

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, GUELPH.

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An Historical Sketch

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Of the Organization of St. Andrew's First Presbyterian Sabbath School,

THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY

Of the Building of the First St. Andrew's Church,

AND

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Of the Present St. Andrew's Church Building.

1908



History of the Church.

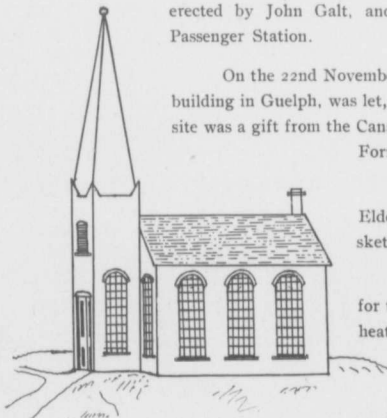


IN 1828, the year following the cutting of the first tree by John Galt, James Buchanan, British Vice Consul at New York, paid an official visit to Guelph, and while here organized the first Sabbath School. The meetings were held in a log house on Waterloo Street, a little east of Gordon Street. Services were conducted by J. Carruthers, Catechist, during 1829, in the Priory, the first building erected by John Galt, and also in the School House, which stood near the present Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

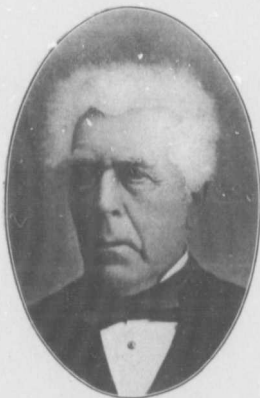
On the 22nd November, 1831, the contract for St. Andrew's Church, which was the first Church building in Guelph, was let, the price being £250 10s. The contractor was the late John Thorp. The site was a gift from the Canada Company. It was on rising ground, where the present City Hall stands. Formal possession was given on the 30th April, 1832.

The building was frame and painted white, John McCrea, who later became an Elder, helping in its erection. It had a spire, as shown in the accompanying sketch.

The building, which would accommodate about two hundred worshippers, had for the first seven years nothing but planks supported on blocks for seats. For heat they relied upon a stove on each side of the front door, while the long stove pipes were ornamented at frequent intervals by tin pails, suspended to catch the drip. The pulpit was the shape of a wine glass, and the Precentor occupied the box in front of the Minister.



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WM. ALEXANDER.

allowance, and the glebe, then covered with forest.

The first Elders were: John Inglis, Charles Julius Mickle, Hugh Wilson, Thomas Sandilands, and William Elliott, who were ordained on the 16th day of September, 1832.

On the 4th of November, that same year, the first

The first Trustees were: James Corbett, William Alexander, James Hodgert, John Mitchell, Andrew Ritchie, and David McKerzie.

The first Pastor of the congregation was the Rev. James Smith. He was born in Drumfreshire, Scotland, came to Canada and was inducted by the Presbytery of York on the 8th of February, 1832. The stipend was £64, exclusive of the Government

Communion was observed, one hundred and three persons being at the Lord's table.

The first marriage ceremony, performed by Mr. Smith, was on the 30th of May, 1832, Archibald Smith, of Eramosa, and Jane Day, of Guelph, being the contracting parties.

The first child baptised was Isabella, daughter of Jas. Corbett, on the 9th day of May, 1844. Mr. Smith resigned and died in Puslinch nine years later.

Following the retirement of Mr. Smith, the Church remained four years without a settled pastor, until the induction of Mr. Colin Gregor, which took place February 3rd, 1848. He had previously labored in L'Orignal in the Presbytery of Glengarry, and when called to St. Andrew's was promised a yearly stipend of £150 including clergy reserve fund.

After eight years of service Mr. Gregor suffered a paralytic



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stroke, and although for three years more, he strove to continue his work, declining health compelled him to resign. At the Presbytery Meeting, when his resignation was considered, several members testified to his exemplary piety, faithfulness and prudence.

His resignation was accepted September 10th, 1856. (We regret being unable to secure a picture of Mr. Gregor.)

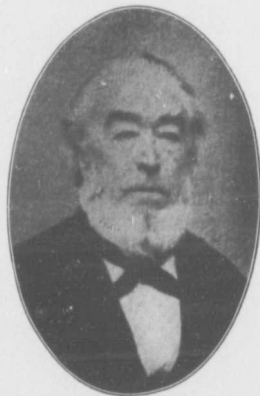


C. J. MICKIE.

At this time the Session was composed of :
Hugh Wilson,
John McLean,
Andrew Quarrie,
William Alexander,
John McCrea and
David Allan, clerk.

The construction of the Grand Trunk Railway affected the Church property, and application was made to Presbytery to sell. The re-

quest was granted and in June, 1854, the property was disposed of for £1,750. Later, the hill was removed, and the present City Hall built on the site. The erection of the new Church began in 1857, the contractors being Messrs. Morrison and Elmslie for the stone work, and Messrs. Bonet and Ryan for the carpenter work. The building, which was pure pointed Gothic style, was built in a most substantial manner. The total cost was £2,669. It was completed in 1858. The spire being well proportioned, stands 150 feet high, and is surmounted by the Gallic cock as a weather vane. Eight bells, suspended by strong springs, form a handsome finish to the spire.



THOS. SANDILANDS.

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ANDREW QUARRIE.



JOHN MCCREA.

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DAVID ALLAN.

David Allan was the architect and superintended the erection of the building.

The first meeting of the Presbytery in the new Church was held to consider the call to the Rev. John Hogg, on the 20th September, 1858. The call was sustained, but his induction was deferred till after the Synod meeting in June. He was the third pastor of the congregation. Born in Wilton, Roxboroughshire,

Scotland, in 1818, he proved himself a man of rare ability, and in the face of great difficulties succeeded in taking a bursary each year of his University Course, and at his final examination took the Sir Robert Peel prize for Latin. He was ordained in 1846, and was a pastor of a Dumfries

U. P. congregation until he decided to come to Canada. Central Church, Hamilton, was his first Canadian charge. Here he laboured three years, was then called to Detroit, in 1854 returned to Canada and took charge of St. Andrew's; Guelph, in 1858. He was formally inducted 30th of June, 1859, and for eighteen years he laboured with great devotion and singular success. He was untiring in his ministrations to the sick, never sparing himself where any service could be rendered. In 1871 Queen's University, recognizing his scholarship, conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He died on March 3rd, 1877.

Among his Elders were:

David Allan,



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CHARLES DAVIDSON.

William Alexander,
Andrew Quarrie,
John McCrea,
Chas. Davidson, clerk,
James Massie,
James Elliott,
John Laird.

The vacancy this time was brief, and on the 11th of June, 1877, the Rev. Jas. C. Smith was called from Hamilton, and was inducted as the fourth pastor of St. Andrew's Church.

Mr. Smith was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1835. His early education was acquired there, and through the influence of friends he came to Canada, obtaining his B. A. from Queen's University in 1862, and his M. A. in 1864, holding first place in the University examinations. As a student he laboured with much success among the lumbermen. His first charge was the congregation of

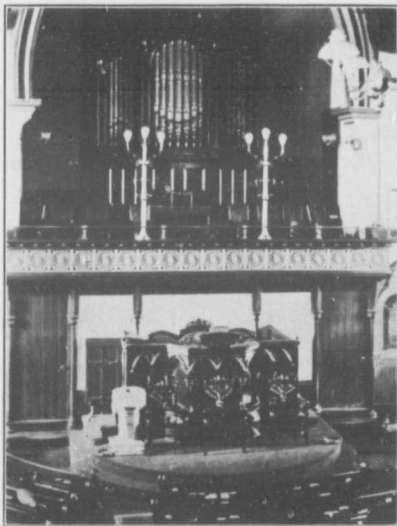


Cumberland and Buckingham, where he remained three years. From there he was called to Belleville, and later to St. Paul's, Hamilton. On the death of Dr. Hogg he was requested to preach the funeral sermon, and so touching and powerful was the oration that very soon the congregation extended a call to Mr. Smith, and he was inducted on the 11th of July,

1877, labouring with great success among them for twenty - one years. He was dignified in the pulpit, as became one who never forgot that he was an ambassador of Jesus Christ. With great earnestness he manifested ability of a high order, and gave his people carefully studied, closely reasoned gospel sermons. His genial kindness in the home, and his wonderful gift of comforting



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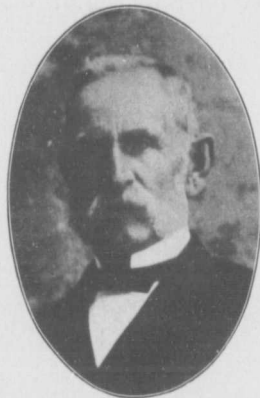


View of pulpit and choir before change was
made in 1908.

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W. B. COWAN, M.D.



DAVID KENNEDY.

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prayer, will long be remembered by those who were under his ministry.

During his long pastorate many changes took place. The old Manse and property adjoining the Church was disposed of, and a new Manse, on Norfolk Street purchased. In 1878, the Church building being too small, two transepts were added, at a cost of \$7,000, giving a total seating capacity of 700, and an organ installed in the gallery, behind the pulpit. In 1897, the honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on Mr. Smith by Morrin College, Quebec.

As would be expected, in so long a pastorate, the ranks of the Session suffered many changes, but the records show the following gentlemen as having served under Dr. Smith :

Charles Davidson, John McCrea, James Massie, David Allan, James Elliott, John Laird, W. B. Cowan, M. D., David Kennedy, W. Guthrie, W. H. Marcon, G. C. Rutherford, R. W. Stewart, Lt.-Col. D. McCrae, Lt.-Col.

John Davidson, T. M. Till, Lt.-Col. N. Higinbotham, K. Maclean, Alex. McIntosh, Peter McLaren, W. Aitcheson, H. G. Cockburn, G. W. Mitchell, James Anderson, R. H. Brydon, and Dr. Lowry.

In February, 1898, Charles Davidson died, having been Clerk of the Session twenty-four years, and his son, now Lt.-Col. John Davidson, was appointed his successor.

Rev. Dr. Smith died July 26th, 1898.

On May 30th, 1899, Rev. Thomas Eakin was inducted as Pastor of St. Andrew's Church.

Mr. Eakin was a native of Ireland, being born at Maghersfelt County, Londonderry, where he attended the Public School, and afterwards an Academy at Moneymore. He came to Canada in 1891, and entered Toronto University; graduated from that institution in 1896, and from Knox College in 1899. In 1905, after six years post graduate reading, he secured from Toronto University his Ph. D.



REV. THOS. EAKIN, PH. D.

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REV. W. G. WILSON.

W. G. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is a native Canadian, born near Bond Head, Simcoe County, Ontario. He graduated from Toronto University in 1900, obtained his M. A. in 1902, and graduated in Divinity from Knox College in 1903. He was called the same year to St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls, and after labouring there for three years,

In the pulpit Dr. Eakin possessed rare ability. A man of high scholarly attainment, with a natural fondness for study, his sermons were ever a source of helpfulness and pleasure.

Recognizing his talents Toronto University offered him an important position, and in December, 1906, he severed his connection with the congregation.

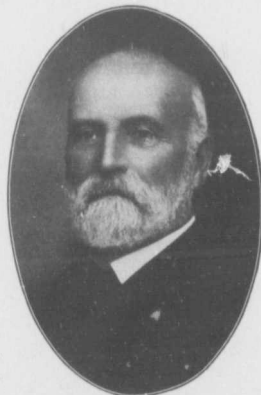
The sixth, and our present pastor, is the Rev.

was called and inducted to St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the 21st June, 1907.

For some time it had been felt that the Sabbath School accommodation was inadequate, and the half century mark seemed a fitting season to rear some monument which would indicate the progress made in the past, and prepare the way for a larger work in the future.

Accordingly, early this year, the congregation decided upon very extensive alterations and improvements.

New class rooms, kitchen, cloak rooms and halls were added to the Sabbath School, and a beautiful vestry and ladies' parlor were also included. A new low pressure steam heating plant was installed, with

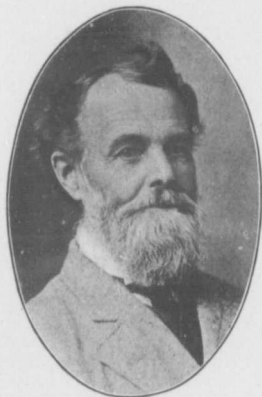


HUGH WALKER.
TREASURER.



View showing pulpit, organ and choir as changed
in 1908.

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WILLIAM ROSS.
AUDITOR.

a capacity sufficient to heat the entire Church buildings in the severest weather. A handsome Pipe Organ, manufactured by the Warren Organ Co. of Woodstock, supplanted the smaller one, which had done good service for so many years, while the choir was moved from the rear of the pulpit to a position immediately in front of it. Electric lighting was introduced into both Church and Sabbath



School, and the total cost of the improvements was about \$9,000.

Much time and thought have been expended by the committee in charge of this work, but now that it is completed it is felt that the result is a building with few equals for utility, comfort and beauty; a building which represents much sacrifice in the past, as well as the present, but which we hope may be honored and used of God.



GEORGE CHAPMAN.
AUDITOR.



SESSION

First row, sitting.

James Anderson
Lt.-Col. McCrae
Lt.-Col. Higinbotham
Rev. W. G. Wilson, M.A.
Rev. D. Strachan
G. D. Pringle
Lt.-Col. Davidson

Second row.

G. W. Mitchell
Dr. Lowry
H. G. Cockburn
John Laird
W. Atcheson
K. Maclean

Third row.

Sheriff Allan
R. H. Brydon
John Smith
Alex. McIntosh
Colin Campbell



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Gairloch

SERVICE OF PRAISE

PRECENTORS :

D. McKerzie,
Mr. White,

Chas. Davidson, Mr. McHardy, Peter Dudgeon, Mr. McIluride,
Hugh Walker from 1859 to 1876, when the organ and choir was installed.
Miss Ada Webster was first organist, followed by
Miss Carrie Stevenson.



MISS G. E. SMITH.
Present Organist.

Sabbath School Superintendents :

1828, J. Buchanan ; 1829, J. Carruthers ; from 1858 to
1866, Chas. Davidson ; then Jas. Massie, D. McCrea,
W. Guthrie, W. H. Marcon, D. McCrea, John David-
son, D. McCrea, John Davidson, Sheriff Allan, Prof.
McCready, Wm. Strattan.

Members of the Congregation who became Ministers :—

James Grant, D. Strachan, W. Findlay, Fred. W.
Anderson, F. W. Broadfoot.

Missionaries :—Thos. Barrett, Miss Flo. Clarihue,

T. McConigle.



WM. STRATTAN.
S. S. Supt.

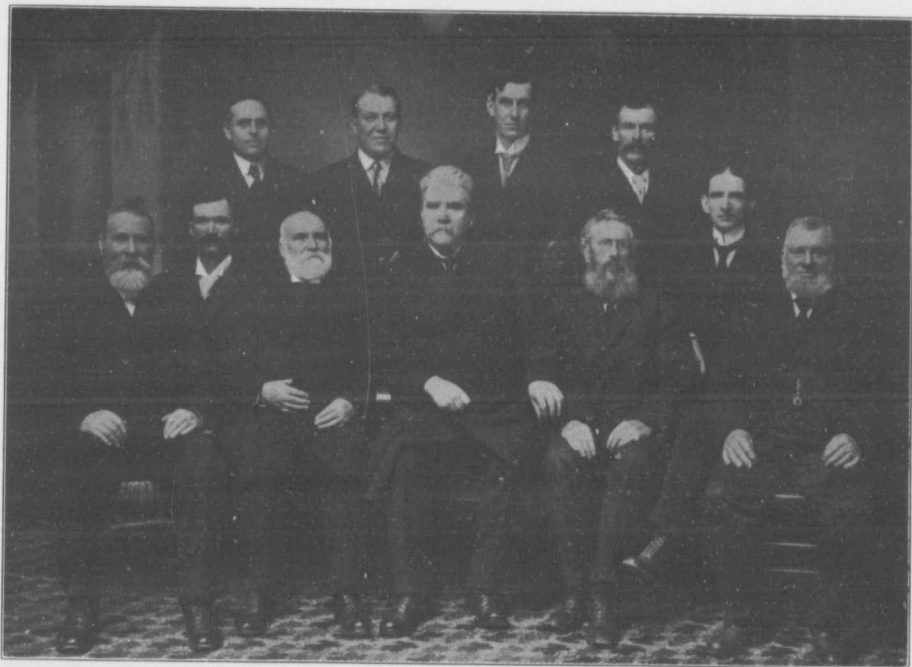
Board of Managers

First row, sitting.

George Taylor
John Henderson
H. Walker
S. Broadfoot
Chairman
H. Turner
A. C. Stover
James Murdock

Second row.

Adam Taylor
W. A. Clark
Dr. Skinner
C. C. Dawson



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CHURCH OFFICIALS.

SESSION.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, M.A. (Minister)	Rev. D. Strachan	John Laird
	Lt.-Col. McCrae, (Representative Elder)	
Lt.-Col. Higinbotham, (Trustee)	A. McIntosh	H. G. Cockburn
K. MacLean, (")	P. McLaren	G. W. Mitchell
J. Anderson, (")	W. Atcheson	R. H. Brydon
	Colin Campbell	John Smith
	Lt.-Col. Davidson, (Session Clerk and Treasurer)	

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

S. Broadfoot,	-	Chairman
Dr. H. C. Skinner,	-	Secretary -
H. Walker,	- - -	Treasurer
Hugh Turner,	- -	Steward
C. C. Dawson, Jas. Murdock, Adam Taylor, A. C. Stover		
W. A. Clark, Geo. Taylor, J. P. Henderson.		
Wm. Ross, Geo. Chapman, Auditors.		



MRS. HY. LOCH,
Pres. Mission Band.

Choir Director,	- - -	Prof. Wm. Williams
Organist,	- - - -	Miss G. E. Smith
Church Officer,	- - -	Chas. Spalding

Treasurer for Schemes of the Church, - Miss Jeanie M. Davidson



ARTHUR GRANT,
Pres. Bible Class.

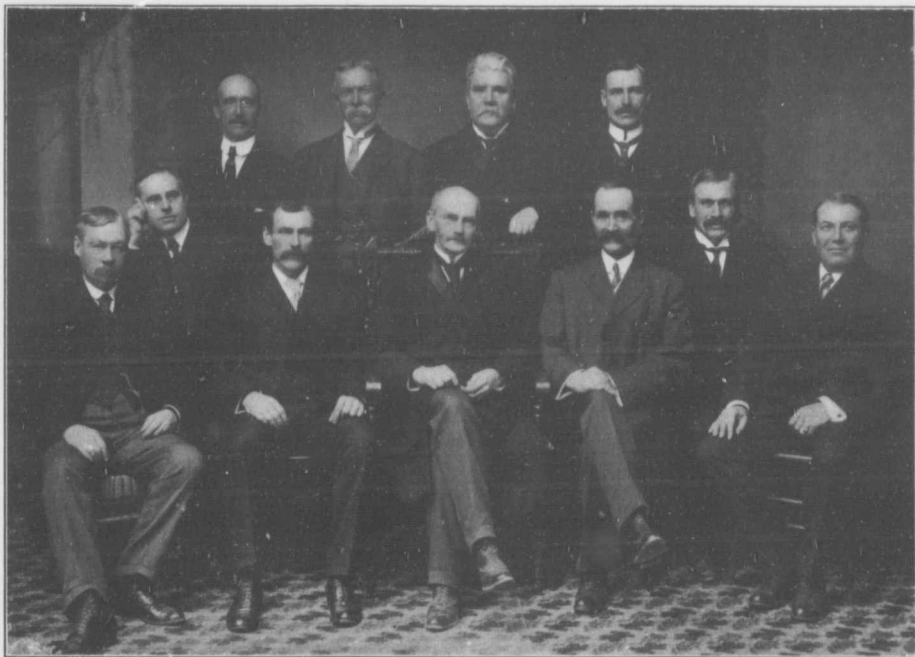
Building Committee

First row, sitting.

John Strachan
Adam Taylor
C. C. Dawson
Sheriff Allan
Chairman
Jonathan Oakes
Wm. Strattan
W. A. Clark

Second row.

R. H. Brydon
Lt.-Col. McCrae
S. Broadfoot
H. G. Cockburn



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Glasgow*

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MRS. K. MACLEAN,
Pres. W. F. M. S.

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Superintendent,	- Wm. Strattan	Secretary,	- John Strachan
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2nd Vice,	- Sheriff Allan	Librarian,	- Archibald Drone

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2nd Vice,	- - Mrs. Towle
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2nd Vice,	- Miss Kirkwood	Pioneer Secretary,	Mrs. Pringle
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MRS. L. GOLDIE.
Pres. W. H. M. S.

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Convenor of Social and Business Com. } Miss G. E. Walker
Teacher, - Rev. W. G. Wilson

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Goodfellow and Humphries.

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Vice Pres. - Miss Morrow
Secretary, - Zella McDonald
Treasurer, - Margaret Mitchell
Pianist, - May Hill



MRS. JOS. LAWSON,
Pres. of Ladies' Aid.

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1st Vice, Mrs. Patterson.
2nd Vice, - Mrs. Pringle.

CHURCH CHOIR.

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Sec.-Treas. Miss L. E. Grant
Ex. Committee—Miss A. Lowry, Miss Pringle,
Miss Patterson.
Sopranos—Misses Ida Patterson, Ollie Morris,
P. Hayes, A. Moody, B. Moody,
Elealeh Broadfoot, Bella Spalding, E.
Brooks, A. Cline, L. Dryden.
Altos—Misses L. E. Grant, Alice Lowry, Anna
Pringle, Amy Grey.
Tenors—Messrs. W. Williams, John Strachan,
Wm. Simpson, W. Holyman, Rev. P.
C. L. Harris, S. Scott.
Bassos—Messrs. F. Campbell, H. E. Hilton,
A. Duffield, C. Strachan, F. T. Mc-
Arthur, A. McArthur.
W. Williams, Conductor.
Miss G. Smith, Organist.

Secretary - Mrs. J. Smith.
Asst. Sec'y - Mrs. A. Taylor.
Treasurer - Miss Munro.