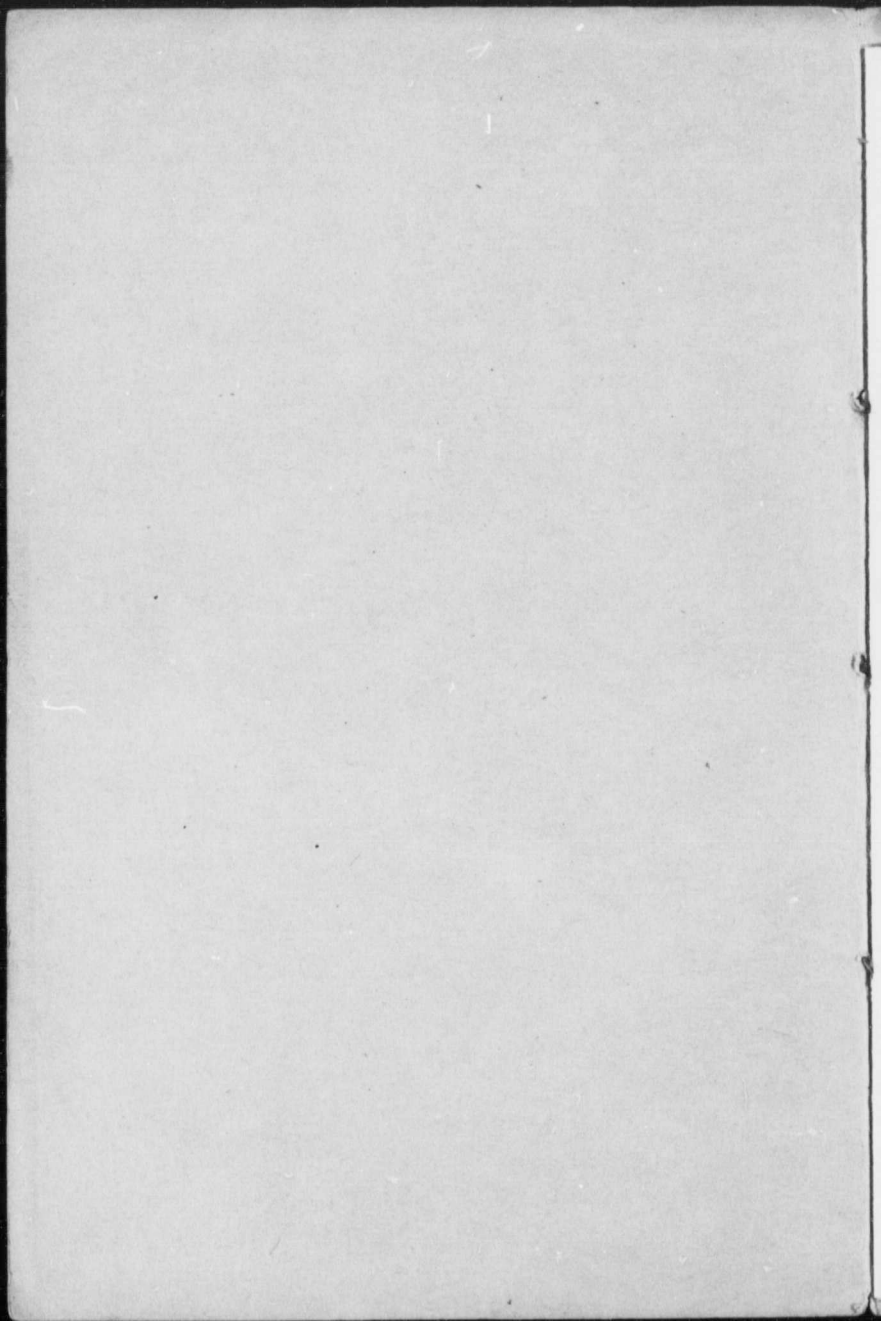


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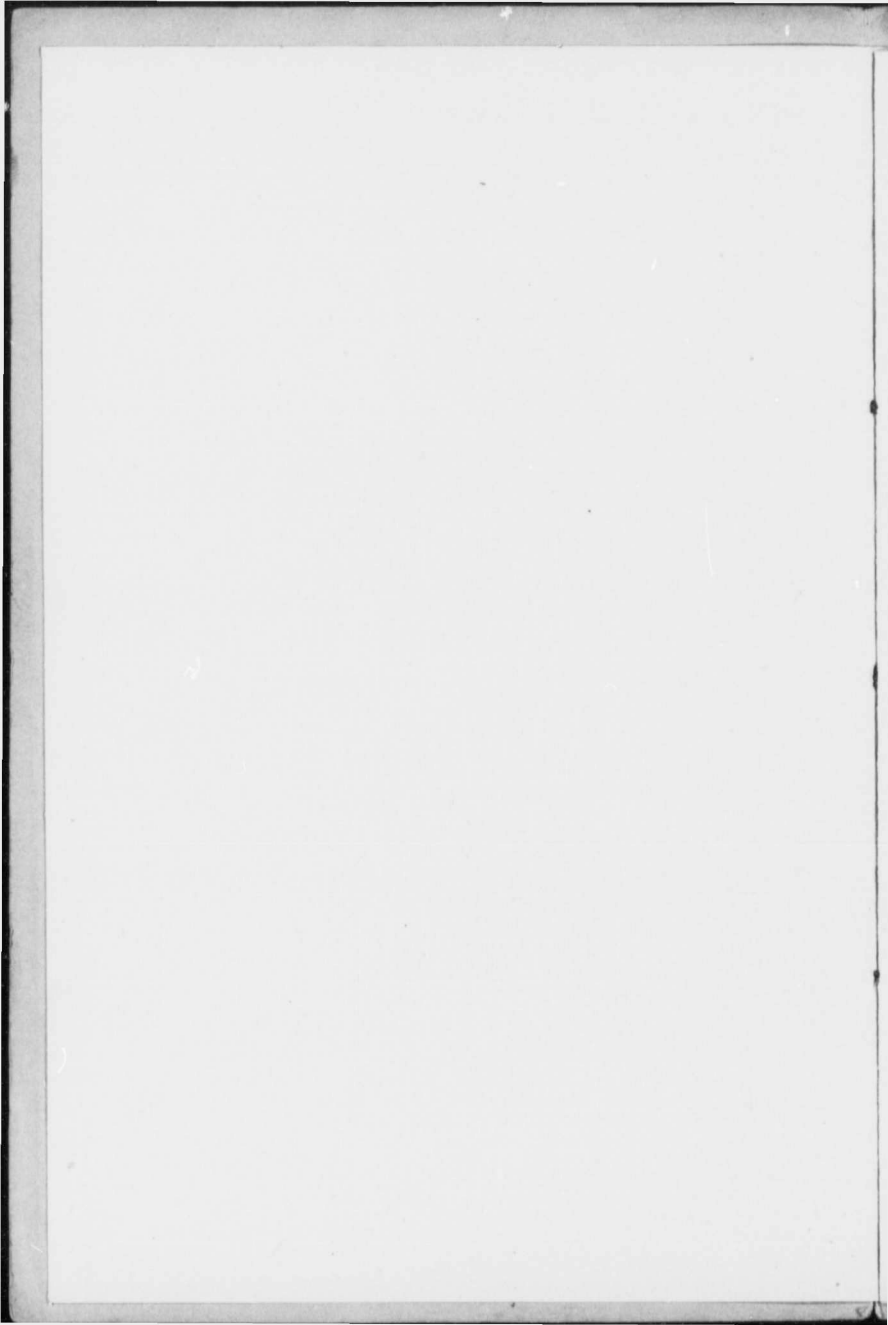
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A Song of Thanksgiving

Half a century has gone,
Truth progressive, marches on,
To the Great Eternal Goal
Of its own immortal soul:
Glad hosannas we would raise,
God, anew, to thank and praise.

For His goodness through the years,
For the harvests sown in tears,
For the shining after rain,
And the labor not in vain,
Enter, then his courts and sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

Half a century has gone
Mosses mark the wayside stone,
And our fathers slumber deep,
In a dreamless, tranquil sleep,
God of Hosts, from age to age,
Guard our priceless heritage.

Through their trials and their pains,
Buildded they, these stately fanes,
And the homes, where we abide,
By their presence sanctified,
For these guardians of our ways,
We would offer heartfelt praise.

In the days of old they came
Chanting of the temple's fame,
Bringing gold and incense rare,
To the God enthroned there,
Giving gladly, full and free
Of their choicest things to Thee.

So within Thy House to-day
We would humbly kneel and pray,
For Thy presence with us still
As we journey up the hill,
Or adown the winding track,
Whence no traveler cometh back,
Till we, one and all, shall meet,
With the ransomed at Thy feet,
Praises to ascribe to Thee,
Through the bright eternity.

H. Isabel Graham.

Jubilee Services

Sunday, December 16th, 1917

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Rev. W. J. Clark will preach, and there will be Special Music by the Choir

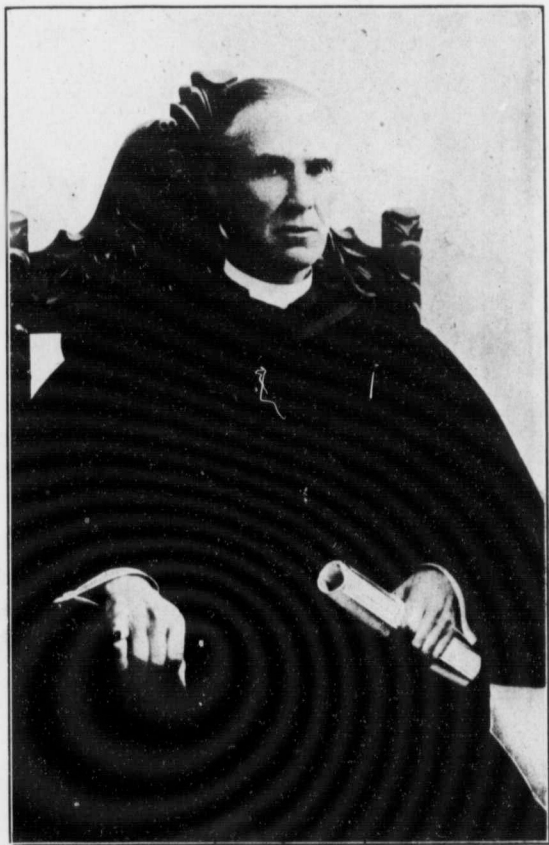
At the morning service Tablets sacred to the memory of Rev. Thomas Goldsmith, Rev. A. D. McDonald, D.D., and Rev. Matthew Barr will be unveiled

2.30 p.m.—Sunday School (Special Services)

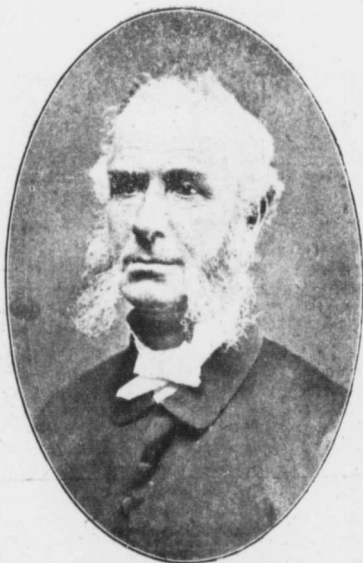


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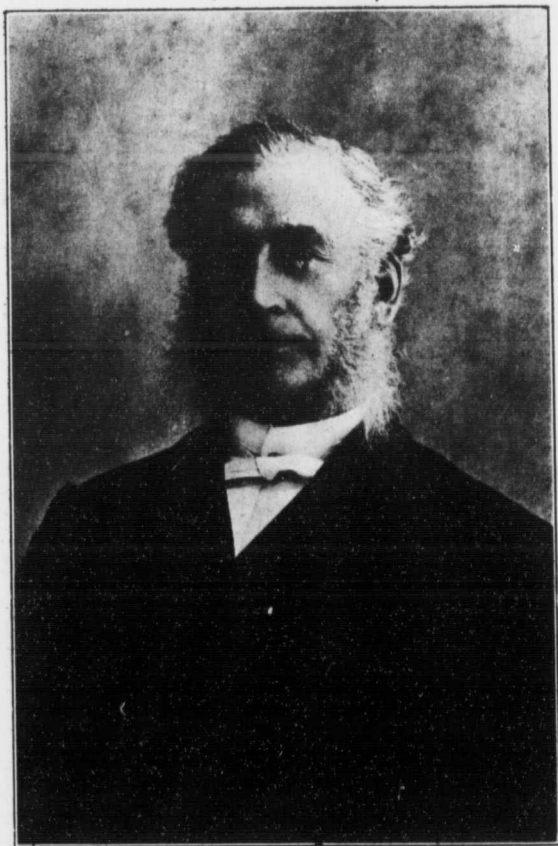
A Tea Meeting will be held, followed by a literary and musical programme, including an address by Dr. Clark



REV. F. H. LARKIN, D. D., PASTOR.



REV. THOMAS GOLDSMITH
Pastor 1867-1878



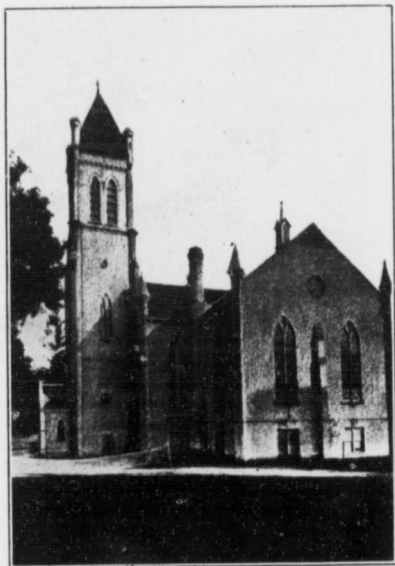
REV. A. D. McDONALD, D. D.
Pastor 1879-1899



THE MANSE



THE OLD CHURCH



THE NEW CHURCH

Historical Sketch of Presbyterianism in Seaforth

*The Committee are indebted to Mr. Wm. Ballantyne
for the early data which is contained in this sketch.*

IN the summer and fall of 1866, Rev. William Graham, of Egmondville, and Rev. Mr. Barr, of Harpurhey, came to Seaforth and preached, occasionally, on the Sunday afternoon in the Temperance Hall. At the same time there were a number of Presbyterian families living in McKillop and Seaforth, who were anxious to found a church in Seaforth. They petitioned the Presbytery of Huron to grant the erection of a church, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, but this was refused. Rev. William Robertson, of Walton, who was connected with the Presbyterian Church of North America, was then asked to preach on Sunday afternoons, and this, he did for some time. It was then thought advisable to organize a church in connection with the American body, and in February, 1867, the church was then organized in the Masonic Hall with some twenty-five members. In the meantime the Presbytery had again been approached, but again refused, giving as their reason for doing so, that a church in Seaforth would close those in Harpurhey and Egmondville. An appeal was also made to these latter churches, but they refused, unless either Mr. Graham or Mr. Barr be the church minister.

The Presbyterians in Seaforth who were members of either Harpurhey or Egmondville Churches, seeing that a church was to be built independent of their help, proposed that if the new organization would drop their plans and buy a lot on Goderich street they would go in with them, and build a larger church. When Mr. Robertson was told of this plan he advised its acceptance, gave the members their certificates and withdrew from the field.

The next thing to do, was to again approach the Presbytery. Mr. John Cowan and Mr. William Ballantyne were appointed the delegates to present the petition, but again it was refused, on the former grounds. A few days after the meeting, some of the ministers changed their minds and called a meeting, in Seaforth, to re-consider the matter. After a great deal of discussion it was moved by Rev. John Ross, and seconded by Mr. George Walker, one of Mr. Ross' elders, that the petition be granted. Mr. Ross was appointed to organize the new congregation. He did so, some time in June, and the first Sacrament was held soon after, when the following were placed on the Communion Roll: Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Darling Frysht, Mr. and Mrs. George Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballantyne, Mr. and Mrs. James Nichol, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hastie. Mr. Graham continued preaching on the

Sunday afternoons until the opening of the new church.

Great credit is due to members who came in from other churches to help the new congregation. A new subscription list was gotten up which was largely signed and a great deal of money raised. The lot that the present church stands on was then bought and the building commenced. William Shaw and Hugh Grant were the contractors. The farmers drew in most of the material as well as giving liberally. The walls were all built and the basement completed for the opening on December 16th, 1867.

Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, was the preacher on that occasion and on the Monday evening following, a tea-meeting was held. The tables were served in paper bags, as the basement was so crowded that there was no room for tables. The auditorium was not furnished until some time later.

Rev. Thomas Goldsmith was chosen to be the pastor and labored in the congregation for nine years. Mr. George Cline was the preacher for about the same time. Mr. Goldsmith's salary was \$1,000 and a manse.

The first elders were D. D. Wilson, Julius Duncan and David McCulloch. Some time after Robert Turnbull, John Cowan and William Dorance were elected members of the session.

In a very short time the basement was too small for the congregation and it was decided to furnish the auditorium, if the money could be raised for the purpose. The difficulty was overcome by Mr. D. D. Wilson going down to the Township of North Dumfries, and borrowing money, some five or six thousand dollars, at six per cent. on a note signed by thirty members of the congregation. The contract for the work on the church was let to Mr. David Duncan. Rev. Dr. Inglis, of Hamilton, conducted the services at the opening of the auditorium of the church.

After Mr. Goldsmith left Seaforth for Hamilton, Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Elora, accepted a call to Seaforth, and was inducted in April, 1879, at a salary of \$1,400 and a free house. The present manse was built for Mr. McDonald about a year after his induction.

After Mr. McDonald came, he entered into negotiations with the Harpurhey congregation to unite with Seaforth. Mr. Barr was to receive a yearly allowance of \$180 until his death. The Harpurhey elders and people were received in a body. The elders were Rev. M. Barr, James Scott, William Wilson, Sr., Simon Young and David Campbell. In that same year a number of new elders were elected: Roderick Gray, William Sproat, Hugh Robb, S. G. McCaughey, L. L. McFaul, M. Y. McLean and William Ballantyne. A short time after, on account of removals and death, George Duncan, J. C. Smith, James Cowan and John M. Wilson were added to the Session. Of all these members only George Duncan, James Cowan, John M. Wilson, D. D. Wilson and William Ballantyne are now living.

In 1881, after much discussion it was resolved to raise the money

for current expenses by the envelope system, and not by open collections and pew rents, Mr. William Ballantyne to be envelope clerk. It was some time before the system was adopted generally, but the managers persisted and finally prevailed. It is interesting to note that the money raised in 1882, for all purposes was \$5,862.98. Of this amount \$3,473.53, was the actual current income; \$1,541.65 was paid on the church debt; \$312.44 for the church schemes; \$210.00 Women's Foreign Missionary Society; \$122.36, Sabbath School.

In 1894 the church was honored by having the Synod of Hamilton and London meet in the Seaforth Presbyterian Church. As Rev. Mr. McDonald was the Moderator for that year, the ladies of the congregation presented him with a gown, previous to the meeting.

At the annual meeting in the following year a motion was carried moved by Mr. M. Y. McLean, seconded by Mr. D. D. Wilson, that the session be respectfully requested to take a vote of the congregation at as early a date as possible to ascertain, whether or not, a majority of the members would be willing to have the use of an organ, in the service of praise, provided the cost of said organ would not be taken out of the church funds. If a majority of the congregation voted to have the organ used in the church on these conditions, the Managing Board be empowered to procure one on trial for a term of six months. At the expiration of that time, another vote of the congregation was to be taken to decide if the organ be retained permanently. The organ was installed very soon after, and needless to say, it became a fixture. Prof. Jones, who had been the precentor since Mr. McDonald's induction left about that time and Mr. James Scott was appointed choir leader, and Miss Ewing organist. The introduction of the hymns into the service of praise, the decision of the congregation to stand during the singing and sit down during the prayer, at public service, were innovations that had shortly preceded the installing of the organ. About the same time it was decided to hold the evening service at seven o'clock, instead of six-thirty.

Mr. Julius Duncan, who had been the clerk of the Session since the early days of the church, resigned in 1886, and moved to Virginia, U. S. Mr. L. L. McFaul was appointed clerk in his place and held the office until his death in 1916.

After Mr. McDonald had been here some years, it was decided to give him an assistant during the summer months, the assistant to be a student from one of the theological colleges. Mr. W. J. Clark, now Dr. Clark, of Montreal, was the first assistant. Others were Mr. McMillan, now Dr. McMillan, of Winnipeg College; Mr. Wilson, now of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto; Mr. Hunt; Mr. Donald Guthrie; Mr. McPherson, who until his death, was the successful pastor of Chalmers Church, Toronto; Mr. Dickie, now Dr. Dickie, of Crescent Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and Mr. Fowle. A very interesting anniversary was held a few years before Mr. McDonald's resignation, when Rev. J. W. McMillan preached on the Sunday,

and he, with Mr. Clark, Mr. Wilson and Mr. McPherson, were all present at the tea-meeting on Monday evening. The large audience in attendance that evening greatly enjoyed the reminiscences of their student days as given by the speakers. Each one had deemed it a great privilege to be associated with a man of Dr. McDonald's ability and experience even for a short time.

In 1890 The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized by the pastor, Mr. McDonald. It proved one of the most successful organizations, among the young people, in the history of the church. Every department of church work found its committee in this Society, and for many years the work of collecting for the schemes of the church was undertaken by the Missionary Committee of the Society. Mr. J. C. Smith was the first president and the following year the officers were: Hon. President, Rev. A. D. McDonald, D.D.; President, Miss Tufford; 1st Vice President, Miss Elder; 2nd Vice President, Mr. Mercer; Secretary, Miss Ballantyne; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. R. Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss McLean; Treasurer, Mr. Duncan. The Society continued in its good work until 1901, when by reason of the removal of a number of the members, especially young men, and the organization of Mission Bands, it was deemed advisable to disband.

In 1892, Rev. Mr. McDonald received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Presbyterian College in Montreal.

In 1894 the church was first lighted with electricity and when the lights were installed, the caretaker, Mr. Sleeth, agreed to take \$25.00 a year less, as he would have no lamps to clean in the church.

In 1899 Dr. McDonald retired, after faithfully serving the congregation for twenty years.

In June, 1900, Rev. F. H. Larkin, who was then in Chatham, was inducted into the pastorate of the church.

In 1904 it was decided by the congregation, to re-model the church. From the year 1885 when the Sabbath School was so crowded in the basement that the managers granted leave for the school to occupy the auditorium, every annual report tells of an agitation to build a new church or to re-model the old one, but the plea of the church debt or hard times shelved the resolution for a time. The offer of the Ladies' Aid Society to be responsible for the seating of the remodelled church brought matters to a climax and the work was begun in 1904. In December of that year the anniversary services were held in the renovated church. Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, preached on that occasion, and very special music was rendered by the choir which at that time was under the efficient leadership of Miss Grace McFaul. The latter had taken charge of the choir on the resignation of Mr. James Scott. Miss McFaul's departure from the congregation was very much regretted and since then the organist has also been the choir leader. In April, 1905, a new pipe organ was installed in the church. The money for it had been raised by the Ladies' Aid. Dr.

Vogt, of Toronto, who had made the plans and specifications for the organ, gave a recital, on the occasion of the installation, which was a musical treat, greatly enjoyed by the people of the town.

In 1907 Rev. Mr. Barr died. For many years after the union of the Harpurhey and Seaforth congregations, Mr. Barr was a very valuable member of the Session and heartily assisted the pastor in visiting the sick and in holding prayer meetings in the country. Mr. Barr was one of the pioneer ministers of the church in Western Ontario and rendered untold service in the early days of the county.

In 1908 the following elders were elected: A. D. Scott, Thomas Grieve and William Somerville, and in 1914, George Murdie, R. P. Bell and William Wilson. At present eight members with the moderator, Dr. F. H. Larkin constitute the session. The members are William Ballantyne, James Cowan, John M. Wislon, William Wilson, R. P. Bell, Thomas Grieve, William Somerville and A. D. Scott.

In August, 1914, the Town of Seaforth had an Old Boys' Reunion. The services in the Presbyterian Church on the Sunday were exceedingly interesting. Dr. Larkin preached sermons appropriate for the occasion. The choir was composed of former members, many of whom had not been in the home church for a number of years. Mr. Yule who had been the efficient organist for several years presided at the organ. Mr. George Cline, the first precentor of the church, sang both morning and evening; while Mrs. Mullen, delighted the congregation with her vocal selections.

In 1917, Rev. F. H. Larkin was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Presbyterian Theological College, of Montreal, an honor which was greatly appreciated by the congregation, for whom he had labored so conscientiously for the past 17 years. The membership for the church in 1876 was 215; in 1879, 450; and in 1916, 450. The total receipts for the year, 1916, were \$6,650.00, and of this sum \$1,133.00 was raised for the schemes of the church.

In looking over the records of the church, one cannot help but realize what a very deep debt of gratitude the present membership of the church owes to those who, in the earlier days of the church's history, gave so unselfishly and untiringly of their time and substance in the organizing and carrying on the work of the church. Perhaps no greater tribute could be paid them than the fact that when the call came to the young manhood of the land to take up arms against the nations, who would set aside every truth and principle for which the church stands that it found such a ready response among the young men connected with First Presbyterian Church, the church in which many of them had received their early Christian training. The number of names on the Honor Roll of the Church is 65. Of these six have made the supreme sacrifice: Scott Hays, Elwyn Rivers, Frederick Weir, James Mulholland, James Hutchinson and Arthur McLean.

Board of Management

The first record available, of the Board of Management is that of 1876. The managers for the year, were: Chairman, Mr. Robert Gray; Secretary, Mr. John Fairley; Treasurer Mr. Robert Lumsden; and Messrs. John Wilson, James McIntosh, William Hoffman, A. Young, J. C. Laidlaw, William Logan, William Whitelaw, William Ballantyne, James Cline, and James Nichol. In 1879 Mr. Adam Gray severed his connection with the church, and Mr. M. Y. McLean was appointed in his place. He held the office of chairman continuously until his death in 1916. Mr. John Fairley, who had been the secretary for many years, moved from Seaforth in 1892. For the two years following the office was filled by Mr. R. Mercer, and on his resignation Mr. James Watson became the Secretary, and continued so for fifteen years. Mr. Robert Lumsden, who had been Treasurer from the early days of the church until 1906, two years previous to his death, was followed by Mr. George Murdie. In 1914 Mr. J. M. Wilson, the present Treasurer, was appointed.

Among the names of those that appear in the church reports on the board of management and who served the church faithfully for years are: Messrs. Arch. Dewar, Ed. Cash, Robert Turnbull J. C. Laidlaw, Andrew Young, Alexander Stewart, George Patterson and William Selater.

The members of the present Board of Management are: Mr. John Beattie, Chairman; Mr. John Finlayson, Secretary; Mr. John M. Wilson, Treasurer; and Messrs. Frank Hogg, J. D. Hinchley, Silas Eyre, Robert Smith R. S. Hays, James Watson, Adam Dodds, R. P. Bell, W. R. Smith, Thomas Dickson, James R. Scott, William Wilson Robert Bell, W. E. Broadfoot, J. J. Dorrance.

Sabbath School

To the late Mr. Robert Lumsden belongs the honor of starting the Presbyterian Sabbath School in Scaforth during the summer of 1867, while the church was being built. The school was held in the Episcopal Methodist Church until the opening of the basement of the church on the first Sabbath of December 1867. The first meeting of the teachers took place in January, 1868, when a Teachers' Association was formed, and officers elected. Mr. D. D. Wilson was appointed Superintendent, Mr. Robert Lumsden, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Julius Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer and later Librarian. Mrs. Julius Duncan and her sister, Miss Beattie, were among the first teachers. There were not many required as there were only twenty-five or thirty scholars, but the attendance increased year by year, until there were over 350 pupils and a large staff of teachers, whom we cannot attempt to enumerate. There are a few, however, among these worthy, valued workers who deserve honorable mention because of their long and indefatigable labours. Foremost among these was Mr. Robert Lumsden, who acted as Assistant Superintendent for upwards of thirty years. The memory of Miss M. E. McLean, who taught the Infant Class for forty years, and left the impress of her earnest, intelligent personality upon many in the community, is fragrant also. Mrs. J. R. Lync, Mr. J. C. Laidlaw and Mr. L. L. McFaul, too were prominent workers in the earlier days of the Sabbath School. We are honored to have present with us on this occasion, our esteemed Librarian, Mr. James Robb, who for thirty-nine years, has efficiently filled the position of Librarian. Mr. Robb began this work at the age of eighteen and has continued faithfully at his post ever since, rarely missing a Sabbath. After forty years of abundant and fruitful effort, Mr. D. D. Wilson resigned the superintendency. Mr. J. E. Ferguson was selected as his successor and performed the duties acceptably until his removal from Scaforth. Mr. James Cowan was then elected to the office, and under his capable, consecrated leadership the school has become one of the most progressive and prosperous organizations in connection with the church. It has, for over thirty years supported a pupil at Pointe Aux Trembles. This is no doubt responsible for the interest the scholars have increasingly manifested in various missionary activities, their offering last year amounting to \$200. Long a prominent worker in connection with School Section No. 2, and Roxborough Sabbath Schools, Mr. J. M. Wilson, after coming to Scaforth, rendered valuable assistance for eight years in the capacity of Assistant Superintendent. In the list of former Secretaries we notice the names of Messrs. Julius Duncan, Adam Gray, John Rankin, J. W. Livingstone, David Duncan, H. Smith, etc. In conclusion we pray that God's blessing may abundantly rest upon and abide with our Sabbath School as it enters upon another half century of

Christian teaching and make it more and more the means of leading many into Christ's Kingdom and training them to be good, useful Christian citizens.

Women's Missionary Societies

An Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, was organized in 1877 with a membership of twenty-six (26). The following is a list of the charter members: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Thomas Goldsmith; Vice President, Mrs. D. D. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. G. G. McCaughey; Secretary, Miss Janet Anderson; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. T. O. Kemp; Mrs. William McCulloch, Mrs. R. Lumsden Mrs. McCosh, Mrs. P. Logan, Mrs. James Nichol, Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Hugh Robb, Mrs. S. Dickson, Mrs. Arbuckle, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. A. Stewart, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. A. Young, Mrs. Atkinson Mrs. J. Thompson, Miss M. E. McLean, Miss A. McKenzie, Miss Jessie Thompson, Miss C. McKenzie, Miss Ida Arbuckle. Although this Auxiliary organized with twenty-six members, this number was not maintained, as in the year following it dropped to twelve and for several years afterwards the membership was only fifteen, and it was not until the fourth year of its existence that the Auxiliary received any recognition in the annual reports of the congregation. However, although membership was so small and average attendance at monthly meetings much smaller much good work was done. The third year after date of organization two hundred dollars (\$200.00) was remitted to the treasurer of the Central Society at Toronto; and in 1884, with the exception of Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary of Toronto, which represented seven city congregations, Seaforth headed the list of Auxiliaries in Western Ontario, contributing two hundred and twelve dollars and forty-three cents (\$212.43), to the General Society. In the thirty-seven years of its existence this Auxiliary, as a rule, reported an increase every year in membership and contributions, the latter varying from seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) the first year to over four hundred dollars.

In 1907 an affiliated Auxiliary to the Women's Home Mission Society was organized by Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, of Toronto. The officers appointed were: Honorary President, Rev. F. H. Larkin; President, Mr. James Cowan; Vice Presidents, Miss Steele and Mrs. Robert Bell; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. Keith McLean; Supply Secretary, Mrs. Cooper; Home Mission Pioneer Secretary, Mrs. M. Y. McLean. The membership for the first year was fifty, and the contributions twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$22.25). The

following year the latter increased to over one hundred dollars. In January, 1912, this affiliated Society was changed to Women's Home Mission Auxiliary with the following officers: Hon. Presidents, Rev. F. H. Larkin and Mr. J. M. Wilson; President, Mrs. Keith McLean; Vice Presidents, Mrs. DeLacey and Mrs. Charles Aberhart; Treasurer, Mrs. Veale; Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Greig; Supply Secretaries, Mrs. D. J. McCallum and Mrs. Oscar Neil; Pioneer Secretary, Mrs. H. Jeffrey. Until its amalgamation with the Women's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary in May, 1914, this Home Mission Auxiliary was most energetic in helping on in every possible way, the various activities of our General Society in North Western Canada. In recognition of the number of Life Members secured for General Society the Auxiliary had the privilege of naming a cot in one of our hospitals. The hospital at Grande Prairie, Alta., was selected and the "cot" named "Seaforth"—a very fitting memorial to the termination of the Women's Home Missionary Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth.

In May, 1914, the General Societies of the Women's Foreign and Home Missions amalgamated and the Women's Missionary Society of Canada Presbyterian Church was organized. Soon afterwards Presbyterials and Auxiliaries of the former Societies united their forces. The first Executive of Seaforth Auxiliary was as follows: President, Mrs. Larkin; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Keith McLean and Mrs. James Archibald; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Jeffrey; Secretary, Mrs. Charles Aberhart. The members of Executive in 1917 are: Honorary President, Mrs. James Cowan; President, Mrs. Larkin; Vice Presidents Mrs. John Stewart, Mrs. James Watson, Mrs. Gibson; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Scott; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Patterson; Secretary, Miss Reta Young; Messenger Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Wilson; Supply Secretary, Mrs. John Beattie; Home Helpers Secretary, Mrs. A. McLean; Strangers Secretary, Miss H. I. Graham; Honorary Members of Executive, Mrs. M. Y. McLean, Mrs. J. R. Govenlock.

Mission Bands

The Sunshine Mission Band was organized in 1894, by Mrs. Colin Fletcher, of Thames Road. The officers were: President, Miss Wilson; Vice President, Miss McLean; 2nd Vice President, Miss B. Patterson; Secretary, Miss Agnes Cash; Treasurer, Miss Edith Good; Organist, Miss B. Scett. The Society had a membership of thirty and contributed \$33.20, in its first year. Miss Wilson continued to be the president till 1900, when she was followed by Miss Govenlock. Other presidents have been as follows: Miss Norma Dickson, Miss Annie Govenlock, Miss Govenlock and Miss Tufford. The Society at present has a membership of forty-five, and has contributed for the past year \$17.50. The officers are: President, Miss Belle Smith; Vice President, Miss Annie Govenlock; 2nd Vice President, Miss Habkirk; 3rd Vice President, Miss Edna Troyer; Secretary, Miss Evelyn Adams; Treasurer Miss Florence Beattie.

The Barbara Kirkman Mission Band was organized in the year 1902. The object in organizing this Mission Band was to include girls who did not belong either to the Sunshine Mission Band or the Ladies' Auxiliary. It was named in honor of Mrs. Kirkman, who for many years was a valued member of the Collegiate Institute staff, and who was very active in the Women's Missionary Society and in the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church. The Band started with a membership of twenty-five. The officers were: President, Miss Kirkwood; Vice President, Miss J. Ballantyne; Secretary, Miss C. Knight; Treasurer, Miss Young; Superintendent of Sewing, Miss McLean. The first year's contribution amounted to \$15.04. Miss Kirkwood continued to be the President until 1905, when she left town and Miss McLean was appointed in her place. Although the Band has never had a very large membership the influence exerted by it has been such as to deepen the interest of the members in the missionary cause. The money raised has been almost wholly by collections and the annual Thankoffering. The contribution for the present year has been about fifty dollars and the membership twenty-six. The officers are: President, Miss McLean; 1st Vice President, Miss Somerville; 2nd Vice President, Miss A. Govenlock; 3rd Vice President, Miss Hazel Winter; Secretary, Miss C. Scott; Treasurer, Miss Erma Freeman; Pianist, Miss B. Larkin.

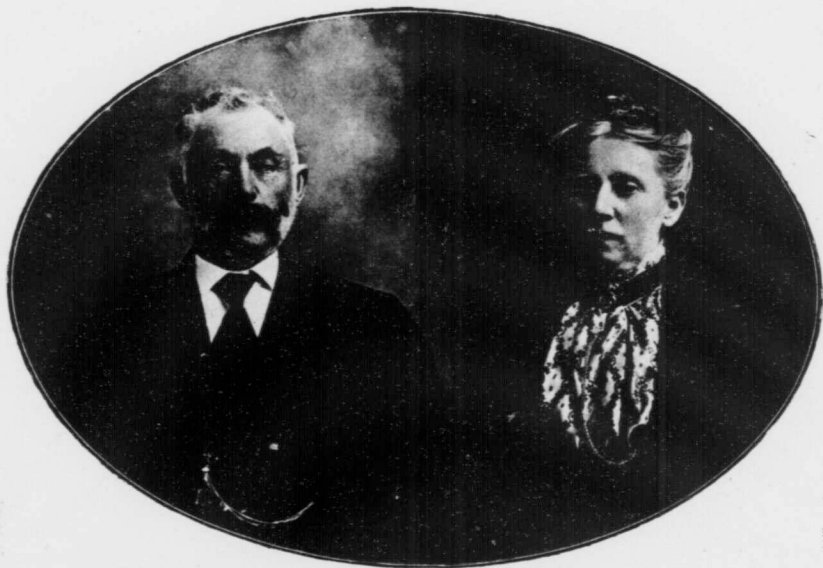
In November 1905, a Mission Band was organized at Roxboro with a membership of sixteen. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. M. Barr; Vice President, Miss Fowler; Secretary, Miss Jennie Gray; Treasurer, Miss Nellie McDowell. In the first year the Band sent \$38.63 to the Presbyterian Treasurer. Unfortunately the Band was only in existence a few years, and was disbanded for lack of a leader.

Ladies' Aid Society

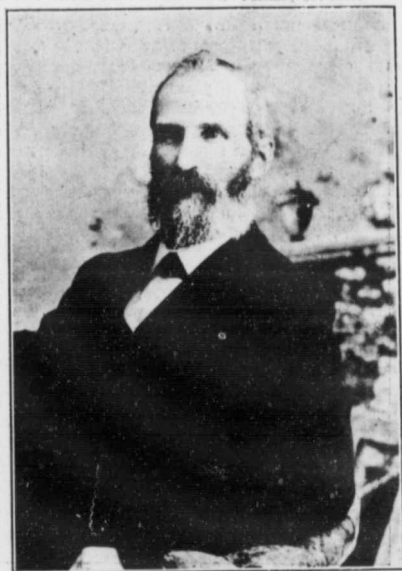
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, was organized September 27th, 1960, with the following officers; President, Mrs. S. Dickson; Vice President, Mrs. Larkin; Secretary, Mrs. Hepburn; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. D. McLean; Treasurer, Mrs. Papst.

The object of the Society was to assist the managers in building a new church or renovating the old one. It was started with a membership of forty-three ladies, the membership fees being twenty-five cents a year. Money was also raised by the mite system, each member giving so much a month, and putting same in an envelope and placing on the collection plates. The Society met once a week for sewing and raised a considerable sum of money in this way, and then by its monthly ten cent teas, a good sum was realized. The Society paid for the seats in the new church, which cost \$2 100.00; and also paid for the pipe organ which cost \$2,425.00; and has \$200.00 on hand now to pay towards installing an electric motor for pumping the organ. About \$1,000.00 has been paid on the church debt; several improvements have been added to the manse; a pulpit gown was presented to our pastor, Dr. Larkin, and a Life Membership of the Missionary Society, was presented to Mrs. S. Dickson, who was the able president for fourteen years. Since the war began the Society has given several teas for Red Cross and Patriotic work.

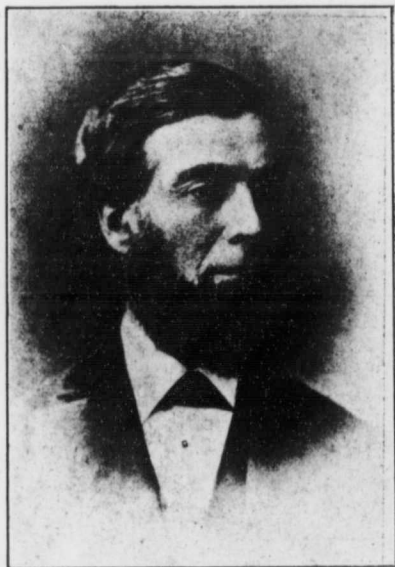
The present membership is sixty-one ladies, and the following are the officers: Honorary President, Mrs. J. D. Hinchley; President, Mrs. William Sclater; Honorary Vice President, Mrs. Murray; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Arch. Scott; Mrs. McIntosh; Mrs. (Dr.) Cooper and Mrs. Boyd; Secretary, Mrs. John Finlayson; Treasurer, Mrs. George M. Chesney.



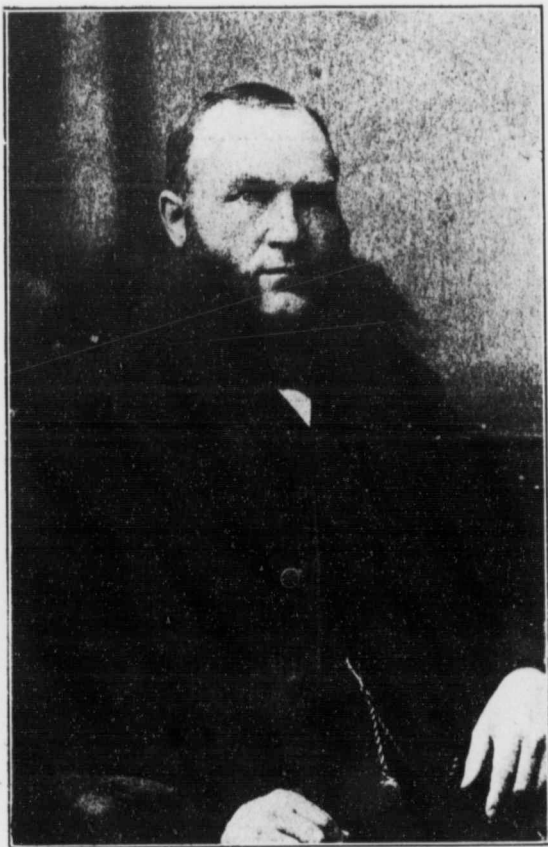
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart, Members of the Church Since 1868, and Still Members.



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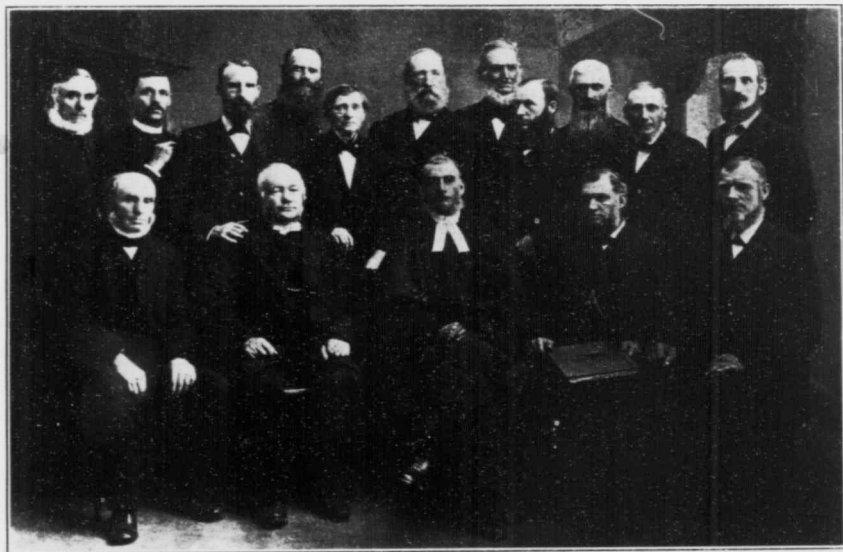


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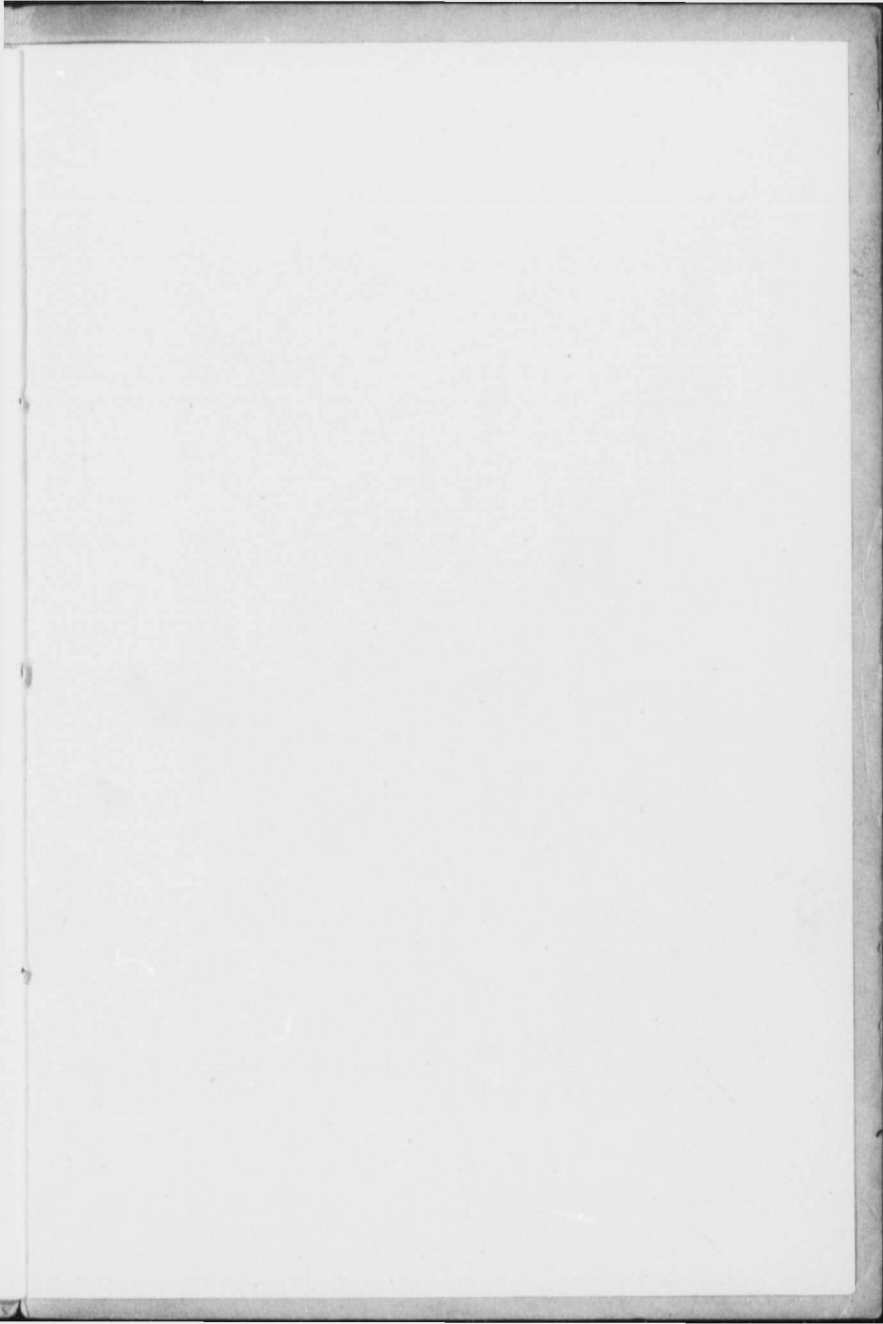
D. D. WILSON

First Superintendent Sabbath School, 1868-1908



SESSION IN 1886 AFTER UNION OF HARPURHEY AND SEAFORTH CONGREGATIONS.

Top Row—William Sproat, L. L. McFaul, M. Y. McLean, R. Gray, William McCulloch, L. G. McCaughey, David Campbell, D. D. Wilson, Hugh Robb, James Scott, William Ballantyne. Lower Row—William Wilson, Sr., Rev. Matthew Barr, Rev. A. D. McDnald, D. D., Julius Duncan, William Derrance.



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