

Kimberley Church Held Fiftieth Anniversary

The Church which was built in 1885 and opened for service that same year was not finished till the following year, 1886, when it was bricked and formally re-opened.

Most of the funds for building were subscribed before work was commenced. Those most active in collecting and planning were Mr. Chris. Knott, Mr. Ben. McKenzie, Squire Stuart, Mrs. A. McConnell, Mr. Jas. Thurston and Mrs. Thos. Ellis. Mr. Knott, Mr. Stuart and Mr. McKenzie each gave \$50 which was a large sum in those days. Mr. Knott made all the seats by hand and the land was donated by Squire Stuart.

As the Church was, in a manner of speaking, opened twice two ministers took part in its opening. Rev. Strongman and Rev. Corkern. These have been followed by Revs. Grandy, Watts, Wass, Wadell (who was assisted by Revs. Barlow and Thompson), Revs. Balfour, White, Sinclair, Marshall, Colley, Gaudin, Lane, Veals, Ellison, Statesbury and McAuslan.

In 1912 Rev. Trotter laid to rest in less than a month three of the most faithful members: Mrs. J. R. Fawcett, Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Ed. Barritt.

In March 1889 Rev. Watts held Revival Services and as a result 12 or more were received into full membership, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Messrs. G. Lawrence, W. S. Bishop, Wm. Fawcett, W. H. Stuart, Misses Annie and Lizzie Stafford, Sadie, Carrie and Vickie Myles, Ellen Stuart, Maggie Abercrombie, Mr. Jas. Myles and Albert.

The Church services were better attended then than at present. It was common to have 30 or 40 stay after service for fellowship meetings. The mid-week prayer meetings were very largely attended.

We were first a part of Eugenia Circuit, later Rocklyn and now of Kimberley.

Among the early members were Mr. John Hurlburt and family. Mr. Hurlburt was a descendant of old pioneers who had been very active and prominent in early Church history. He had several uncles in the ministry and his father was one of the first local preachers in these parts. Then there was the Thurston family. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Miss Sarah, the Gaudin family. Rev. S. D. Gaudin was for some time our public school teacher and also Sunday School Superintendent. After attending college he spent the rest of his years as a Missionary among the Indians of the North, being retired from active service a year or two ago. Other families who were actively identified with the Church life were: Myles, Staffords, Waltons, Scotts, Fawcetts, Magees, Laurences, Carruthers, Burritts, Abercrombies and many others. We are still reaping the harvest they planted. We bow in humility and reverence before their memories for many have gone to their Heavenly reward.

Many of the early members were actively engaged in Temperance work. Mrs. Thos. Carruthers, Mrs. Anstley McConnell, Mrs. Thos. Ellis and Mr. Jas. Thurston were successful in having the hotel closed in Kimberley.

At the founding of the Church and for many years there was a choir of about 20 members. The choir has always been of great help in the services. Some of those most active in this work were Misses Sarah Thompson, Gertie Thurston, Lillie Graham, Alma Camack, Maud Fawcett, Mrs. John Gillespie, Mrs. Myles, the Carruthers family, the Leslie brothers, who were both killed overseas and Mr. Wm. McBride. Many others gave their time and their talent and are still doing so.

Most unusual but there has been only three weddings in the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stuart and Mrs. Eber Smith to Mr. Wilson of Durham.

The first Sunday School Superintendent was Mr. John Hurlburt, who was followed by Mr. S. D. Gaudin, Mr. Dynes, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Scott, Mr. H. Gaudin, John Abercrombie, Geo. Hutchinson, Mr. Chard and Ralph Stafford.

For several years the average attendance was between 100 and 120, according to the reports of the sec-

retary, Mr. Richard Howell. The Bible class membership was about 30. Teachers of the earlier days were Miss Sarah Thompson, Mr. John Alexander, Miss Hannah Walton, Miss Eva Gaudin, I. B. and R. D. Carruthers, Geo. Proctor and others. For many years at first the Sunday School was union and many of the best helpers were members of other churches.

The Ladies' Aid was organized by Rev. Plunkett, and its first president was Mrs. Henry Hind; its first secretary-treasurer was Miss Hannah Walton. These were followed by Mrs. John Bradbury as president and Miss Lizzie Stafford as secretary-treasurer.

For several years there was no Ladies' Aid, but it was later re-organized. Since 1916 to the end of 1935 they have raised for various Church uses the sum of \$5,447.55.

The Helen Hurd Auxiliary was organized by the Flesherton auxiliary and given its name in honor of Miss Helen Hurd, who is the only one of our Kimberley girls in the mission field. The first president was Mrs. Alex. Fawcett and the first secretary-treasurer Mrs. B. A. Carruthers. For many years an interesting Mission Band and Circle worked with the auxiliary.

Almost all through the years there has been a Young People's Society, either League or Y.P. One of the first Junior Young People's Societies, called the "Band of Hope", was started by Rev. T. R. White. These meetings have done much for those who are carrying on Church work now or are to take their places in the future.

On Sunday morning and evening Rev. T. R. White of Heathcote, who was pastor here 33 years ago, preached. The Church was beautifully decorated and the choir gave special music. In the evening the Union choir sang two good anthems which were appreciated by the people of Kimberley.

On Monday afternoon a short service was held in the Church to give the visitors a chance to extend greetings and meet old friends. A motor trip was given to all guests who desired to see the valley. Games and races were held in the park. Supper was served and a play given by the young people of Priceville: "The Flower of the Hills".

The following is a list of those who registered: Rev. T. R. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. F. Hutchinson, Miss Maud Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stuart, Mrs. Jonas Heslip, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Campin, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Abercrombie, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Magee, Miss C. Magee, Margaret McConnell, Hilda Reid, Kathleen Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fawcett, Mrs. F. McConnell, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. F. Gilray, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Lawrence, Mina Fawcett, Mrs. P. W. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Corbett, Miss Audrey Corbett, Mrs. A. Collett, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCallam, Stuart Ellis, Buster Marshall, Don Beatty, V. A. Daniels, Vera McAuslan, E. Magee, Wm. McAuslan, L. A. Conn, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Appleton, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. John Alexander, Irene Bryant, Helen Walter, W. E. Harris, Ross McDermid, Edna Maxwell, Evelyn Doras, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stuart, Mrs. M. McMullen, Miss M. McMullen, Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. South, Mrs. J. Taylor, M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burritt, Mrs. Wilson.

HARKAWAY

Mrs. C. Corby and little daughter, Jeanette, returned to Belleville after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Binns.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fisk and children of Owen Sound spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins and family.

Sunday visitors with Mr and Mrs. Chester Rodman were Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward and Wallace of Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kidd and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin and Marshall.

Mr. Joseph Hawkin and family and Miss Ethel Waite visited on Sunday with the latter's parents at Dundalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rae and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dixon at Strathavon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyes of Bognot visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Boyes.

Miss Ethel Carbert of Toronto is holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carbert and family.

Messrs. David Young and Bob Nixon visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Summers and family of Vandeleur spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Summers and family.

Rev. Alexander Torrie of Toronto will speak in Harkaway church on Sunday evening at 7.30, under the auspices of the W. M. S.

We are having very dry weather at time of writing.

CHERRY GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Vic. Ward visited recently with Pleasant Valley friends.

Miss Margaret Harvey has returned after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Peter Elford, and Mr. Elford at Thornbury.

A Blain re-union was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hodgson on Sunday, it being Mrs. Hodgson's 79th birthday. The afternoon was spent in music and social conversation. Mr. Charlie Williams and Dennie Wyrville supplied an abundance of music. Friends were there from Owen Sound, Markdale, Sarnia, Orange Valley, Toronto, Pleasant Valley, New England and Regina. Mrs. Hodgson's family was all home for the day. She is one of those grand

old women who can recall many of the hardships and pleasures of the pioneer life. We all join in wishing her congratulations.

Mrs. W. A. Dickie and Miss Jane visited on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bowen at Riverdale.

A number of our neighbors have done re-shingling this year. Mrs. Roy Bowler and son had their barn done, also Russell Boyce, Vic Ward and Jas. Penelton and Levi Burnett had his house done.

Mr. Jim Nesbitt of Temple Hill visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hill.

Mr. Jas. Peneleton and son have purchased the Mill's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Williamson and Keith of Beaverville spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Burnett.

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