

THE ALDERSHOT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 29, 1957.

from the Spectator

The Moderator of the Presbytery, the Rev. Mariano Di Gangi, B. D., of St. Enoch's Church Hamilton will represent the Presbytery at the official opening of the new Aldershot Presbyterian Church, La Salle Road. The Rev. Stanley Vance of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, will be the preacher, and the choir will be augmented with friends from St. Paul's and MacNab Street Church congregations, Hamilton. Weather permitting, the opening ceremonies will be held outside the new Church. Members of the Presbytery, members of the Session, members of the Board of Management and the Choir, along with the officiating Ministers will take their place immediately in front of the Church. The congregation will assemble on the other side of the official cutting tape, and the ceremony will be performed by Miss Grace Watson of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, the oldest member of that church. A cordial invitation issued by Rev. Wm. Black, Moderator of Aldershot Presbyterian Church to all interested friends, to attend the opening.

The following is copied from the Narrative of

Historic events since congregation was formed.

Session Report: The Place of Worship, the House of God, the Sanctuary, Our Church. But this stately edifice, this building which is to become our Church Home is not the Church.

The Aldershot Presbyterian Church is the group of people associated for the worship of His Name, who have been instrumental in erecting this place of worship and the Church of God is that wider

circle of Christians throughout the world who own him as Saviour and Lord.

This building was erected upon and round about a cornerstone declared to have been well and truly laid, by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Dr. Finlay Stewart, who performed the official act of mortaring the joints and guiding the lowering of the stone into position. And it is inscribed thereon "To the Glory of God, 1957" and it has been by many prayers and by His great goodness and wonderful guidance, that we have attained the success and accomplishment of completion of this glorious Sanctuary of Worship which we behold today.

This is but the beginning. Yet it is not really the beginning. It was conceived by some zealous Christians of our Presbyterian denomination resident in this area who banded together to become the Charter Members of this Aldershot Congregation, assisted by some consecrated stalwarts of the Church from established congregations in the Hamilton Presbytery.

The Official record declares them to be those who were the first nucleus of membership, together with those who joined at the next following Communion. They are named in the Session records as follows: First Communion Roll, January 10, 1954: Mr. Herbert Allen, Mrs. H. Allen, Miss Isobel Barclay, Mr. Samuel Gillespie, Mrs. S. Gillespie, Miss Shirley Hopkins, Mr. Wray Livingston, Mrs. W. Livingston, Mr. Jack Livingston (the youngest Charter Member), Mr. John S. Miller, Mr. Austin Nixon, Mrs. Audrey Rodger, Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Keith Wilcox, Mr. Louis Stangel, Mrs. Kate Pyle, Mr. Samuel Adams, Mrs. Samuel Adams, Mrs. Martha Barclay, Mrs. A. B. Bell, Mrs. J. Bullock, Mrs. R. Carter, Mrs. F. Cutler, Mrs. Margaret Duncan, Mr. F. R. Embury, Mrs. F. R. Embury, Mrs. M. Fellowes,