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Durham Presbyterian Church

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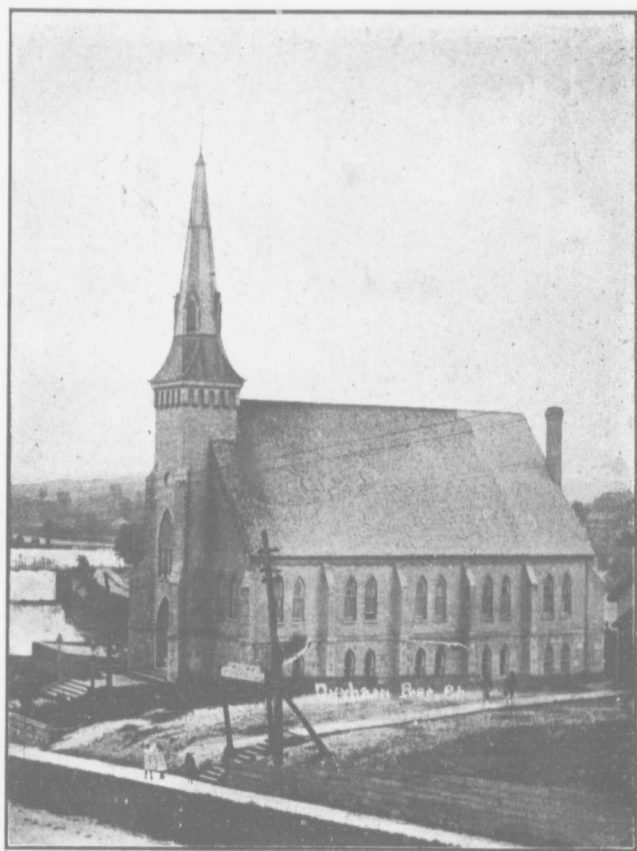
**HISTORICAL SKETCH**

on the occasion of the

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" Lord Thou has been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou had'st formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God...For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night...The days of our years are threescore years and ten; . . . it is soon cut off, and we fly away, . . . So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom...O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days...Let thy work appear unto thy servants and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. "



DURHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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: : A Fifty Years' Retrospect : :

**I**T may be taken for granted that the growth of religion like the course of true love, "never did run smooth." When we have learned

• "By means of Evil that Good is best, [serene,"  
And through Earth and its noise what is heaven's

the purpose of life's discipline is accomplished. Progress in the Durham Presbyterian Church has been bought with toil and its path has been watered with tears. Well it is that the early settlers were men and women who were not easily daunted or discouraged. They faced stern realities and won through patient labor. They felled the trees, bridged the streams, opened the roads, built schools and churches and let the light of heaven shine in. No telegraph brought daily messages from afar, newspapers were seldom seen and the receiving of a letter was the occasion of the gathering of friends and neighbors to join in the rejoicing. They were lonely and weary, sometimes they were cold and hungry, but they fainted not. Still keeping "an uphill shoulder to the wheel" they pressed forward in their course. Their pathway brought them through the sea, over the desert through the furnace of affliction, but it led them to the presence of God.

It is a tribute to the worth of these early pioneers that they felt it one of the first claims upon them to make provision for the worship of God. In the "Synagogue" erected by Mr George Jackson, in the dining room of the British hotel, in schools and private houses, those of every denomination met for united worship. In the early fifties monthly services were held respectively by Archdeacon Mulholland from Owen Sound, Mr. Clark of the Methodist church from Hanover, and Mr Alex Stewart of the Baptist church of Durham. Through the Presbyterian body being divided into three parts they

were somewhat behind at the beginning of the race. Ministers of the Free Church, the United Presbyterian and the Church of Scotland, made occasional visits to the district. The meeting of men like Mr J. M. King, afterwards principal of Manitoba College, Dr Burns of Knox College, Messrs Hay, McKinnon, Grant and others was inspiring and refreshing. Students like Hamilton, Donald and Milloy stayed for longer periods, the latter laboring for nine months during the year 1856.

It is characteristic that the earliest established part of religious exercise was the Sunday School. As early as 1849 Mr Thos. Brown, James Burgess and James McGirr united in maintaining a Sabbath School, first in Mr. Brown's house and afterwards in a building not far from the river and later in the old stone school house. In 1856 Mr. McNab was in charge as superintendent, Mr. Gordon Burgess as one of the teachers and Mr. Duncan Campbell, now of Hanover, as Librarian. In the following year Mr. Campbell left the town, but for long the work was successfully continued under the supervision of Mr. Gordon Burgess. Through labors like these, encouraged by the visits of ministers and students, the lamp continued to burn and the way was prepared for a more stable organization.

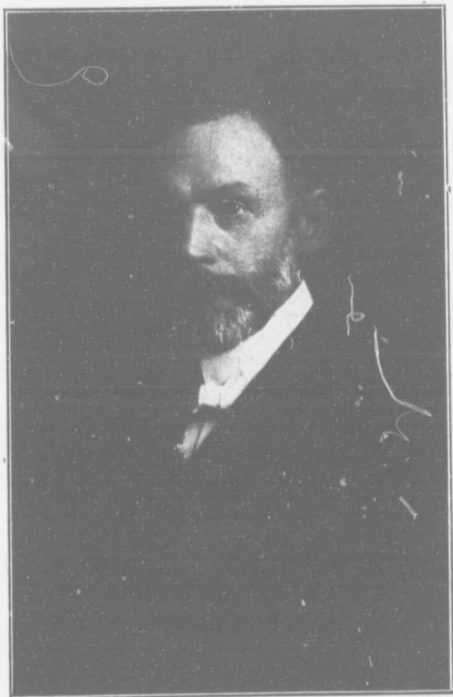
The first definite step in this direction was the erecting of a church building. In the year of 1852 a grant of ten acres was made by the crown to the Presbyterian church for a glebe, church building and burying ground. In 1855 steps were taken to build and Mr. C. Watson, now of North Ebermont, was employed to do the work. In August of the following year, Dr. Burns preached in the church, though he notes in his diary that it was not finished. It was on one of those early visits, as related by the late Rev. Jas. Cameron, that the Doctor on his way from Owen Sound had the thrilling experience of a runaway under circumstances that might have been attended with more serious results. As he lay in the wagon while the driver removed the bits from the horses' mouths to let them drink more freely the animals took fright at his umbrella and dashed off at a terrific pace, past stumps and rocks, over culverts and corduroy, fortunately coming to a stand in

a fence corner before the dangerous bridge at the Rocky Saugeen was reached. The Doctor, though somewhat shaken, was still able to preach when he reached his destination.

The fact that there was no presbytery nearer than Hamilton is itself a comment on the condition of the country at the time. In October 1855, that Presbytery sent Rev's McKinnon and Smellie to organize the congregation and ordain elders if they considered it expedient to do so. It is likely that they filled their mission though the records do not give any report of it. An old member of the congregation gives it as his recollection that the organization was completed by Dr Inglis in 1857 when the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were administered and Mr. Robert Douglas appointed elder.

On March 15, 1859, a petition from the congregation was presented to Presbytery, praying that liberty be given to moderate in a call to a minister and promising a salary of \$400 with the prospect of an increase of stipend thereafter.

The prayer of the petition was granted and on the 30th of March Mr. Smellie moderated in a call in favor of Mr. Wm. Park. The call was sustained on April 12th and the date of his ordination fixed for May 18th. An indication of the state of the country is seen in the fact that on the day appointed there were not present enough members of Presbytery to form a quorum. \* Rev's. Alex. Grant and James Cameron however constituted themselves as the Presbytery of Hamilton and Mr. Park was duly ordained and inducted. Mr Cameron preached from 1 Cor 4 : 1-3 and Mr. Grant addressed the minister and people. Thus was begun the ministry of the Rev Wm Park, which through all the vicissitudes of the early days continued without interruption till his retirement in January in 1885. The first sermon he preached after his ordination was from the text "We are ambassadors for Christ," a message which was the key note of all his ministry. For a time he conducted services in the afternoon near Vickers, an appointment which after a few years was discontinued, leaving Durham as it has since continued a charge with one preaching station.



REV. WM. FARQUHARSON, D. D.  
Pastor Durham Presbyterian Church.



There is no data from which details of the changes in the membership of the session during his ministry can be given. It is generally conceded that the first elder was Mr. R. Douglas. Soon after Mr. Park's settlement were added Messrs Dodds, Dickson, McNab, Bell and Baxter. A little further on we find among the acting elders Dr. Gun and Messrs Turnbull, Lauder, Moore and John Smith.

What were the names of those who signed the call to Mr. Park, there is, unfortunately, no record to show. Of those surviving who, at the time, would be taking an interest in the work one would think of Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, Mr. Adam Weir, Mrs. R. Ector, Mr. C. Moffat, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichol, Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson, Mr. T. Smith, Messrs Alex. and Andrew Bell, Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull and probably there are some others as well.

Of the young people who attended Bible Class or Sunday School or as children hung their weary feet from the old plank benches, memory has preserved, amongst others, the names of the Ritchies, McGirrs, McGillivrays, Nichols, Davidsons, Olivers, McKechnies, Cochranes, Burgesses, Dargavels, Allans, McCrackens, McArthurs, Sutherlands, Mortons, Grants and McKenzies. Together they played and joined in exercises of prayer and praise, but they are long since scattered. Some have travelled to regions beyond, and some have crossed the lone river, some that played in pairs are happy in family circles, but alone or in families they are all marked with the lines written by the hand of time.

On no class of helpers does the minister more confidently depend than in those who lead in the service of praise and in the olden days his right hand man was the precentor. Of those who rendered this important service may be mentioned Mr. Wm. Hunter, whose voice was heard in the days of the "Synagogue," Messrs Chas. Watson, Thos. Lauder, Arch. Hunter and J. White, and later Mr. Neil McKechnie. Occasionally there were interesting and even amusing scenes when a leader tried in vain to sound the proper key, but usually the singing was both hearty and melodious. Of these early leaders only Mr. Watson remains, and notwith-

standing the long interval and his patriarchal years his voice is still regularly heard in worship and, if required, he could yet "raise the tune."

Evidence of the progress of the cause under Mr. Park's ministry is seen in the improvement of the church property, the increase in the number of members and in the awakening of the longing for things that are lovely and of good report to the attainment of which Mr. Park was a never failing inspirer. The Rev. Alex. Stewart, so long his co-worker fondly testified that he was the best model of a Christian gentleman he ever knew.

Retiring and gentle as he was, his ministry like that of Elijah ended in a whirlwind. The storm over the introduction of instrumental music, which shook the foundation of many a congregation in the new world as in the old, smote the four corners of the Durham church and all but overthrew it. So sharp grew the contention between the parties that in 1880 a majority of the elders and a large section of the congregation withdrew from the rest and petitioned the Presbytery of Saugeen to grant them separate organization. Failing in their attempts to heal the breach the Presbytery on July 12th 1881 granted their request and appointed Rev. D. McLeod of Priceville and Messrs T. Binnie and A. McLean an interim session. On October 2nd of the same year Messrs A. Robertson, T. Smith, Thos. Lauder, George Turnbull and Dr. Gun were set apart as elders in the new congregation. The task to which they set themselves was surely herculean, yet with unflinching determination they addressed themselves to the work. On May 24th 1882, the corner stone of the new church was laid and the building was opened for public worship on the 31st of December of the same year, Prof. McLaren, D. D., officiating on the occasion. Knox church was fortunate in securing during the summer of 1882 the services of the Rev. Wm. Forest who, notwithstanding feeble health, continued his ministrations till the union in 1885.

Heroically the two congregations struggled, but in the stern school of experience they learned that though good friends may separate they cannot be happy apart. In this

state of mind the Presbytery again came to the rescue, and were successful in arranging the basis of a union. Rev. P. Straith and Messrs Paul and Dodds were appointed an interim session by whom Dr. Gun and Messrs Hugh McNab, Thos. Smith and John Weir were inducted into the eldership.

The first minister of the re-united church was the Rev. Robert McNair, who was ordained and inducted on January 12th, 1886. During his pastorate, which terminated in the month of October, 1891, the weekly envelope system for church offerings was introduced and the Women's Foreign Missionary Society organized. The debt on the church was much reduced, hymns were introduced into public worship and even the vexed question of the organ was settled by permitting the use of instrumental music in the service of praise. The session was strengthened by the addition of Messrs Thos. Lauder, Wm. J. Young and Wm Smith. Mr. Thos. Allan, the resignation of Mr. N. W. Campbell having been accepted, was appointed as Sabbath School superintendent, a position he has held continuously to the present time.

On the 16th of March 1890, the Rev. Wm. Park died much beloved and highly esteemed.

Mr. McNair's successor was Rev. Antonne Gerand Jansen whose pastorate extended from January 26, 1892 to March 14, 1899. During his ministry there was organized the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and the Band of Hope in both of which organizations he took a deep interest. The membership of the session was changed by the addition of Messrs John Byers and Geo. Turnbull and the retirement of Messrs John Weir and Wm. Smith.

During the vacancy which followed, the Rev D. L. Campbell, acting as moderator, Messrs Lauder, Turnbull, Byers, Young and Dr. Gun resigned their position as elders and a new election resulted in the appointment of Messrs Grant, Allan, Derby, Bell, Young and Milligan.

During the present pastorate which began October 31st, 1899 many of the older members of the congregation have passed away, so that the connection with early days is almost broken. In 1900 died Hugh McNab who had been for forty

years an elder in the congregation and Thos. Milligan who had been elected to that office the previous year. During the following year there died the Rev. Chas. Cameron and Dr. James Gun. The former of these was one of the pioneer ministers of the County of Grey and had been a member of Durham congregation for twelve years, the latter had been from early days identified with the congregation in its prosperity and adversity and was long an elder and a most successful teacher in the Bible Class. In 1904 the Rev. A. G. Jansen died in Winnipeg and in 1906 the Rev Wm Forest died in Leamington, leaving the Rev. Robert McNair of Melbourne, Australia, the only survivor of the previous ministers of the congregation. These and many more long looked up to with esteem and respect, have been taken from us pushing a new generation into the line of leadership and responsibility.

To fill the vacant places in the session Messrs N. W. Campbell and D. Edge were ordained on June 1st 1906. Tangible tokens of progress are seen in the enlarging of the church building, the erecting of commodious sheds, the purchase of the Manse and the installing of a pipe organ. The time honored cups in the communion service have been replaced by a number of smaller ones for individual use, as some years earlier bread squares took the place of the unbroken slices of former days.

What has been the influence of the congregation on men's lives we have no line to measure. Her sons and her daughters have gone to different lands and there are many that call her blessed. Her sturdy children have pushed their way into positions of trust and honor. One college professor acknowledges the help of Mr. Park in shaping his mental powers in his boyhood and many more profited by his assistance. Three of her sons, James Binnie, John Smith and Peter Nichol have honored themselves and the parent congregation in the Christian ministry. In the spheres of business, medicine, trade, agriculture, education and politics the energies of her children find scope into all of which they are followed by the visions and ideals enkindled by the associations of her people and the messages of her ministers and teachers.

Thus time flows on and in its course all things change. The fathers who buried their dead in solemn silence, lest word or action should countenance praying for the departed, might look with distrust at our modern burial customs. The stalwart opponents of instrumental music might be seriously shocked with our hymns, anthems and organ. The old sticklers for Presbyterianism might be partly sad and partly glad to see feuds buried, controversies dissolved and united Presbyterianism holding out its hands to grasp a union that would give up the very name of Presbyterian in the hope of securing a broader Christian union. Yet with all their misgivings if they could see the great things that the Lord is bringing to pass in these days their hearts would be glad and their souls would rejoice in hope. In these days we look on a new world. New empires have arisen to contend for the mastery and recent discoveries and inventions arrest our attention and make water, wind and flame our ministers. Fresh light has been thrown on the world in which we dwell and the history of man upon it. Nations once benighted, in penitence, seek for God. With the light however have come the shadows and there have been awakened questionings, perplexities and fears. Yet the message of the period has been one of hope and our lesson from the past is poorly understood if we do not arise from its perusal with a firmer assurance and more confident trust that the God who is light without darkness, the Angel who redeemed our fathers from all adversity, the spirit of truth himself will lead us through the gloom and open our minds for a more heavenly vision and prepare us body, soul and spirit, for a more devoted service.



## In Appreciation of Past Ministers.

REV. WM. PARK.

I.

BY REV. S. YOUNG, CLIFFORD.

As I came to the Saugeen Presbytery in 1877, it was my privilege to be his co-presbyter for nearly eight years. He had been clerk of the Presbytery of Durham, of the Canada Presbyterian Church and continued in that office in the Presbytery of Saugeen after the union. In 1875, when the Presbytery of Saugeen was formed, he was accorded the honor of being elected its first moderator. He was greatly beloved by all who knew him and was highly esteemed for his sterling character and scholarly attainments. As a preacher he was clear in his presentation of truth, evangelical in his teaching and sympathetic in its application. As a pastor he was faithful and kind and thus was the means of cheering and comforting many a weary and burdened heart. I have had only pleasant relations with the men with whom I have been associated in the Saugeen Presbytery during the thirty-two years that I have been connected with it, yet no one has impressed me more by his courteous, obliging and Christlike character than the first minister of the Presbyterian church of Durham.

Rev. Wm. Park was educated in Edinburgh and came to Canada in the end of the year 1857. For a short time he labored in Quebec and later was associated with Dr. Bayne of Galt but was settled in Durham in 1859 in which charge his work continued till his retirement in 1885.

II.

BY PROF. J. W. A. STEWART,

(Son of the late Rev. Alex. Stewart, now Dean of  
Rochester Theological Seminary.)

Mr Park was my revered teacher and one of my most honored friends. When I look back upon my life and count up the men who, next to my family relations, had the greatest

influence in making me what I am, I always place Mr. Park's name first—first in point of time, and among the first in point of helpful instruction and influence.

I began the study of Latin with him at nine years of age Messrs John McKechnie and Thos. Kelly being my fellow students. Mr. Park was the best teacher I have ever known in his ability to ground his students in the rudiments of the Greek and Latin languages. There was something in his methods that demanded accuracy and thoroughness. It was almost like a personal grief to him when we failed to do our lessons well. He not only taught us Latin and Greek, but he did his best to inspire in us a love of learning and to impart to us all that he could with reference to much of the best Literature in the English language. The fact is that he was doing his best to start us on a course of real learning. Besides all this he was wonderfully friendly and kind. Frequently he had us take tea with him, trying to make us talk Latin at the table, and his interest in us never failed. I could easily say much more about Mr. Park and record actions of his which indicated the high sense of honor which controlled him and illustrated other noble qualities of character, but I am sure that you have not space nor time for anything further from me. I greatly revere his memory and wish that I could be with you on June 27, when you commemorate him.

REV. WM. FORREST.

BY REV. WM. FARQUHARSON.

The Rev. Wm. Forrest was a native of Paisley, Scotland, and received his education in Knox College, Toronto. The chief scene of his labors was in the County of Kent, though he was a few years in Leith and Annan and ministered in Knox Church, Durham, from 1882 to 1885. My acquaintance of him began during his pastorate in Tilbury East where as a boy I sat under his ministration and felt the intensity of his character and his moulding power as I have felt in few besides. He had the faculty of awakening the mind with the freshness of his thought and then with deep earnestness bringing all to bear on the conscience and will. I never met a man that it took such a wrench to differ from even on

matters where the work of years had given warrant for a change of conviction. Owing to continued feeble health his intensity sometimes seemed to be tinged with gloom bordering on melancholy, yet there was in his heart the eternal spirit of hope which no depression could destroy. Mr. Forrest was great as a teacher and powerful in his appeals to the heart. In his earlier years he cultivated the former gift so that my most vivid recollections gather round Scripture expositions or lessons struck off at a flash in the Bible class. In after years he developed more the gift of appealing to the conscience so that his later acquaintances were chiefly impressed with his power of moving the will. In his earlier as in his later years however his soul was true to the spirit of the gospel and his presence brought as it were the fragrance of heaven.

#### REV. ROBERT McNAIR

BY N. W. CAMPBELL

Rev. Robert McNair, the subject of this short sketch, was a Canadian by birth, education and sympathies. He graduated from Knox College in the class of 1885 and in January of 1886 was ordained and inducted into the Durham congregation to succeed Rev. Wm Park. He continued its beloved pastor until his acceptance of a call to St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, in the fall of 1891. On the 16th of June 1887, he married Miss Annie J. Cruikshank of St. John, New Brunswick, and the union yet remains unbroken.

Mr McNair was a man of the people. Possessed of a genial, kindly spirit and touched with the frailties of erring human nature, he understood as few men ever understand, the fierce struggle waged by some generous natures against inherited moral tendencies or acquired evil habits. This broad sympathy made him tolerant of the failings of his fellowmen and quickened his activities in behalf of those who, unable to withstand the temptations of life, had fallen by the way. There are yet living those who remember with gratitude and even with tears, his unsolicited and substantial assistance in the hour of their need.

In his beliefs and teachings, Mr McNair was loyal to the





PASTORS, 1859 - 1909.

Rev. Wm. Park, 1859—1885 ; Rev. Wm. Forrest, 1882—1885 ;  
 Rev. Robt. McNair, 1886—1891 ; Rev. A. G. Jansen, 1892—1899 ;  
 Rev. Wm. Farquharson, D. D., 1899 to the present time.



DURHAM PRESBYTERIAN MANSE.

Scriptures and to the standards of the Presbyterian church, yet his type of Christianity was not that which ties itself down to a formal creed or to a rigid observance of outward forms but in that simple charity that finds its highest expression in relieving the distressed, in binding up the broken hearted and in comforting those that mourn.

Few men loved children and understood child nature better than he, and in return he had the admiring and spontaneous love of all children with whom he came in contact. Round him in every gathering were grouped his little friends each striving to be nearest to him and each rewarded by a gentle smile or kindly word. While he was Superintendent of the Sunday School the attendance was as large and the interest as great as at any period in the history of the church.

His influence over young and old was heightened by his keen sense of humor and by his marvellous story telling power both of which brightened many a situation and made him a popular speaker at all public gatherings. Those who were privileged to know him will always remember him with affectionate regard for his heart was right though sometimes he was misunderstood.

#### REV. A. G. JANSEN

BY C. RAMAGE

The Rev. A. G. Jansen was a native of Holland, where he received the rudiments of his education. As a young man he went to London, England, where for a time he was engaged in mission work, and in getting command of the English language. Coming to Canada in the 80's of last century he identified himself with the Presbyterian church and entered Knox College, Toronto, as a student. For one or two summers he took missionary work in Manitoulin and New Ontario, and was ordained in the year 1889.

On the 7th of December 1891, a call was extended to him by Durham congregation, which he accepted, and his pastorate beginning in 1892, continued till his resignation in 1899. He labored later in Hamilton and in the Northwest, coming to Winnipeg in 1904, where he died the same year.

Mr. Jansen was a man of intense earnestness and with a buoyant disposition that led him to meet all difficulties in militant style. Some may have thought he lacked tact, but none will deny him the credit of having the courage of his convictions and the possession of a generous heart. As a preacher he had power, even though his lingual lapses lent a quaintness to his utterances, but it will be as the pastor of the flock, the comforter of the sick and the dying, and the man of strong and abiding faith that he will be longest remembered.

He acquired some renown as a lecturer on his native country, the proceeds of the lectures in every case being devoted to Leper Missions, which lay very near his heart. He was a friend to the needy wherever found, without being ostentatious, and the writer was one of several through whom supplies of flour, wood, etc., went to the deserving poor, the donor, at his strict request, being all unknown.

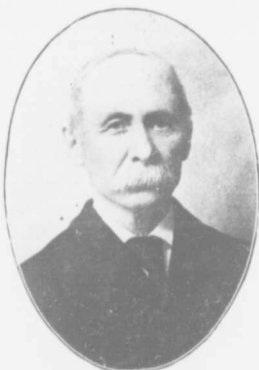
His remains lie in Elmwood cemetery, Winnipeg, where this year, Durham congregation has had a suitable memorial placed at his grave.

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The present pastor graduated from Knox College in 1886 and was ordained and inducted into his first charge, at Dover, in Chatham Presbytery, in the March following. In 1891 he was called to Claude, in Orangeville Presbytery, and in 1899 received a call from Durham congregation, to which charge he was inducted on 31st of October of the same year. In 1898 he won the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, and last November his alma mater bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity an honor and a distinction of which Durham congregation feels proud.



W. J. YOUNG



THOS. ALLAN

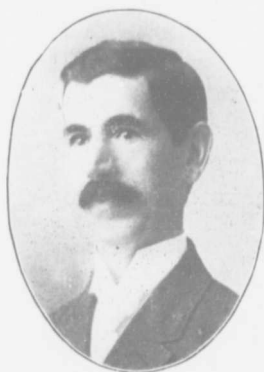


JNO. BELL



THOS. SMITH

Lay Members of Session,



DAN. EDGE



N. W. CAMPBELL, B. A.

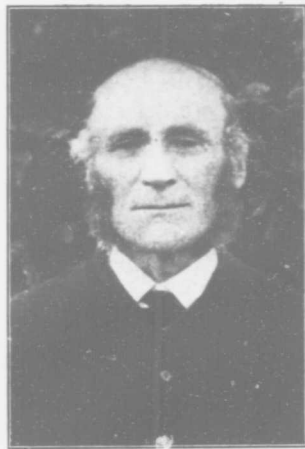


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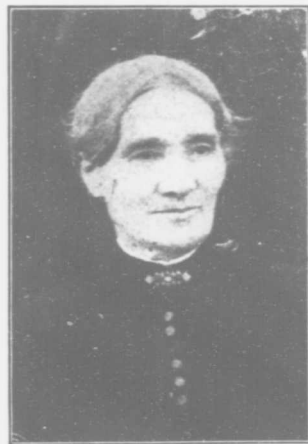


A. D. DERBY

Durham Presbyterian Church



CHAS. WATSON



MRS. CHAS. WATSON

Mr. and Mrs. Watson, now of North Egremont, are living links with the early days, and expect to be present at the Jubilee. Mr. Watson built the first Presbyterian Church in 1856 and his sons did the woodwork of the present church. He was also the first precentor of the Jubilee period.

## Statistics

For purposes of comparison at the centennial of the congregation in the year 1959, some statistics are herewith given, taken largely from the last published report, that of 1908. Annual reports were first printed in 1892 and have been continued ever since.

### —THE CONGREGATION :

Number of members 368 ; Treasurer, R. MacFarlane ; Fin. Secy., Jas. R. Gun ; Secy., C. Ramage.

### —THE SESSION :

Moderator—Rev. Dr. Farquharson, Thos. Smith, C. L. Grant, W. J. Young, Dan Edge, John Bell, And. Derby, N. W. Campbell, Thos. Allan—Clerk.

### —BOARD OF MANAGERS :

Chairman—Jas. Ireland : Secy.—W. J. Adams, Thos. McFadden, Jas. R. Gun, Robt. MacFarlane, C. Ramage, W. J. Derby, Wm. Weir, Wm. Ritchie, J. S. McIlraith, Neil McCannel, Thos. Turnbull.

### —W. F. M. S. :

Members 21, average attendance 16, amount raised \$70.80. Officers ; President—Mrs. Gun ; 1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. Thos. McGirr ; 2nd V. P.—Mrs. Ireland ; 3rd V. P.—Mrs. Harris ; Treas.—Miss A. L. McKenzie ; Secy.—Miss H. Smith ; Secy. of Tidings—Mrs. A. H. Jackson.

### —W. H. M. S. :

Members 22 ; raised \$51.01. Officers, (same as W. F. M. S. excepting Treasurer and Secretary.) Treasurer—Miss Farquharson ; Secy.—Mrs. C. L. Grant ; "Pioneer" Secy.—Mrs. A. Binnie.

### —LADIES' AID SOCIETY :

Members 32 ; raised \$114.49. Pres.—Mrs. Farquharson ; Secy.—Mrs. N. W. Campbell ; Treas.—Miss A. L. McKenzie.

### —KNOX COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY :

Contributors 25 ; raised \$29.30.

### —MISSIONARY RECORD :

75 copies taken. Contributors about 50. C. Ramage, Secretary.



—DURHAM SABBATH SCHOOL

Supt.—Thos. Allan ; Teachers—Mrs Farquharson, Mrs Allan, Mrs Russell, Mrs Snell, Mrs Grant, Mrs McIlraith, Mrs Gun, Misses A. L. McKenzie, A. C. McKenzie, H. Smith. Messrs Dr. Farquharson, J. S. McIlraith, Robt. MacFarlane, John Snell.

Secy.—Treas.—C. L. Grant ; Vice Secy. Treas.—Miss Park ; Librarian—W. J. Adams ; Assistant—Miss D. Davidson ; Organist—Miss Lyla Kelsey.

Enrolled 97 ; Average 81, Collections about \$100.00.

—UNION SUNDAY SCHOOLS

No. 9, Glenelg.—founded 1902, Enrolled 102. Average 76. Presbyterians 51 ; 9 teachers. W. J. Young, Supt.

Edge Hill—founded 1896. Enrolled 52 ; Presbyterians 39, 5 teachers. W. J. Ritchie, Supt.

Hutton Hill—founded 188—. Enrolled 89 ; Presbyterians 32, 7 teachers. Mrs Thos. E. Hutton, Supt.

—GUILD—FOUNDED 1892 :

Receipts \$158.00 of which \$100 went to Organ fund. President—Peter Ramage. Cor. Secy.—Miss J. Fraser, Rec. Secy.—Miss Jean Ireland, Treas.—N. McIntosh, Organist—Miss Islay Campbell.

—THE CHOIR :

ORGANIST—Miss B. McKenzie.

SOPRANO—Mrs A. H. Jackson, Misses Margaret Hunter, Mamie Munro, S. Burnett, Maggie Young, May Young, L. Lauder, T. Oliver.

ALTO—Mrs Buchan, Miss J. Fraser, Mrs Stonchouse, Miss J. Ireland.

TENOR—J. P. Telford, leader ; P. Ramage.

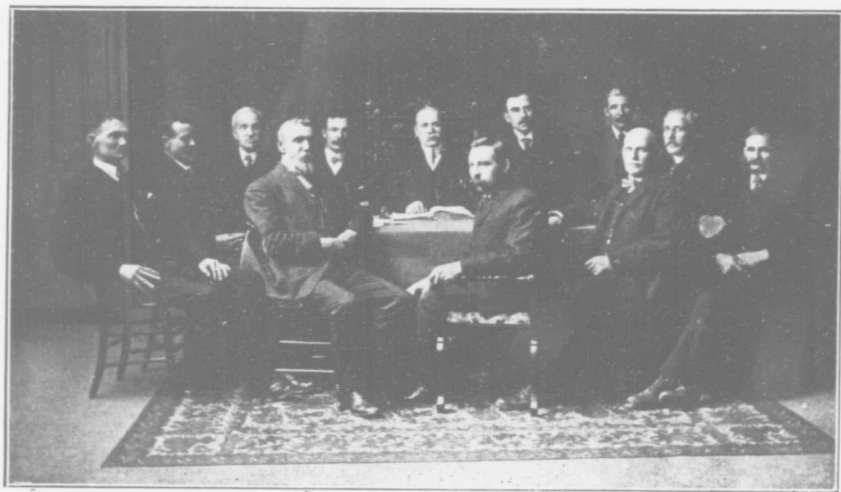
BASS—Geo. Sinclair, W. Nichol, Dr J. F. Grant, J. Roberts, Jno. Burgess.

—MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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DURHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR.



BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1909.

Back row, left to right—C. Ramage, W. J. Adams, Jas. Ireland, Chairman, J. R. Gun, Wm. Weir.  
Ends of table, at left—W. J. Derby; at right—R. MacFarlane. Front row—N. McCannel,  
Thos. McFadden, J. S. McIlraith, Thos. Turnbull, Wm. Ritchie.

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—THE MANSE;

This property was purchased in 1905 for \$2600 and in 1908 the amount was all provided for, only a very small balance remaining unpaid.

—ORGAN—PURCHASED 1908.

Cost \$1500, Motor \$152.85. Other expenses make total cost over \$1800. Liability existing about \$1200.00

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### Retrospect—Prospect.

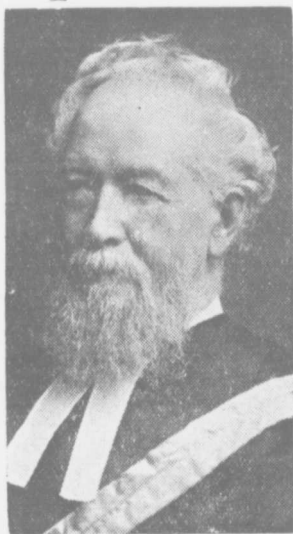
The earlier pages of this pamphlet deal with the past and the present. The work of the pioneers and those on whom their mantle fell is before us. We have entered into the fruits of their labors; theirs was the sowing, ours the reaping.

But what of the future? of the next 50 years? Few, or none of those now in harness, will be present at the Centennial in 1959! There is work for us to do: We are building for a future also: May it be said of us when our work comes to be reviewed, that we still pressed forward, strong in the faith of nineteen centuries, never forgetting there are

“ Two fields for toil, the outer and the inner,  
Both overgrown with weeds. ”

May we all so live that when our work in connection with the Church on earth is done we may receive the commendation of the Master “ Well done good and faithful servant ” and enter into the joys of the church triumphant.

“ O God of Bethel by whose hand, Thy people still are fed,  
Who through this weary pilgrimage, Hast all our fathers led.  
Our vows, our prayers we now present, Before thy throne of grace,  
God of our fathers, be the God, Of each succeeding race.”



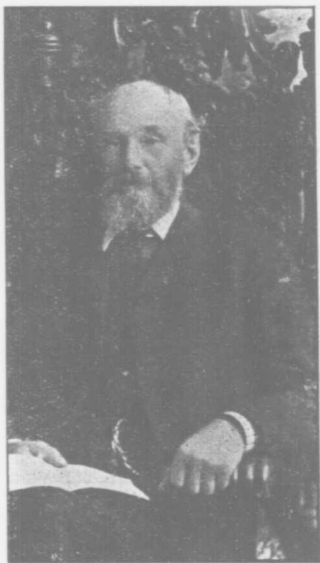
REV DR. FLETCHER, HAMILTON  
Ex-Moderator of the General Assembly

### **Jubilee Arrangements.**

Dr. Fletcher will preach the morning sermon at the Jubilee Services on 27th June.

The evening service will be taken by Prof. J. D. Robertson of Knox College, Toronto.

On Monday evening it is proposed to hold a reunion preceded by a social tea. At this meeting both the above gentlemen are expected. The Presbytery of Saugeen will be officially represented by Rev. Stephen Young of Clifford and Rev J. McNamara, of Drayton. Besides these, Rev'ds Little, Holstein, Kendall, Dromore and possibly others will be present



CHAS. MOFFAT, SR.  
One of the living links with the past.



JAMES GUN, M. D.

Dr. Gun for many years was a living force in Durham Presbyterianism. He excelled as a teacher in the Bible Class, and in this capacity will be long remembered with gratitude. He was also a member of the Kirk session for a number of years.



JOHN CAMERON

For many years Treasurer of the Congregation. Above cut from a photo taken when in Bermuda.



JAMES BURGESS

A pioneer of the early days and prominent in Sunday School work.

" These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. "

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" These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God. "

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" Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. "



## A Hundred Years to Come.



O where will be the birds that sing,  
A hundred years to come ?  
The flowers that now in beauty spring,  
A hundred years to come ?  
The rosy lip and lofty brow,  
The heart that bears so gaily now ?  
O, where will be love's beaming eye,  
Joy's pleasant smile, and sorrow's sigh,  
A hundred years to come ?  
Who'll press for gold this crowded street,  
A hundred years to come ?  
Who'll tread yon church with willing feet,  
A hundred years to come ?  
Pale, trembling age, and fiery youth,  
And childhood with its brow of truth,  
The rich and poor, on land and sea,  
Where will the mighty millions be  
A hundred years to come ?  
We all within our graves shall sleep,  
A hundred years to come.  
No living soul for us will weep,  
A hundred years to come.  
But other men our lands will till,  
And others then our streets will fill ;  
While other birds will sing as gay,  
As bright the sunshine as to-day,  
A hundred years to come.