

THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF WALDEMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Some were held in the homes and some in the church with a special speaker. In more recent years missionary evenings with slides and on very special occasions visiting missionaries acquainted the members and their families with conditions in some of the mission fields of the church.

The allocation money has been raised by free-will donations from the members and the many Home Helpers, who have contributed so abundantly during the years. Special appeals have been answered for aid to both Overseas and Home Missions.

The May Rally of the Orangeville Presbyterial took place here in June, 1941 and in May 1953.

It would be interesting indeed to know how many quilts have been made by these ladies during the last six decades. Many of those hands, so skilful with the needle, have been called on to Higher Service. Some very beautiful quilts have been made and quilted for sale and some were sent to needy institutions as Evangel Hall, Scott Mission, Armagh House and earlier to mission fields in the west and for Indian schools.

Mrs. George Gamble, who was instrumental in the organization of this group was made a Life Member in January 1939, and Mrs. A. Burke, also a pioneer in this society serving as Secretary-Treasurer for eleven years was made a Life Member in January 1953. Later Mrs. Ross Lomas, Mrs. C. Rea, Mrs. Wilfred Gamble, Mrs. Harry Hillis, Mrs. Frank Gamble Mrs. J. Byers, Mrs. H. Burke, Mrs. S. Melen, Mrs. R. Richardson, Mrs. Harvey Gamble and Mrs. Oscar Irvine were also honoured.

In the fall of 1965, the Orangeville Presbytery ceased to exist and we are now included in a larger unit, the Brampton Presbytery, where meetings are held monthly.

Mrs. R.D. Fraser of Dundalk was the very capable President of the Orangeville Presbyterial for many many years and much regret was felt at her passing on December 7, 1966 in Markdale Hospital following a lengthy illness. Mrs. S. McNeilly of Orangeville was President of Orangeville Presbyterial the time of the changeover.

True, from past records, we have learned of many meetings which have been well-attended, great devotion to the work by officers and members alike, self-denial during the lean years and other happenings. But it is beyond our power to estimate the many silent prayers, which have been offered by these women, from day to day for their missionaries, who were and still are giving their all that the Tidings for Salvation maybe spread to the uttermost parts of the earth. What a privilege and what a duty is ours.