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"Jubilee Souvenir"

Burns Church, Milverton

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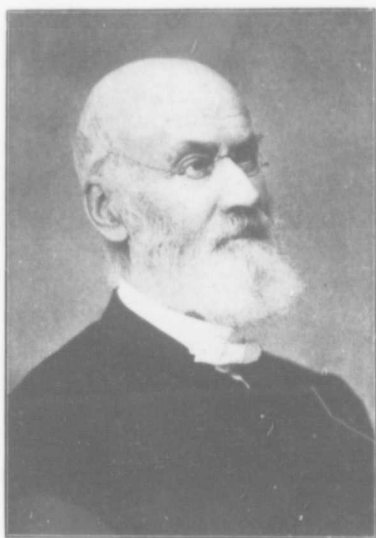
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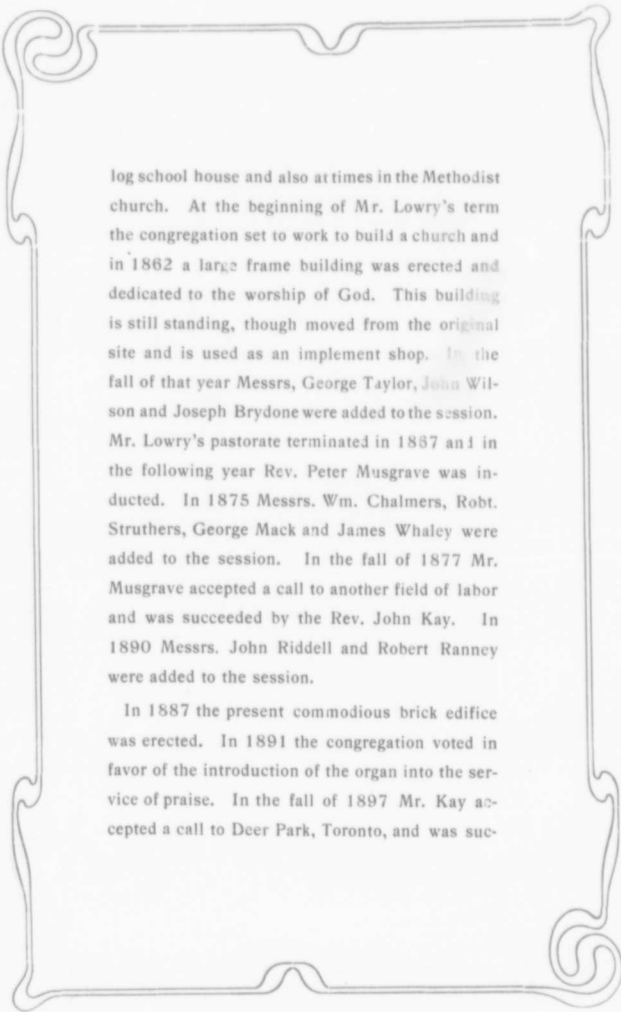
REV. A. A. DRUMMOND
1857—1860

Historical Memoranda of Burns Church, Milverton

1857-1907

In the month of June 1856 application was made by certain persons, residing in Mornington township to the U. P. Presbytery of Brant for services to be held at certain places within said township. A second petition was sent in November of the same year with a promise to supply the necessary funds for the same.

In October, 1857, a call was extended to the Rev. A. A. Drummond signed by 51 members and 19 adherents. On the 12th of January, 1858, Mr. Drummond was inducted and soon after a session was formed consisting of Messrs. James Drummond, Alex. Rae and R. Kennedy. Mr. Drummond continued as pastor until the close of 1860 and soon after was succeeded by the Rev. Thos. Lowry. During the pastorate of Mr. Drummond the congregation met for worship in an old



log school house and also at times in the Methodist church. At the beginning of Mr. Lowry's term the congregation set to work to build a church and in 1862 a large frame building was erected and dedicated to the worship of God. This building is still standing, though moved from the original site and is used as an implement shop. In the fall of that year Messrs, George Taylor, John Wilson and Joseph Brydone were added to the session. Mr. Lowry's pastorate terminated in 1867 and in the following year Rev. Peter Musgrave was inducted. In 1875 Messrs. Wm. Chalmers, Robt. Struthers, George Mack and James Whaley were added to the session. In the fall of 1877 Mr. Musgrave accepted a call to another field of labor and was succeeded by the Rev. John Kay. In 1890 Messrs. John Riddell and Robert Ranney were added to the session.

In 1887 the present commodious brick edifice was erected. In 1891 the congregation voted in favor of the introduction of the organ into the service of praise. In the fall of 1897 Mr. Kay accepted a call to Deer Park, Toronto, and was suc-



REV. THOMAS LOWRY
1861 - 1867



REV. PETER MUSGRAVE
1868-1879



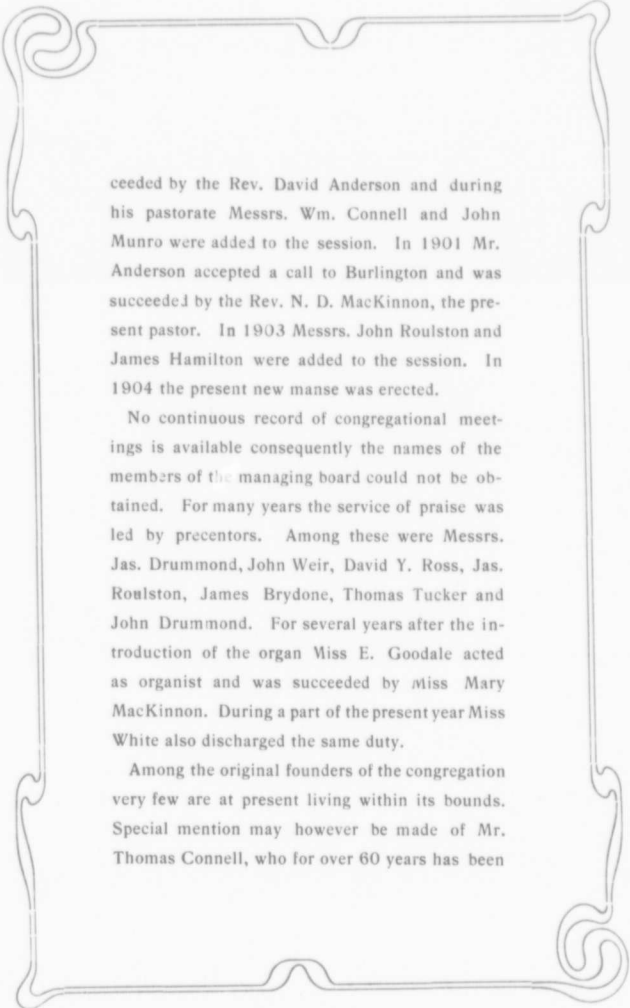
REV. JOHN KAY

1879-1897



REV. DAVID ANDERSON

1898 - 1901



ceeded by the Rev. David Anderson and during his pastorate Messrs. Wm. Connell and John Munro were added to the session. In 1901 Mr. Anderson accepted a call to Burlington and was succeeded by the Rev. N. D. MacKinnon, the present pastor. In 1903 Messrs. John Roulston and James Hamilton were added to the session. In 1904 the present new manse was erected.

No continuous record of congregational meetings is available consequently the names of the members of the managing board could not be obtained. For many years the service of praise was led by precentors. Among these were Messrs. Jas. Drummond, John Weir, David Y. Ross, Jas. Roulston, James Brydone, Thomas Tucker and John Drummond. For several years after the introduction of the organ Miss E. Goodale acted as organist and was succeeded by Miss Mary MacKinnon. During a part of the present year Miss White also discharged the same duty.

Among the original founders of the congregation very few are at present living within its bounds. Special mention may however be made of Mr. Thomas Connell, who for over 60 years has been

an official of the congregation and responsible for the collection of stipend in his district which has never failed to reach the hands of the treasurer in due time. The faithful worthies of those early days have nearly all passed away. May the rising generation prove as faithful and self denying.

The following are the present Board of Management : Messrs. James Hamilton, Chairman ; Samuel Whaley, Sec.-Treasurer ; John Roulston, Albert Riddell, William Struthers, George Kerr, Thomas Sanderson, Samuel Kinkead and John Chalmers.

Mr. John Munro is the superintendent of the Sunday School and during the last few years there have been associated with him in the work, Mr. Wm. Kines, Mrs. Wm. Connell, Misses Annie Whaley, Mamie Naismith, Daisy Smith and Mary McKinnon. Miss Sadie Naismith has for some years been Sec.-Treas of the school.





REV. N. D. McKINNON

1902

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Jubilee Services

Jubilee services in connection with the organization of Burns Church, Milverton, were held on Sabbath, the 8th of September, 1907. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, who was in charge at Millbank at the time of organization fifty years ago. His discourse was a masterly exposition of the Old Jewish Jubilee and its relation to the spiritual freedom enjoyed through Christ. At this service six persons were present, who were also present at the induction of Rev. A. A. Drummond fifty years ago, viz: Mr. Jas. Whaley, Mr. William Sanderson, Mr. Andrew Sanderson, Mrs. John Chalmers, Mrs. John Atkin and Mrs. Thomas Connell.

The service in the evening was conducted by the Rev. W. A. MacLean, of St. Giles Church, Winnipeg, and was a most powerful arraignment of "Sin." The only way of freedom from its sway was pointed out and strongly urged.

Many came from long distances to attend these services and the church was filled to its utmost capacity at both diets of worship.

An additional feature of the Jubilee was the canvassing of the congregation by Mr. James Torrance and Mr. James Brydone for subscriptions to pay off the remaining debt on the new manse. This was successfully accomplished and now the congregation is entirely free from debt. The hearts of both pastor and congregation are filled with gratitude to Almighty God for His Goodness in the past and on the present occasion.

Members of the Jubilee Committee

Messrs. Thomas Connell, Robert Struthers, James Whaley, Samuel Whaley, James Torrance, James Brydone, W. D. Weir, Albert Riddell, Thomas Sanderson, James Hamilton, M. MacBeth, John Munro and George Kerr.

The first board of management of Burns church consisted of the following members:—James Whaley, S. Whaley, Joseph Brydone, Thomas Connell, John Weir, John Torrance, George Taylor, Robert Struthers and George Mack.

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