss Gifford.



## THE CHOIR OF 1904.

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Organist .. . . . .	Miss May Gifford.
Choir Master .. . . . .	Mr. R. F. Richardson.

### MEMBERS :

<p style="text-align: center;">Ladies:</p> <p>Mrs. J. Blair.  " J. McLelland.  " W. H. Stevens.  " Geo. L. Hinchliff.  Miss Jennie Joslin.  " Emily Joslin.  " Lilly Lingfield.  " Lottie Lingfield.  " Jennie Cole.  " Mary Jenkins.  " Laura Taylor.  " May Taylor.  " Lillie Miller.</p>	<p>Miss Clara Jacobson.  " Harriet Wilson.  " Sarah Jones.  " M. Wilson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gentlemen:</p> <p>Mr. Richard Reany.  " R. F. Richardson.  " T. L. Hinchliff.  " George Black.  " John McLelland.  " Wm. Pyke.  " Baxter.  " Ernest Rodgers.</p>
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