

# The Officials of Welland Ave. Church

Commend to the earnest attention of every member and adherent the following message from the minister

DEAR FRIENDS :

Next Sunday, October 26th, the 70th Anniversary of Welland Ave. United Church will be celebrated with special services, morning and evening. Seventy years ago our church was founded. From that far off day to this, Welland Avenue United has been holding aloft the light of truth and Salvation in this community and country to guide the feet of wayfaring men. What a cause for thanksgiving: Seventy years of history, a history replete with splendid achievements made possible by all those faithful and devoted servants of the Master who have gone before.

Of course, you will be in Church, next Sunday. If I have not met you, I shall be glad of the privilege. Furthermore I shall be around to visit you, as soon as possible. But let us all get behind the Church. The Church needs you and you need the Church. It is not doing one-tenth of what it ought to do, but the the Church of Christ is doing nine-tenths of what is being done for the good of the world. In fact the gospel of Christ of which the Church is the custodian is the only hope for the world. If any man knows of anything else that will save this world, I should like to hear of it. Let each one of us rally around the Church and do our bit to make it an effective agency for right and truth in this city and country.

I am confident that the people of Welland Avenue United will respond to the appeal of the Committee of Stewards in asking for \$2000.00 at this time. If each one does his bit we shall reach our objective. On looking over the records of yesterday, I am certain the people of Welland Avenue United will not let the work of the Church lag behind for lack of funds, to-day. Let us so consecrate our lives, our money, our talents to the service of God and His Church that this Anniversary will stand out as one of the grandest occasions in the long history of Welland Avenue Church. As your minister I stand ready to do my utmost, with God's help, for the Church and the cause for which it stands. I ask you for your loyalty and support and your attendance at Church, and your prayers; I am sure I shall not be disappointed.

Let us do all we can to make our Church a friendly Church. Let no stranger enter our doors and leave again without a warm welcome. Let us remember that we are a family. Let us foster the family spirit. One is hurt and grieved when any member of the family fails to maintain the family honour. One never speaks evil of a member of the family behind his back. One sympathizes with any member of the family who is in trouble of any kind and is ready to give such help as he can. Yes, let us foster the family spirit. Let us love one another, for by this shall all men know that we are Christ's disciples.

With gratitude and affection,

Yours faithfully,

*J. E. Bell*