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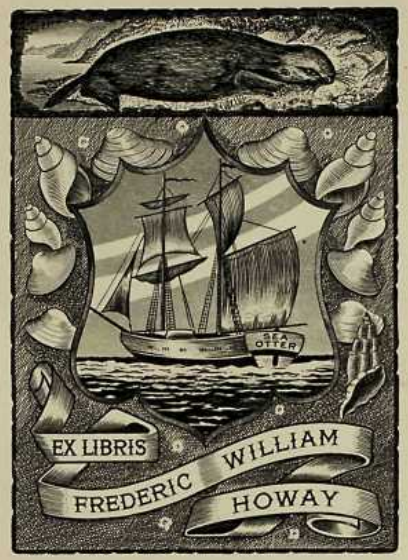

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The Story of St. Andrew's United Church

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FOREWORD

TO THOSE who in loyalty to their Master laid the foundations of His Cause on the North Shore, and to those who have built thereupon in love, peace, and righteousness, this story is dedicated.

The past is worth knowing. It gives the present its setting, and thereby has a steadying influence. It gives a sense of proportion. What seemed a mountain after the lapse of time may be seen to be only a molehill. It has a charm all its own. It warms the heart with interest and amusement. It awakens memories that bless, and perchance some that burn. Over its landscape there ever stands a rainbow.

The lure of the past is responsible for this booklet. The discovery of old minute books led to delving into the files of The North Shore Press and its predecessor, The Express, and to many an interesting chat with pioneers. Gradually the story took form over a period of three or four years, on free evenings when the mood was on.

I wish to acknowledge the kindness of His Honour Judge Howay; Major J. S. Matthews, Vancouver City Archivist; Ernest Robson, son of the late Rev. Ebenezer Robson; Rev. John Goodfellow, historian and archivist of the B.C. Conference of the United Church; and a number of pioneers, in reading the manuscript in whole or in part, and in making valuable corrections and additions. I am indebted to The North Shore Press, The Daily Colonist, and The Western Recorder for the use of a number of the cuts used.

—W. S.

First Church in New Westminster

REV. DR. EBENEZER ROBSON

First Methodist Church in British Columbia built for the use of white people. Probably first Church of any denomination in New Westminster. Opened March 11, 1860. Dedicated April 8, 1860. Rev. Dr. White of Sardis, son of Rev. Edward White, first Minister in New Westminster, writes:

"This represents an enlargement, and was taken just as the building was about to be dismantled to give place to a larger one. In the first Church building the bell was hung on a very large cedar stump with a little cabin on top to protect the bell from the weather. I have often rung it. Also at the side showing the windows a little vestry 8 by 10 was built, also on the top of a large stump. I well remember seeing my father take the axe and cut a series of steps up the side of the stump."

From this as his headquarters Rev. Ebenezer Robson, on June 19, 1865, travelled over the Douglas Street Road (really only a trail) nine miles to Burrard Inlet, hired an Indian and canoe and crossed the Inlet to Moodyville and conducted the first service for white people ever held on the North Shore.

MARY STREET CHURCH
New Westminster, 1860-1873

THE STORY of St. Andrew's United Church, North Vancouver, is a story in two chapters. The first is concerned with the pioneer lumber town of Moodyville which was located near to where the Midland Pacific Terminal elevator now stands, within the present boundaries of the City of North Vancouver. The second is concerned with the beginnings of the Church in North Vancouver proper. The former takes us back to the beginnings of British Columbia, the latter belongs to the present century.

MOODYVILLE DAYS

British Columbia was born in a gold rush. That fact explains much. Among other things it accounts for the coming of the Royal Engineers or "sappers," to Sapperton, at the north end of New Westminster. Among oldtimers, Sapperton was known as "The Camp" until comparatively recent years. In a report of Colonel Moody, in charge of the Engineers, January 28, 1859, the importance of Burrard Inlet as protection of the rear of the capital, New Westminster, was stressed. The San Juan incident was then disturbing the infant colony. Accordingly, that year, 1859, the year following their arrival, saw the construction of a trail due north from "The Camp" to Burrard Inlet. This was completed as the "North Road" in 1861.

Following this new exit came the lumberman, for the shores of Burrard Inlet everywhere presented a magnificent stand of timber. Judge Howay says it was "a lumberman's paradise." It remained but to decide on the best spot for a mill. At the location called by the Indians "Sahix," meaning "point," a bold bluff rising abruptly from deep water, there was completed in 1863 a small sawmill owned by T. W. Graham & Co. It was run by water power, the water being taken by flume from Lynn Creek. Financial difficulties led to two changes of ownership within eighteen months. One of these sales was under the hammer when it brought $8000. In December, 1864, it became the property of Moody & Co. Hence arose the name "Moodyville," the name being suggested by Mrs. Captain Murray Thain, who moved to Moodyville in 1872. Before that it was known simply as Moody's Mills.*

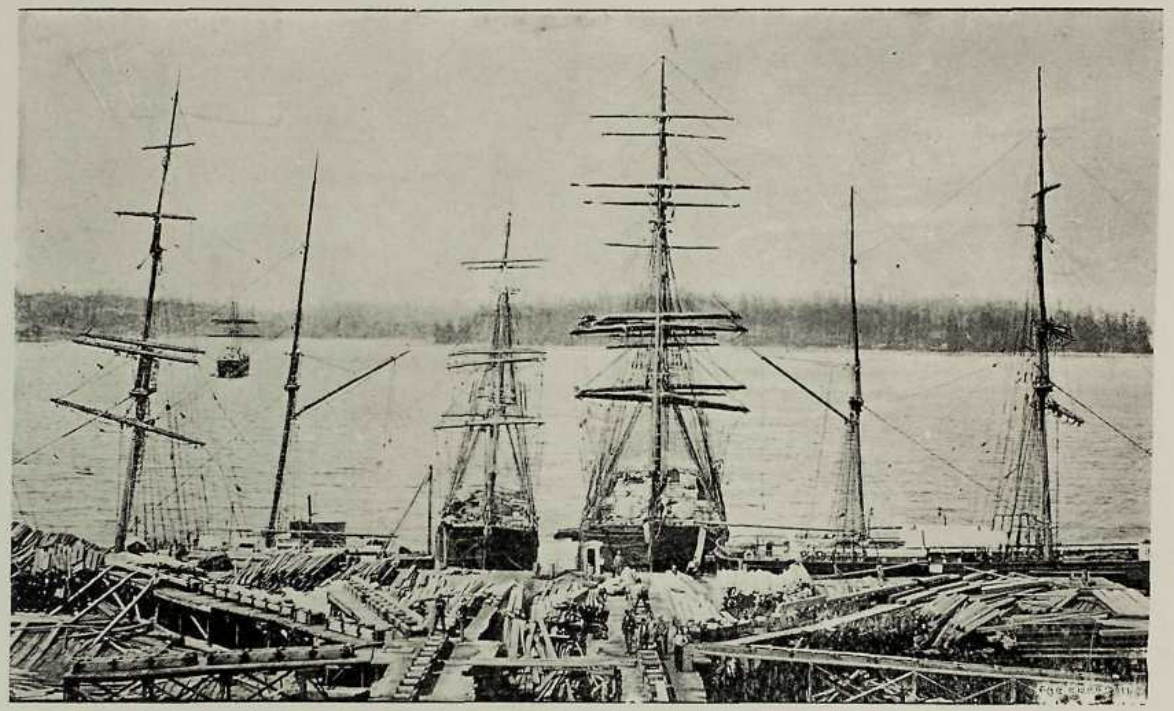
Another road from New Westminster, the Douglas Street Road, leading to a point a little distance west of where the Second Narrows Bridge now leaves the south shore, was built by Colonel Scott in 1863-65. Its terminus became known as "Maxie's" (Maxie's Hotel), and later "Hastings." Hence "Hastings Park" which lies just south of where it was.

Along this new road on June 19, 1865, came Rev. Ebenezer Robson, then Methodist pastor at New Westminster. A man of pioneering spirit, he must needs explore. Getting an Indian canoeman to ferry him across to Moodyville, he gathered a group of fifteen men together in the cookhouse to form the first congregation of white men ever to assemble for worship on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet. He had conducted a service at Maxie's on December 10, 1864. He was back again to Moodyville on July 9. Included in his congregation on this occasion was Captain Howard of the barque Metropolis, then loading at the mill, and some of his men.

On the south shore of the Inlet, a little east of the present ferry landing, another mill, known first as Stamp's Mill, and later as Hastings Mill, was begun in 1865, but did not commence operations until 1867, due to delay in getting machinery from Scotland. In the meantime a number of vessels were loaded "in the stream" with spars.

There was no road from the terminus of the Douglas Road to Stamp's Mill (i.e. from Hastings to Hasting's Mill, a distance of three miles) till 1876. However this point was included in Mr. Robsons' next trip on July 30, 1865, of which the following account appears in his diary: "Rough time going to Stamp's Mill. A large tree across the road—very strong wind on the

*This was Sewell Prescott Moody, an American, not Col. Moody.



LOADING AT MOODYVILLE

Inlet, and only one Indian with a small canoe. Spray over our heads. Got very wet working hard an hour and a half in making three miles. Only six of the fourteen men attended. Sailed back to Scott's Road (Douglas Road)." On some such occasions the only way Mr. Robson could prevail upon the Indians to take him out in rough water was to tell them they were nothing but a lot of old women. That taunt always got under their skin.

Captain Edward Stamp, manager of the mill across the Inlet, was sometimes known as Hon. Edward Stamp, because he was a member of the Legislative Council. Considerable rivalry existed between the two mills, for Moody was as American as Stamp, and Raymur who succeeded him, were British. After British Columbia entered Confederation on July 20, 1871, Dominion Day was always loyally observed at Hastings Mill, but over at Moodyville July 4 was the day. On July 4, 1873, there were free meals and sports, run off on "The Spit"—a level stretch built up of sawdust. Funds for the celebration were provided by popular $5 and $10 subscriptions. The mill was running twelve hours a day, so money was plentiful. Yet Moodyville also has its British element. In the residences up the hill Victorian culture and hospitality prevailed in the midst of pioneer conditions, and at the opening of parliament in Victoria Prince Albert coats and ladies' best from Moodyville mingled with that of the other aristocracy of the young province.

Moody's Mill was well managed. Captain W. J. Looe of the British barque Chelsea, which loaded there in 1868, had this compliment to pay "and, further, the crew here (at Moody's Mill) are free from the temptations of the grog shop and no idlers are allowed about the place."*

The residents were often invited aboard ship on Sunday to attend divine service, conducted by the captain. Down the Canary Trail or the Kanaka Road came the worshippers, glad of the opportunity thus afforded. If there was a missionary on shore, or a chaplain on a man-o'-war, these of course led the worship.

In 1868, expanding business led Moody to build a second mill—a large steam mill—about 300 yards west of the water-power mill. This had a capacity of 100,000 feet per day. The wharves of the two mills were connected, giving ample dockage for a dozen ships.* But this mill was burned on December 23, 1873. The fire started from the upsetting of a lamp of dogfish oil on board the schooner Matilda, lying at the wharf. It was rebuilt the next year. Engines from H.M.S. Sparrowhawk replaced the water power in the original mill, but the planer and lath mill continued to use water power. The second mill was again rebuilt. On November 4, 1875, Moody lost his life in the foundering of the illfated steamer Pacific, off Cape Flattery. Moodyville, however, continued to expand its trade. Vessels loaded for China, Australia, South America, and beyond the Pacific. "The Capilano Mountains" as the sailors called the harbour, was a welcome port.

So it came to pass that the future site of North Vancouver was logged off during the '70s, '80s, and '90s. One of the main skid roads to the mill went down where the Boulevard now is, and another near where St. John's Church now stands.

Meantime the missionary connection begun by Rev. Ebenezer Robson continued. His successors were Rev. Edward White, 1866-67; Rev. Arthur Browning, 1868-69; Rev. Cornelius Bryant, 1870; Rev. Amos Russ with Rev. James Turner as assistant, 1871-74; Rev. Thomas Derrick, 1875-78. Mr. Derrick in his annual report for 1875-76 says: "Burrard Inlet—This branch of our work has assumed a most interesting feature on this mission. Not only has there been a spirit of inquiry after the God of Missions, but evidence has been given of faith in Christ, the possession of spiritual joy and the strength of grace. We have been trying to teach them (the Indians) that as Christians, we are to make sacrifices for Christ, and become workers for God. To this their response is most pleasing, as will be seen in the

*"Early Shipping on Burrard Inlet," F. W. Howay in The British Columbia Historical Quarterly, January, 1937.

following facts—by contributions among themselves they have purchased the lumber for building a church; by free labour they have cleared the ground and placed the lumber in readiness for building. We hope soon to see by another effort a House of God erected, in which the Indians around the shores of this beautiful Inlet shall worship their God, and sing for their Jesus. Hitherto they have been worshipping in the parsonage, where we have formed a class, and where among them baptisms have been administered, and marriages solemnized. The scene will not soon be forgotten, when the tribe witnessed the public baptism and marriage of the Chief La-Wah. On the review of the past year of mercies, we thank God and take courage."

The next annual report (1876-7) he adds: "The Indian Church, which in my last report I referred to as a thing preparing for, has been completed, and I am happy in being able to report that by the liberality of the Indians and a few white friends it is free of debt—thank God."

This was the first church built in the area now comprised in the City of Vancouver. The parsonage had been built under the pastorate of Rev. James Turner, Mr. Derrick's predecessor, when the new circuit of Burrard Inlet was created in 1874. This separation from New Westminster was a welcome change.

The trip from New Westminster and round the triangle on the Inlet is described by Rev. C. M. Tate in these words: "To reach Gastown (Granville) from New Westminster meant a 9-mile ride over a corduroy road on a springless stage to a point opposite Moodyville (Maxie's), where the steam launch Senator was in waiting, when after crossing and recrossing the Inlet, and making several calls (and of course, conducting worship), you are eventually landed at Hastings Sawmill, between which and your destination a single plank was laid to keep you out of the mire."

In 1875-76 a road connecting Hastings sawmill with Douglas Road was built and was continued a third of a mile further west to Granville townsite which had been laid out in 1870. The parsonage, built there during the pastorate of Rev. Jas. Turner, was "a pretty white building framed in forest green." It lay, facing the water, across the line separating two lots. These lots are now occupied by the wholesale houses of F. R. Stewart & Co., The B.C. Farmers' Exchange, and Rainsford & Co. The Indian Church stood on the southwest corner of the F. R. Stewart property, Water Street. It, however, also faced the water and stood on the edge of a little cove. The bank was three or four feet about high tide, and the Indians could tie their canoes to the church steps. Rowboats could be tied to the parsonage verandah. The Indians came from Capilano, Seymour Creek, Whoi-Whoi (Lumberman's Arch), etc. At a later stage in our story the Indian Church fell into disuse, the public school being used for worship. In the Sunday School there Indians, Chinese and whites mingled together. Still later what was called the Water street Hall was erected on the southeast corner of what is now the Rainsford property.

An interesting record dated November 1, 1884 reads as follows: "The Official Quarterly Board was duly organized this day. The Board consisted of the following: Rev. Joseph Hall, superintendent; W. H. Irvine, local preacher; Henry Mole, and Stewards. Sweet was elected Recording Steward." The Quarterly Official Board met in the Church at North Arm on November 29, 1884, and Walter Irvine (Erwin?) was elected Steward. This was the North Arm of the Fraser River, not of Burrard Inlet. Apparently Moodyville, which of course would be represented on the Official Board, was the only point of the three not to have a church building. Here the services were held first in the kitchen of the warm-hearted and loyal Mrs. Sullivan. Later the public school was built and used for worship.

The population of Moodyville seems to have varied. The B.C. Directory, 1885, gave it as 111; that of 1887 says there were 250, while J. M. Fromme of Lynn Valley, who is an authority on early lore, is quite sure that at one time there were 600, 300

of them being employees of the mill. The largest cargo ever loaded at Moodyville was on the four-master Speke, which took on 2,000,000 feet. The first steamer to load here was the Remus, which cleared for Melbourne, Australia. The mill was shut down and sold in 1901. During the great war the buildings were demolished and the machinery used for scrap. Most of the dwellings disappeared when the low level road was put through in 1927, the slope on which they stood being cut away in the process.

The missionary work followed the industry. Its palmy days were in the '70s and '80s, but as Moodyville declined and Granville grew, the missionary emphasis necessarily followed suit. Cornelius Bryant (1878-1881), C. L. Thompson (1881-1884), Joseph Hall (1884-1887), and finally again Rev. Ebenezer Robson (1887-1891), succeeded those previously mentioned. It is of special interest to note that the first B.C. Conference of the Methodist Church was held in Victoria, May 11-17, 1887, when Rev. Ebenezer Robson was elected President. This occasion is to be commemorated at the forthcoming meeting of the B.C. Conference of the United Church.

Mrs. D. M. Moore, now associated with St. Andrew's, whose son Thompson is offering himself as a candidate for the ministry, is the daughter of Rev. C. L. Thompson. While her father served Burrard Inlet, she of course lived as a little girl in the Granville parsonage. She has the distinction of having been born in Barkerville. Her father was a Nova Scotian and a skilled sailor. Visiting one day a vessel at Moodyville, whose skipper was also a bluenose, he found himself suddenly presented with a splendid little yacht, equipped with sails, extra sails, oars, even cushions. He spent many happy hours in the Athlone, as she was called, and when being transferred from Granville, gave her to Walter Erwin, lighthouse keeper at Point Atkinson.

This then is the atmosphere of those days of beginnings. There was nothing of a permanent nature. Moodyville remained a preaching point on the Burrard Inlet circuit. The name of the circuit was changed to "Vancouver" in 1886 when the city came into being.

NORTH VANCOUVER EMERGES

The second chapter of our story tells of the founding of the two congregations whose union composes the present St. Andrew's United Church.

The municipality of North Vancouver dates back to August 29, 1891, on which date the first councillors were sworn in. By 1905, when the first issue of The Express appeared, the population is stated to be 1500. Rev. Ebenezer Robson, who in the interval has become Dr. Robson, was then retired and living in Vancouver. He still maintained his interest in the North Shore. His dairy tells of conducting services at Moodyville on June 22, July 13 and 27, and September 21, 1902; at Lynn Valley July 6, 1902, and December 4, 1904, March 26, 1905, and in North Vancouver School House on October 16, 1904.

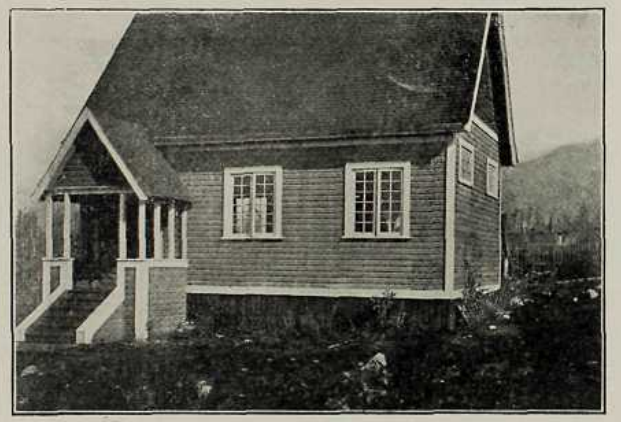
This is not a complete list of the services conducted by him in those years. It seems that he had a rotation system by which services were held in the homes of A. R. Steacy, 557 Lonsdale, Mrs. Bert Nye, 230 West Third Street, and Captain Seal, 226 East Tenth Street. Mrs. Nye was a full blooded Haida Indian, who had met her husband in the fishing grounds off the Queen Charlotte Islands. Those present at the first of these services (the date of which is lacking), held at Mr. Steacy's home, were Mrs. M. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gill and Miss Gill, Miss Edith Burns, who played the piano, Captain and Mrs. Seal, Mrs. Bert Nye, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mills and their four children, Oscar, Mabel, Edith and Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Docherty, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Steacy, and their two children, Newton and Alberta.

To the boy, Newton Steacy, fell the task of accompanying Dr. Robson through the bush to Lynn Valley. The trail led by

Nineteenth Street. Newton carried the lantern, and thought of himself somewhat in the role of a protector to the old man until Dr. Robson told him one day of having met a bear as he went up the flume from Moodyville to Lynn Valley all alone. Thereafter he knew he was sent along only for company and to carry the lantern. It was probably a precaution due to Dr. Robson's advanced years.

On one of these trips Dr. Robson was presented with a sum of money to buy himself a new suit of clothes, the loggers having noted that the suit he was wearing was getting rather faded and worn. The next Sunday he appeared with the same old suit and apologized to the men, saying that he had come across a family in sore need, and that he hoped they wouldn't mind that their gift had been diverted from its purpose.

About this time Dr. Robson instituted a circulating book and magazine library which was carried on for two winters. But no definite organization of a congregation took place, and an agreement was made between the Methodist and Presbyterian authorities by which the North Shore should be regarded temporarily as the territory of the latter.



THE FIRST ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

In our story of Moodyville we have not referred to the fact that Rev. Robert Jamieson, first Presbyterian minister in New Westminster, also visited Moodyville. Details, however, are lacking and the Presbyterian cause was not sustained on the North Shore so far as we have been able to learn.

W. L. NICHOL

In May, 1903, the first definite start, the beginning of our present congregation, was made when Walter L. Nichol, a student of Knox College, Toronto, was appointed to a mission field consisting of North Vancouver, Lake Beautiful (now Lake Buntzen), Lynn Valley, and Cedar Cove. His first service in North Vancouver was held in Dorman's shack, built of shakes, and situated at the southwest corner of Thirteenth and Lonsdale. This shack had similarly served the Anglican cause before the erection in 1900 of the first St. John's Church, now part of the Parish Hall (Opened October 28, 1900). Dr. Herdman, Superintendent of Missions for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, then recently appointed Superintendent for British Columbia, came across the Inlet on Saturday, May 2, and inspected the premises. They were "pleased with the accommodation." The shack was 15 by 15; the seats were boards laid on logs cut the proper

height. The seating capacity was 25. Those who attended the following day were: James Gill, his mother and sister (the future Mrs. Gillam); W. Docherty and wife, who had in their possession until about 1933 the pulpit that was used that day, made of 2 by 4's with a base and a board across the top; Mrs. Kealy, wife of the Reeve, and Mr. Kealy's mother and sister; Jack McMillan (grocer), his wife and two boys (Mrs. McMillan and son now live at 135 West Fifteenth); Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and son Ronald; Mr. and Mrs. Mills and four children; Miss Burns and a gentleman friend. The sermon text was: "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18). The offering amounted to $3.25.

Mr. Nichol left to resume his studies in September. He is now United Church Minister at Beeton, Ontario. He was succeeded by Samuel Blumberger, who remained till the close of the year. At the beginning of 1904, Rev. J. M. McLeod, a retired minister, whose daughter was Mrs. Kealy, took charge. Steps were immediately taken to erect a church building. In January, 1904, lots 11, 12, 13, Block 114, Lower Keith, were purchased. It was decided at the same time to name the Church "St. Andrew's." Robert L. Docherty, Jas. C. Gill, Thos. D. Mills and Alex Philip were elected trustees. Services were held in Morden's Hall, northeast corner of Lonsdale and Victoria Park and in the public school, now City Hall, during 1903 and 1904.

On August 19 of the same year, a congregational meeting was held at The Pavilion, a hall at the foot of Chesterfield Avenue, now part of the Astbury Lumber Co. premises, with Rev. Robert Laird, M.A., of St. John's Church, Vancouver, now Dr. Laird, Treasurer of the United Church of Canada, presiding. Mr. Laird's presence was due to the deafness of Mr. McLeod. At this gathering the congregation was formally organized. T. O. Mills, Alex Philip, Jas. Elder, and Alex Gibson were elected Managers, and J. H. Livingstone, Jas. Elder, J. C. Williams, Jas. Clarke, and Jas. Murray Sr. were named a Building Committee. The church was to cost $700 and have a seating capacity of 100. There were fourteen present at this organization meeting. The church building was speedily erected and opened in November 1904.

The community was making rapid progress during 1904-5-6-7. Scores of residences were being erected. A waterworks system, drawing its supply from Lynn Creek, was put in in 1904. Rails began to arrive for the B.C. Electric Railway in January 1905. The first issue of The Express appeared on August 26, 1905. A fair was held on September 16 of that year, with a regatta on the day previous. The two ferries, the old North Vancouver and the new St. George, were the arteries through which this new life flowed in. The North Vancouver could carry one horse and a small wagon if carefully loaded. There were busy scenes every day at the ferry wharf as heavy draft teams backed in for loading. An enterprising merchant with humour in his veins had painted on his delivery wagon, "Tel. No. 2." Now a telephone system was one thing that the town did not possess. But the merchant had a telephone system of his own. Whenever there was any merchandise for him on the ferry, the wharfinger blew two blasts on his horn. In 1906 a vote took place on incorporation as a city, and also on the name by which it should be called. The result of the vote was: For incorporation 163, against 65; North Vancouver 164, Burrard 31.

Rev. J. D. Gillam, M.A., who had been appointed pastor of St. Andrew's in October, 1904, had also under his care Grandview and Cedar Cove, across the Inlet. The former was separated on February 19, 1905, and the latter on March 25, 1905, and St. Andrew's henceforth stood alone. Mr. Gillam was married

The first St. Andrew's Church, built 1904, faced south toward Sixth Street. It was later enlarged, and opened on Victoria Park. It is now the Oddfellows Hall.

REV. J. D. GILLAM, M.A.
Born Brechin, Scotland; educated Edinburg Univ'ty and New College.

on August 23, 1905, to Miss Anna Gill, and returned from his honeymoon a week before the regatta above mentioned. On August 29, during his absence, he had been called, and on September 25 was ordained and inducted as Minister of St. Andrew's. At the induction service, Rev. J. M. McLeod presided and inducted; Rev. A. McAuley of Ladner preached; Rev. R. J. Wilson of St. Andrew's, Vancouver addressed the Minister; and Rev. Dr. Fraser of First Church, the congregation. Mr. Gillam thus became the first settled minister of any denomination in North Vancouver.

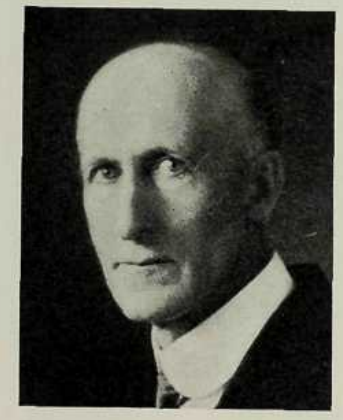
The creation of a Session is a deliberate act in Presbyterian policy. On December 6, 1904, the Presbytery of Westminster, in which North Vancouver was contained, appointed Messrs. Geo. McCuaig, J. J. Logan and G. F. Gibson assessors in constituting the first Session of the new congregation. They were, of course, elders in sister congregations in Vancouver. The Session was constituted for the first time on the fifth day of March, 1905, when the charter roll of members was drawn up and the Communion dispensed. Fourteen persons partook of the Lord's Supper, of whom nine presented their certificates, viz., Mrs. Gill and Miss Anna Gill, from Midland, Ontario; Mrs. Livingstone, from Blenhein, South Perth, Ontario; J. Murray, from St. Albans, Vermont; A. Philip, from St. John's, Vancouver; W. Russell, from Estevan, N.W.T., Mr. and Mrs. F. Wheeler from Knox, Belgrade, Ontario. (Mrs. Wheeler is the only charter member still on the roll). Mrs. J. C. Williams from Chalmers, Vancouver. Mr. and Geo. McBain were received at the second Communion (June 25) from Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Cal. On August 13, 1905, Messrs. McBain and Philip having been chosen as elders by the congregation, were ordained and inducted.

The congregation continued to forge ahead. At the annual meeting of the congregation held on January 16, 1906, the first report of the Sunday School, presented by Mrs. Gillam, declared that it had been functioning for two and a half years. The average attendance was 25. There were five classes and five of the seven members of the staff were men. The summer picnic had been held at Lonsdale Gardens (on the waterfront between St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's streets). At the annual meeting held on January 24, 1907, the membership of the congregation was reported to be 37. There were fourteen infant and two adult baptisms. All the elders and four of the seven managers were workers in the Sunday School. Financially, the story of progress is repeated. On December, 1905, $200 was paid on the Building Fund debt, reducing it to $300 and on January 15, 1907, this was reported as wiped out. On August 29, 1905, the congregation assumed liability for $550 for minister's stipend. The grant from the Home Mission Committee was $250 per annum. On April 1, 1907, the congregation became self supporting, and on June 10, Mr. Gillam's salary was increased from $850 to $1200. In addition to these givings, $171 was paid to the missionary work in Lynn Valley in 1906.

The Methodist branch of our congregation was organized on May 29, 1907, at a meeting held in the Orange Hall which was upstairs at 227 Lonsdale. Rev. B. H. Balderston, B.A. had been appointed pastor, and with him there were Brothers Adams, Device, Cummer, Sullivan and Parkin. At this meeting W. H. Parkin was appointed Sunday School Superintendent. A Sunday School was also carried on at Moodyville 1908-10 by Mrs. Mary Spence. Services continued in the Orange Hall until the

W. H. MAY
Reeve of District, 1903, 12-14
Mayor of City, 1909-10

SIXTH STREET CHURCH



REV. B. H. BALDERSON, B.A.

G. H. MORDEN
Methodist Minister, 1893-1901
Pastorates: Nelson 1894-98, Rossland 1898-1901, Queen's Ave., New Westminster, 1901-05. Mayor of North Vancouver, 1922, '26-30, '33.

ALEX SMITH

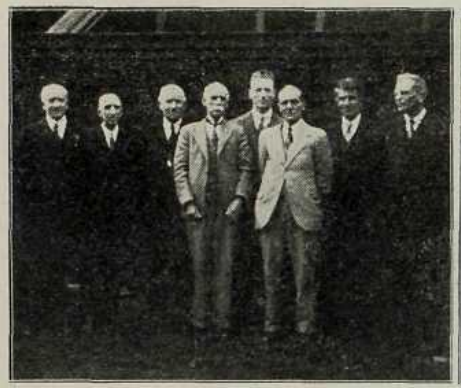
—the arrival of whose family from Ladybank, Scotland, in 1905, was humourously said to have doubled the membership of the infant St. Andrew's congregation. While not strictly accurate, an addition of eight new members was a considerable acquisition in those days.

first Methodist Church at 425 St. George's, was opened on October 27, 1907. Rev. R. H. Milliken, B.D., of Wesley Church, Vancouver, preached in the forenoon. The dedication ceremony took place in the afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., B.D., Rev. Dr. Fraser of First Church being also present. This was a small building, about 20 by 30. It was insured for $400. A delicate operation was performed on it when it became too small. It was first proposed to take out the end, and build on to it. But there was a bracket chimney there, and it was found that the taking down and rebuilding of this was to be rather expensive, so, on the suggestion of M. B. Martinson, what was done was to brace it inside and saw off four feet of the end. It was built of shiplap outside and in. The end thus severed was then moved forward on rollers without mishap, and a twenty-foot extension built into the gap. There were many happy gatherings in this elongated wee church. On such occasions as the annual Christmas tree, all the little folk had to sit on their parents' knees, for chairs were at a premium.

This Fourth Street Church served until the Sixth Street Church was opened on January 9, 1910, under the guiding hand of Rev. Ebenezer Robson, D.D., who was able to be present on this auspicious occasion. Rev. Dr. Sipprell of Columbian College preached both morning and evening, his morning subject being, "Christ in the Treasury" and in the evening his message was on "The Church of Christ, her Message and her Mission." Rev. E. W. Stapleford, B.A., of Fairview Methodist Church, conducted a devotional service in the afternoon. A Church "warming" took place on the Monday evening, when congratulations and greetings were brought by Mayor W. H. May; Rev. A. M. Sanford, Chairman of Vancouver District; Rev. R. Milliken; Rev. J. F. Betts; and Rev. J. D. Gillam and G. A. McBain from St. Andrew's Church. Refreshments were served in the assembly room on the lower floor. The total contributions received at the several opening meetings amounted to $600.

The period 1907 to 1914, from the incorporation of North Vancouver to the commencement of the Great War is a natural division. At the beginning of the period, the Methodist branch has been organized. The Presbyterians have a membership of 37. At the annual meeting in January 1907, Mrs. Gillam resigns as organist of the Sunday School. She and her husband are presented with umbrellas. A sophisticated modern generation may smile at the nature of the gift, but it was a real expression of affection and was received as such. On November 18, 1908, a $1100 extension to the Church is authorized, $925 of the required amount being subscribed forthwith. Principal John McKay of Westminster Hall, preached at the reopening and anniversary on December 28, 1908. It is free of debt but the minister's salary is in arrears. The total revenue for the year is $3041.

At the annual meeting in January, 1909, there is a move for a four-foot sidewalk along Lower Keith, entrance up to now



OFFICIAL BOARD—Past and Present, 1937

Top left: J. Finch (E); W. F. Muirhead (E and M); J. G. Kelly (E); Wm. Townsley (E and T); A. H. Martinson (T); W. Knowles (T); F. J. King (T); A. L. Clements (T).

Top right, standing: J. Harvey (S.M.); W. H. Parkin (E); J. Wallis (E); F. D. Walley (E); R. E. Anderson (E); J. M. Gavey (E); W. Knowles (T); A. H. Martinson (E); J. Johanson (E); E. Crute (E); Ira E. Peers; A. W. McPherson (S); B. D. White.

Seated: A. Cairns (M); P. M. Smith (M); A. E. Harron, Mrs. J. Harvey (W.M.S.); Mrs. J. Finch (W.A.); Mrs. C. M. Astbury; A. L. Clements (T); F. G. Trenholme (E).

"E" signifies Elder.
"S"—Steward
"T"—Trustee.
"M"—Missionary and Maintenance Committee.

LAYING CORNER STONE OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, APRIL 20, 1912

Top row (left to right): Rev. Peter Wright, D.D., the Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia (d); W. C. Gladwin, Manager (d); workman; Will Hay, mason; Rev. Ronald Macleod, Minister of St. Andrew's, now Dr. Macleod, Minister Rosedale United Church, Toronto, President Toronto Conference, 1935-36; Jas Hay, mason; Rev. E. A. Henry, D.D., Chalmers Church, now retired and living in Vancouver; John McLean, Elder; Rev. John Mackay, Principal Westminster Hall, now Principal Manitoba College; Rev. A. McAuley, Lynn Valley (d); Rev. Geo. C. Pidgeon, D.D., Professor Westminster Hall, now Minister Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, first Moderator of the United Church of Canada; Geo. A. McBain, Elder; Rev. J. W. Woodside, Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, now Dr. Woodside, Chalmers United Church, Ottawa; Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, D.D., then and now Superintendent of Missions in British Columbia; Geo. Baldwin, Elder (d); John McDougall, member (d), in front.
Front row: Mrs. J. C. Williams; Mrs. W. C. Gladwin (d—Jan. 10, 1937); in front Mrs. D. Gladwin; Mrs. John McLean (d); Jennie Hill, (now Mrs. J. Mitchell; Mrs. John McDougall, grandmother of Jennie Hill and of Mrs. E. Keller (d); Crossing to the right, the first lady is not yet identified; Mrs. Ireland; Jimmy Ireland; Mrs. Peers Sr., mother of Ira Peers (d—Jan. 14, 1934; Mrs. J. Device, later Mrs. A. Philip (d—Jan. 8, 1936); in front, possibly Mrs. Livingston; Mrs. McLaren, mother of Mrs. B. B. Fraser (d—June, 1933); child not identified. The hat showing on either side of Jimmie Ireland, belonged to Miss Ada Marshall, stenographer in Mr. McBain's office.
(d) Signifies "deceased."

having been from Sixth Street. A new organ is purchased in September, 1909. It will cost $275. There is a week of meetings in March, 1909, at which Rev. J. W. Woodside, Dr. Fraser, and Rev. R. J. Wilson speak. Alex Philip, who had resigned his eldership because of disagreement on the building extension is re-elected along with A. B. Stevenson in June, 1909.

Work in Moodyville, which has been carried on by Mr. Philip and others, finally ceased on March 7, 1909. But new work in opening up in Lynn Valley. Robert Duncanson, student there in 1906 reports 125 people, and 80 men at the Capilano Dam. Lorne Fraser succeeds him in November, 1906, and W. McGregor follows in January, 1907. Mr. Davis is missionary there in March, 1908. Finally on April 10, 1910, Knox Church congregation is organized. Messrs Phillip and Stevenson commence services in North Lonsdale. The time is deemed not ripe for organization in Hollyburn although there are nineteen communicants there.

All this is duly recorded into the minutes of the Session of St. Andrew's showing the interest of the Elders in the surrounding areas.

On January 4, 1911, Rev. Mr. Gillam tendered his resignation as pastor following an absence in Prince Rupert and an accident. The progress of the congregation during his pastorate is enumerated in the minutes of the Managers. The membership had increased from nine to 175. The Sabbath School, begun in 1904, now had 18 teachers, 160 scholars, and 20 in the Minister's Bible Class. The total revenue of all organizations in 1905 was $1186; in 1906, $1651; in 1907, $1871; in 1908, $3041; in 1909, $2878; in 1910, $3930. Tribute was paid Mrs. Gillam in the 1910 report of the Ladies Aid in these words: "Her kind and willing service has endeared her to all who have had the privilege of working with her. Though her way was not always made of sunshine and roses, she met the difficulties without a murmur or disheartened look. Her cheerful smile has helped many over the hard places."

Rev. Ronald Macleod, B.A., B.D., a graduate of Westminster Hall was on March 8, 1911, called to succeed Mr. Gillam, at a salary of $1800. He was ordained and inducted in St. Andrew's Church, April 13, 1911. Rev. Peter Wright, Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia, and Minister of Kitsilano Church, presided on this occasion; Rev. M. G. Melvin, of St. Stephen's, New Westminster, preached the sermon; Rev. John MacKay, D.D., Principal of Westminster Hall, addressed the Minister; and Rev. J. W. Woodside of Mount Pleasant Church, addressed the people. Mr. Macleod was married June 22, 1912, to Margaret Cameron of Toronto. His pastorate, though brief, was marked by the erection of the present commodious edifice. The cornerstone was laid on April 20, 1912, the Moderator of Synod, Dr. Wright, again officiating. The church was opened on December 15, 1912, being dedicated by Dr. Wright. The minister himself preached at the opening service, his sermon subject being, "The Upbuilding of the Church." In the afternoon at 2:30, a children's service was held at which the Sacrament of Baptism took place, and a 4 p.m., a Gaelic service at which Dr. A. K. McLennan of Knox Congregational Church, Vancouver, preached. It is of interest to know that

Rev. RONALD MacLEOD, B.A.,B.D.

Borne Skye, Scotland; educated Dalhousie University, Westminster Hall, and Glasgow Free Church College. Received D.D. degree from Union College in 1927

REV. J. S. MULDREW, B.A.

Born Seaforth, Ont.; educated Toronto University and Knox College

Dr. MacLennan's son is now minister of Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto. In the evening, Rev. A. O. Paterson, of Kerrisdale Church, preached on: "The Spirit and the Institution in Religion." The music at these services was in charge of Choirmaster Wilson. In the morning Te Deum was sung, and Miss Jean Clark sang "Fear ye not, O Israel." In the evening, the choir sang: "By Babylon's Waves," and solos were rendered by Mrs. C. A. Laing.

The lots on which the new church was erected were donated by Geo. A. McBain. The contract price for the building was $19,044. The seating, black ash with oak ends, was secured from the Valley City Seating Co., Dundas, Ont., at a cost of $1400. The pipe organ, which had formerly been in Christ Church, Vancouver, was bought from Nye Brothers for $2200. The cost of installing, including water pump and other equipment, amounted to approximately $170.00. The building fund December 1, 1911, to August 17, 1913, showed receipts totalling $34,831.85 and the expenditure $34,808.72. Two lots east of the old church on Lower Keith sold for $7400, and the old church itself was sold for $5500. This however came back on the hands of the congregation and was later sold to the Oddfellows for $3500.

The church had been built during the real estate boom that swept the country. The Session report at the end of 1911 spoke of the "ever increasing numbers flocking into the city." By the end of 1913, the membership roll, after purging, showed 386 members. The proposal for the erection of a manse in 1914 after the collapse of the boom, fell through. Just before the outbreak of war, Rev. Ronald MacLeod accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, Ontario, following his attendance at the General Assembly, which met that year in Woodstock, Ontario.

Down St. George's Avenue at the Sixth Street Church, the same impetus of life is manifest during the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Schlichter (1910-14). In 1911, 88 members were reported. The number is increased to 127 in 1914. The records are rather meagre but during this period the Epworth League, especially, flourished. The old Fourth Street Church was rented by the League for badminton. The Methodist Sunday School picnic was an annual event of community importance. A Union Steamship boat was chartered for

GEO. A. McBAIN

Elder 1906-24. S.S. Supt. 1908-13

Bowen Island. It called at North Vancouver going and coming. Many real estate offices, and that was the most active business in town at the time, and several other stores, would close up for the day. Mr. Schlichter was especially successful with the young, his children's talks being eagerly looked forward to. Financially the congregation seemed to be labouring under difficulties. On February 12, 1912, the debt on the church was $2000, there was a bank overdraft of $800, and other liabilities of $187. The insurance carried in 1911 was $3000 with $500 additional on contents. But the actual cost of the church cannot be ascertained. Of interest too, are some further glimpses. At the February, 1914, meeting of the Quarterly Official Board it was unanimously decided to dispense with the singing of "Amen" at the close of the hymns. Local preachers endorsed in May 4, 1914 were G. H. Morden, E. A. Morden, John Brind, M. B. Martinson, J. Ogle, Wm. Townsley. On this retiral from the pastorate, Rev. Mr. Schlichter was presented with an address and a rocking chair at a farewell gathering. At this gathering the Presbyterians were represented by Rev. Mr. Van Munster of St. Stephen's Church, Rev. Mr. Macleod being then in the east. Rev. Mr. Schlichter retired from the ministry, and continued in North Vancouver, in the nursery business, until his death. His successor was Rev. H. A. Ireland, 1914-16. He was also a general favorite, and his acceptance of an invitation to Kamloops after a pastorate of only two years was much regretted.

M. B. MARTINSON
Member of Official Board 1907-23, Sunday School Superintendent, etc.

REV. H. A. IRELAND
Born Meaford, Ont.; educated Wesley College, Winnipeg

Rev. J. S. Muldrew, B.A., of Winnipeg, was called to succeed Rev. Mr. Macleod on October 16, 1914. His induction on December 12, was an outstanding occasion, the main auditorium being filed to capacity. Rev. J. H. White, Moderator of Westminster Presbytery, presided. Rev. J. H. Miller of Cedar Cottage preached the sermon. Dr. R. J. Wilson of St. Andrew's narrated the steps and addressed the people, and Rev. R. J. Douglas addressed the minister. At the reception held downstairs at the close, greetings were brought by Mayor Irwin; G. H. Morden, President of the Board of Trade; Rev. Dr. Fea, of St. Agnes; Rev. H. A. Ireland; and Rev. Mr. Van Munster. A letter of greeting from Rev. Ronald Macleod was also read.

On August 4, 1914, the Sixth Street Sunday School picnic was being held in West Vancouver. Old and young were delighting in the fellowship of their new minister, Mr.

Ireland. Into the midst of their enjoyment came the awesome tidings that Great Britain was at war. In the words of Mr. Ireland: "One need not re-live the exciting, feverish and dislocating events that followed, of the slow, but gradually accelerating slump in business, that left its mark on church attendance and church support. They are too poignant." When he arrived in 1914, Mr. Ireland had to pay $35 rent for a suitable house. When he left in 1916 he had a fairly comfortable cottage for a mere pittance. At that time possibly two out of every five houses were vacant. Of course Church financing was very difficult. The freewill offerings of the people were going to the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., the Patriotic Fund, etc. The salaries in both congregations were reduced. At St. Andrew's, Rev. J. S. Muldrew was called with a stipend offered of $1500 with four weeks holiday, and moving expenses from Winnipeg. When Mr. Ireland was invited to Sixth Street, the salary was $1200 with $300 for rent. In 1916 it is down to $700. At St. Andrew's in 1916 there were three years taxes amounting to $268, and total laibilities of $890, plus the mortgage. There were difficulties with the organ pump and the furnace. Bills for organ, piano, interest, amounting to $900 were continually pressing. There were also "arrears of stipend." For a time neither janitor or organist were receiving salaries. At the end of 1918 the ladies aid had ceased to function for months, and at one annual meeting all the Managers but one resigned. The membership in January, 1918, is down to 285. The situation is not so acute at Sixth Street Church. In November, 1914, it was "a parsonage if possible," but such a dream was forgotten in the stress. The salary is up again to $900 in 1918. There is no anniversary supper in February of that year because of food shortage. There is some talk of opening work at Capilano, but it is not necessary "as the Presbyterian Church is operating there." One good result of the pressure was union services between the two churches in the summer months during the pastorate of Mr. Ireland.

Rev. W. LASHLEY HALL, B.A., B.D.

Born London, England. Business career before academic work in Columbian College, then in affiliation with Toronto University.

REV. W. S. A. CRUX, B.A.

Born London, England; educated Manitoba University and Wesley College

But even more poignant is the fact of what was being enacted on Flanders Field. The girls' clubs, the homes, were sending a constant stream of parcels, letters, to the men "at the front." And there were those yellow paper messages from the telegraph office that sent a chill to many a heart. Among those who were listed as "killed in action" was Mr. Houston, who before enlistment had been the popular leader of the Boys' Brigade, and Clerk of Session in St. Andrew's. To Rev. W. Lashley Hall (1916-1919) who succeeded Mr. Ireland, and to Mr. Muldrew, the two ministers, fell the task, along with many others, of breaking the news, and carrying solace.

Armistice on November 11, 1918. Then the home coming of

ASSOCIATED WITH ST. ANDREW'S OR SIXTH STREET CONGREGATION IN 1912 OR EARLIER

(Photo taken March 27, 1937)

Seated, front row: Mrs. Ira E. Peers, Mrs. F. A. Squair, Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mrs. E. Elliott, Mrs. A. S. Moore, Miss A. Donaldson, Mrs. A. L. Clements, Mrs. A. E. Harron, Mrs. H. Worsley.

Second row: Mrs. C. C. Scott, Mrs. W. C. Smith. Alex Hill, Mrs. Alex Hill, Mrs. F. Wheeler, Mrs. W. J. Barclay, Mrs. R. N. Doyle, Mrs. M. McMillan Mrs. A. N. Giffen, Mrs. O. Lifton.

Standing, front row: Mrs. E. Keller, Mrs. V. Simpson, Mrs. C. L. Stonehouse, Mrs. J. Marsden, Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Mrs. I. Mill, Mrs. J. Kinnimont, Mrs. B. D. White, Mrs. W. H. Parkin, Mrs. J. Cameron, J. Marsden, Mrs. R. R. Spicer, Capt. R. R. Spicer, Eb. Crute.

Back row: W. Knowles, A. H. Martinson, Ira E. Peers F. A. Squair, A. L. Clements, A. E. Harron, W. H. Parkin, B. D. White, A. Cairns, J. Johanson.

those who came back. What a release of emotion. Gradually things began to return to normal. In 1919, the evidences of the easing of the financial strain begin to appear. Sixth Street Church has its roof repaired as Rev. W. S. A. Crux, B.A., takes charge in July. The ventilators are removed from the roof, as it has been found that the snow gets in there and does damage Newton Steacy and Mr. Harvey are to be in charge of the Trail Rangers. For 1920-21, the salary is to be $1500, the congregation to raise $1100 of it. On May 4, 1920, there is a tie vote on "that members only be allowed to vote" on election of society representatives. The pastor must give the casting vote, but to which side of the question he gave it is not recorded.

Up in St. Andrew's, the church is now heated for choir practice. The Minister's salary is raised from $1500 to $1800 in 1920. The minister is presented with an upholstered chair in 1922. On September 20 of that year he is married to Miss Violet Fraser, the successful C.G.I.T. leader in St. Andrew's.

THE FIREPLACE IN THE PARSONAGE

—now more commanly known as the Manse.

Jack Duckworth has his "Excelsiors" going, and going strong. An imposing array of 'teen age youth is seen at the morning service of worship. A shooting gallery is authorized in the basement, but Hugh Barclay has no recollection of it, which proves that it did not materialize. But Newton Steacy did have one for his boys' club in the Sixth Street basement after his return from overseas.

REV. H. E. HORTON

Born Staffordshire, England; educated Columbian College

Sixth Street Church had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on January 1, 1922, and the Oddfellows Hall (old St. Andrew's), was used until it was ready for occupancy again. The missionary Society of the Methodist Church gave a grant of $1500 for the purchase of a parsonage, which was bought from Mrs. Newcombe for $3600 cash (March 21, 1923). Dr. Newcombe had passed away early in 1920, an event which called forth the sympathy of St. Andrew's Church, and the community at large. M. B. Martinson, one of the charter members of the Quarterly Official Board of Sixth Street Church, passed away early in 1923. Mr. Cantelon, another old faithful, resigned in 1924. In 1923 the congregation became self sustaining. This was during the pastorate of Rev. H. E. Horton (1922-25). The tennis court was constructed during his fruitful and energetic pastorate and the drill hall rented for three winters for badminton, etc. Art Martinson is at the helm with his young men's club. Rev. T. G. Griffiths succeeded Mr. Horton in 1925.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION—1937

Front row: Mrs. A. L. Clements, Mrs. N. Gillespie, Mrs. M. A. Herrmann, Mrs. C. M. Astbury (past president), Mrs. C. Coy (president), Mrs. J. Wallis, Mrs. W. J. Plowman, Mrs. H. Worsley, Mrs. W. C. Grover, Mrs. J. C. Kirkness

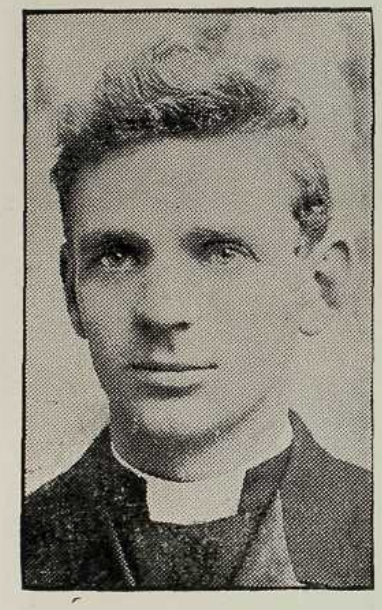
Second row (seated): Mrs. L. Campbell, Mrs. C. C. Scott, Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. Ira E. Peers, Mrs. F. Wheeler, Mrs. W. J. Barclay, Mrs. R. N. Doyle, Mrs. M. McMillan, Mrs. W. Brookes, Mrs. A. N. Giffen, Mrs. O. Lifton.

Standing: Mrs. H. Ashley, Mrs. J. W. Horsfall, Mrs. E. Keller, Mrs. J. Finch, Mrs. C. L. Stonehouse, Mrs. D. J. McEachern, Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Mrs. J. Harvey. Mrs. J. M. Gavey, Mrs. J. Kinninmont, Mrs. T. B. Robb, Mrs. G. M. Henderson, Mrs. B. D. White, Mrs. R. R. Spicer, Mrs. J. D. Cameron, Mrs. J. G. Kelly, Mrs. H. Holding, Mrs. L. Finn, Mrs. W. Stott.

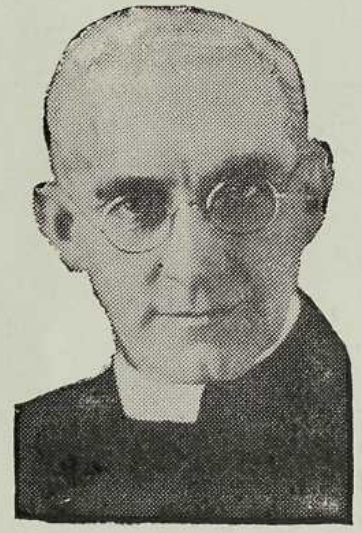
Behind: Mrs. A. Law, Mrs. P. Inglis.

Church Union

Negotiations for the union of the Congregational Churches in Canada, the Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, had been in progress since 1902. The first vote of the people was taken in 1911, but neither of the local Churches appear to have voted. In 1915 the basis of union was voted on. Sixth Street Church again eems to have neglected to regster a vote. In St. Andrew's he figures were in favour, Communicants, 93; Adherents, 8; Elders, 7 — a total of 108. Against, Communicants, 5; Adherents, 1; Elders, 1 — a total of 7. A final vote was taken in 1925, the figures for St. Andrew's being 134 in favour, 35 against. Overtures for local union were later in the year made by St. Andrew's to Sixth Street Church. The vote was taken in both churches on the same evening, October 18. In St. Andrew's the vote was: Members, 118 in favour, 2 against; Adberents, 36 in favour, 0 against. In the Sixth Street Church, the vote was 79 to 12 in favour. It was decided that the union should be consummated on January 1, 1926. It was decided that St. Andrew's edifice should be used by the united congregation for worship, and on a generous motion of members of the Sixth Street branch it was decided to continue the name "St. Andrew's." Some little difficulty arose over the choice of a minister. Rev. J. S. Muldrew received an appointment as minister of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, New Westminster, leaving Rev. T. G. Griffiths in charge of the united congregation. A vote was taken 183-111, in favour of Mr. Griffiths becoming the permanent pastor, but in view of the fact that the call was not unanimous, Mr. Griffiths declined. The matter was finally left in the hands of the Settlement Committee which appointed Rev. J. C. Switzer.



T. G. GRIFFITHS
Born Pembroke, South Wales; graduate of Columbian College



REV. J. C. SWITZER, B.A.
Born Wellington County, Ontario; educated McGill University, and Wesley College Winnipeg

It was decided that there should be 15 Elders and 15 Stewards. The Elders elected on January 7, 1926 were: R. F. Archibald, A. L. Clements, J. J. Hale, John Harvey, W. H. Inkster, F. J. King, Angus McGougan, J. Johanson, A. H. Martinson, Geo. H. Morden, Ira Peers, W. J. Robertson, P. M. Smith, Wm. Townsley, F. S. Woodman. Those chosen as Stewards were: C. M. Astbury,

BOARD OF STEWARDS—1937

Left, top row: W. L. Horne, A. R. Mackenzie, Rev. W. Stott, C. Gladwin, Dr. H. Carson Graham.

Middle row: A. R. Peers, H. R. Holding, Hugh Barclay, T. S. Goldie (Auditor and Elder).

Seated: T. C. McMillan, W. N. Farquharson, D. J. McEachern (chairman), L. A. Matheson, W. J. Gilbert.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY—1937

Front row, left to right: Mr. Jas. Moore (Fellowship Convener); Mr. Stan Garrod (Social Service Convener); Mr. Norman Hunter, Mr. Ralph Hodson, Mr. Alfred Richardson, Mr. Chester Hodson (Membership Convener); Mr. Alex Goble (Editor of Annual); Mr. John Livingstone (Second Vice-President. Immediately behind: Mr. Arthur Coy (Sports Convener), and Mr. Arthur Peers.

Centre Row, Left to Right: Miss Betty Wallace, Miss Bessie Leitch (Secretary); Miss Iris Jenkin (Social convener); Miss Margaret Johnston (representative to Union Council); Mrs. Stan. Garrod, Miss Mary Davis, Miss Lois Cooper (Citizenship convener); Miss Alice Hutchinson, Miss Ruby Horne (Dramatic convener); Miss Bella Johnston, Miss Violet Taylor, Miss Betty Smith (Organist); Miss Annabelle McKenzie (Vice-President).

Back Row, Left to Right: Mr. Robert Kirkness (Pres.); Miss Marion Kirkness, Mr. Albert Tomlin (Treasurer); Miss Isabel Coy (Press Corres.); Miss Jean Livingstone.

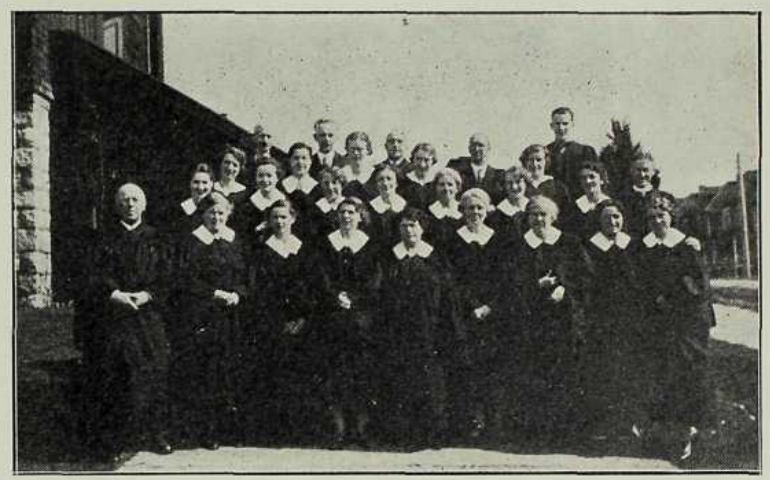
CHOIR—1937

Front row: C. F. Myers (organist and choirmaster); Mrs. A. Law; Miss Betty Leigh; Mrs. J. Wallis; Mrs. A. Rushton; Mrs. J. Jackson; Mrs. T. S. Goldie; Mrs. S. C. Gardiner; Mrs. Gertrude Bailey (formerly organist and leader).

Second row: Miss Myrtle Rushton; Miss Peggy Shirran; Mrs. W. I. Wilson; Mrs. H. Worsley; Mrs. D. Toddun; Mrs. J. C. Kirkness; Miss Rita Harron; Rev. W. Stott (hon. president).

Third row: Mrs. H. Barclay; Miss Glen Bullman; Miss Winifred Marsden; Mrs. J. Finch; Mrs. W. J. Plowman.

Back row: A. Rushton; J. Marsden; H. Worsley; T. Clare; Stewart Knox (president).



CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF—1937

Seated: A. H. Martinson; Eb. Crute (superintendent); A. W. Cowley; C. Gladwin.

Standing, first row: Miss Mary Mahy; Miss Jessie Lawrence, acting superintendent Primary Department; Mrs. E. M. Kingsley; Miss Flora Philip; Miss Iris Jenkin; Mrs. D. J. McEachern; Mrs. A. L. Mahy; Miss H. McRae; Mrs. W. Fortune; Miss Betty Smith.

Second row, standing: Miss Nana Matthew; Miss Margaret Holley (substitute); Miss Margaret Goble; Miss Janet Stewart; Miss Bessie Leitch; Miss Ruby Horne; Miss Alice Hutchinson; Miss Betty Leigh; Miss Isabel Coy.

Back row: J. B. Gavey, J. Harvey (superintendent Junior Department); W. Gillespie, Art Coy.

Absent: Mrs. J. S. Terry; Miss M. Stewart; Miss Florence Leck (secretary); Ruth Bourne; Lloyd Webber; Alex Goble; Douglas Henderson.

O. D. Austin, Jas. Babcock, A. R. Garrod, A. E. Harron, D. Henderson, C. E. Iverson, John McPherson, Geo. Mather, W. F. Muirhead, W. H. Parkin, A. Rushton, A. B. Russell, Samuel Wallace, Chas. A. Wilson. What changes a few years make. Only four of the Elders are still on the Session, and none of the Stewards are the same. Eight of the thirty remain on the Official Board. Angus McGougan was the first Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mrs. C. Sanders was the first President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. E. H. Markle of the Ladies Aid. The Trustees elected were A. L. Clements, F. J. King, Wm. Knowles, A. H. Martinson, Angus McGougan, W. J. Robertson and Wm. Townsley.

During the pastorate of Mr. Switzer, the Sixth Street Church became the Sixth Street Hall, a gymnasium for the youth of the church. A new roof was put on the Church, and it was redecorated inside. To finance these undertakings the consolidated mortgage was increased to $10,000. The Young People's Society flourished under the leadership of Mr. Switzer's son, Gordon. His untimely death in Regina two years ago was a severe blow to his many friends in the congregation. Mr. Switzer's other son, Gerald, who is now Rev. Dr. Switzer, has recently been called to the pastorate of West Point Grey Church, where his father, now retired, is an elder. The passing of R. F. Archibald and W. J. Robertson, both of whom were pillars of the Church, were two heavy blows received by the congregation during Mr. Switzer's ministry.

In 1930, Rev. William Stott, B.A., was called to succeed Mr. Switzer. He has been the minister during "The Depression." Rigid economy has been the order of the day. Called at a salary of $2000, for the greater part of the period the salary has been $1700. Other salaries have likewise been reduced. Yet the work has gone steadily forward. There have been a number of little improvements in the appearance of the church edifice, notably the planting of trees. The gift by Mr. Townsley of the picture, "The Return of the Prodigal" which hangs in the vestibule, was very much appreciated. The Stewards are now nearly all aggressive young men. The Woman's Association has concentrated on the mortgage, with the result that even in these lean years it has been reduced from $10,000 to $6,000. The annual interest charges are now $360, as against $700 in 1928-31. The Young People's Society is flourishing, with the majority of its members also members of the Church. The choir, built up since union under the leadership of Mrs. Gertrude Bailey, whose son Stanley is also a candidate for the ministry, has rendered each year, in addition to leading in the service of praise, such music as "The Darkest Hour," "Gethsemane to Golgotha," "The Holy City," and "Olivet to Calvary." It has also rendered in lighter vein three operettas, "Sylvia," "O Hara San," and "In Old Vienna." It still remains effective under the leadership of C. F. Myers. The joint rendering of "Olivet to Calvary," by the choirs of St. John's (Anglican) and St. Andrew's, at the Eastertide just past, was much appreciated.

REV. WILLIAM STOTT, B.A.
Born Kirkwall, Orkney, Scotland; educated Queen's University

Of the deeper life of the church it is not so easy to tell the story. Through all the years there has gone on in North Vancouver those ministries which cause the Church to endure and

grow in the midst of all the vicissitudes of life. The touching of life in the home, through the church school, through the worship of the sanctuary, and through daily contact on the street and on the ferry, in sorrow and in joy, to understand and to listen, to keep silence and to speak—in His name; this is its task.

To love some one more dearly every day,
To help a wandering child to find its way,
To ponder o'er a noble thought and pray,
And smile when evening falls,
This is my task.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,
And answer when He calls,
This is my task.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Front row (left to right): Mrs. D. J. McEachern, Mrs. H. Ashley (Superintendent of Mission Band), Mrs. C. Sanders (honorary president), Mrs. J. Harvey (president), Mrs. J. Holding, Mrs. C. M. Astbury, Mrs. W. Stott (past president).

Back row: Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Mrs. C. Coy, Mrs. J. Finch, Mrs. N. Gillespie, Mrs. E. Elliott, Mrs. W. J. Barclay, Mrs. Ira E. Peers, Mrs. T. B. Robb, Mrs. N. Giffen, Mrs. W. F. Muirhead.

OFFICE BEARERS

ST. ANDREW'S, 1904-25

Ministers: Rev. J. D. Gillam, M.A., 1904-10; Rev. Ronald Macleod, B.A., 1911-14; Rev. J. S. Muldrew, B.A., 1914-25.

Board of Managers: Chairman—Jas. Elder, 1904; J C. Gill, 1905; Geo. McBain, 1905-07; Dr. H. B. Howell, 1908-09; R. J. Fowler, 1910-12; J. McLean, 1912; A. B. Stevenson, 1913; T. McEwen, 1914, 16-18; R. I. McDougall; 1915, 19-20; A. McGougan, 1921-23; A. McMillan, 1924; F. J. King, 1925.

Secretary—A. Philip, 1904; J. S. Bain, 1905-07; F. W. Templar, 1909; Thos. Garrow, 1910; D. H. McColl, 1912; T. W. Currie, 1913-14; W. B. Young, 1915; R. F. Archibald, 1916-17; W. Lamberton, 1918-21; J. Duckworth, 1922; W. H. Inkster, 1923-24; W. J. Barclay, 1925.

Treasurer—A. Philip, 1904-06; Alex Smith, 1907; Thos. Shepherd, 1908-09; J. R. J. Murray, 1910; T. McEwen, 1911-13, 18; Stewart, 1914-15; R. B. Archibald, 1916; A. R. Steacy, 1917; R. F. Archibald, 1919-20; E. W. Thomas, 1921, 23; A. McMillan, 1922; W. J. Barclay, 1924; E. Crute, 1925.

Envelope Secretary—J. H. Livingstone, 1904-07; F. W. Templar, 1908; W. Knowles, 1909; R. Hutcheson, 1910; J. R. J. Murray, 1911-12; W. J. Barclay, 1914; Jas. Carwardine, 1915; Alex Law, 1916; R. F. Archibald, 1917-18, 1922-23; Mrs. G. W. Anderson, 1919-21, 1924; A. B. Russell, 1925.

Clerk of Session: A. Philip, 1905-07; H. B. Howell, 1908-10; Geo. Baldwin, 1911-13; R. J. Fowler, 1913-14; Wm. Houston, 1914-16; James A. Stuart, 1916-25.

Sunday School: Superintendent—Mrs. J. D. Gillam, 1903-04; A. Philip, 1904-08; G. A. McBain, 1908-13; A. J. C. Robertson.

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Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Williams, 1905; Mrs J. S. Bain, 1906-08; Mrs. C. I. Hall, 1909; Mrs. J. Pilgrim, 1910; Mrs. W. E. Newcombe, 1911; Mrs. J. Cant, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. H. L. Barton, 1912-16; Mrs. G. W. Anderson, 1917; Mrs. Chislett, 1918; Miss A. Donaldson, 1919-20; Mrs. O. G. Kinnie, 1921-25.

Woman's Missionary Society (organized Sept. 16, 1910): Mrs. J. L. Gallagher, first president; Mrs. G. N. Campbell, secretary.
Mrs. G. A. McBain, 1919-21; Mrs. C. Sanders, 1924-25.

Mission Band (organized Oct. 14, 1910) Mrs. Alfred Robertson, first president; Mildred Baxter, secretary.

Organist: Mrs. J. D. Gillam, T. W. Ward, R. H. Wilson, J. Young, G. N. Scott, Geo. Green, Mr. Parkinson, and others.

SIXTH STREET CHURCH

Ministers: Rev. B. H. Balderston, B.A., 1907-10; Rev. W. C. Schlichter, 1910-14; Rev. H. A. Ireland, 1914-16; Rev. W. Lashley Hall, B.A., B.D., 1916-19; Rev. W. S. A. Crux, B.A., 1919-22; Rev. H. E. Horton, 1922-25; Rev. T. G. Griffiths, 1925.

Recording Steward: W. H. Parkin, 1907-09; J. Ogle, 1909-10; Wm. Townsley, 1910-15; G. E. Kyle, 1915-19; J. Harvey, 1920-25.

Treasurer: F. B. Cummer, 1907-??; J. H. Keller, 1912; F. Squair, 1913-14; D. Cantelon, 1915-20; M. B. Martinson, 1921; G. E. Kyle, 1922; A. E. Harron, 1923-24.

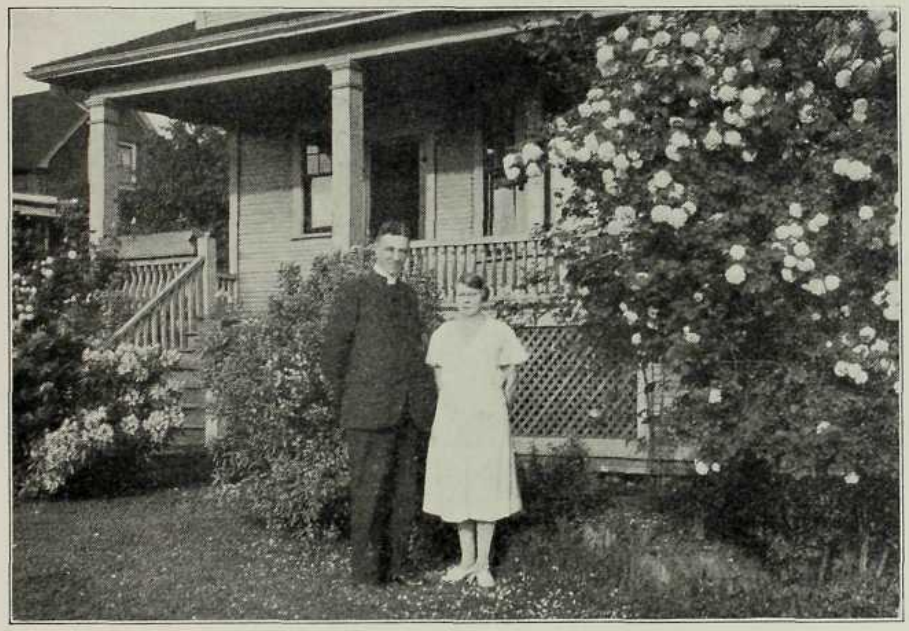
Sunday School Superintendent: W. H. Parkin, 1907; M. B. Martinson, 1908-10; G. H. Morden, 1915-17; G. E. Kyle, 1917-22; F. S. Woodman, 1923; P. M. Smith, 1924-25.

Women's Missionary Society: Presidents—Mrs. E. A. Morden, 1914-16; Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mrs. Manley, 1924-25.
Mission Band Leader—Mrs. A. Rushton.

Ladies Aid (organized 1907, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Parkin, with Mrs. John Device president, Mrs. W. H. Parkin, vice president): Presidents—Mrs. F. Wheeler, 1908; Mrs. A. L. Clements, 1909-13; Mrs. J. B. Bennett, 1914-20; Mrs. O. D. Austin, 1921-24; Mrs. T. H. Bamworth, 1924-25.

Organist: Arthur Sullivan, Miss Morden, Mrs. Braim, Miss Keller, Miss Ruth Clements, Miss Zora Moon, Miss Annie Spracklin.

Epworth League: President—E. Dickenson, 1911; Miss Tuck, 1914-15; Stanley Nursey, 1915-16.



THE MANSE, FRONT VERANDAH

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Ministers: Rev. T. G. Griffiths, 1926; Rev. J. C. Switzer, B.A., 1926-30; Rev. W. Stott, 1930-.

Clerk of Session: R. F. Archibald, 1926-28; W. J. Robertson, 1928-29; Angus McGougan, 1929; A. H. Martinson, 1929-33; W. H. Inkster, 1933-.

Recording Steward: J. Harvey, 1926-.

Stewards: Chairman—O. D. Austin, 1926; C. A. Wilson, 1927; W. F. Muirhead, 1928; A. R. Garrod, 1929; W. H. Parkin, 1930-31; F. J. King, 1932; H. R. Holding, 1933-34; Dr. H. C. Graham, 1935-36; D. J. McEachern, 1937.

Treasurer—A. R. Garrod, 1926; A. E. Harron, 1927; A. W. Parker, 1928-29; W. L. Horne, 1930-32; C. Gladwin, 1933-36; H. R. Holding, 1937.

Secretary—A. B. Russell, 1926-27; W. Jack, 1928; C. M. Astbury, 1929; C. A. Wilson, 1930; H. E. Lee, 1931-32; F. G. Spracklin, 1933-34; L. A. Matheson, 1935-.

Envelope Secretary—W. H. Parkin, 1926; D. M. Moore, 1927; O. D. Austin, 1928; F. G. Spracklin, 1929-31; H. Barclay, 1932-33; W. L. Horne, 1934-.

Church School: Superintendent (Senior Dept.) —Angus McGougan, 1926; E. Crute, 1927-. (Junior Dept.)—P. M. Smith, Mrs. C. Sanders, J. Harvey.

(Primary Dept.)—Mrs. M. A. Herrman, 1925-27; Mrs. J. Sproat, 1927-30; Mrs. C. L. Bennett, 1930-32; Mrs. T. C. McMillan, 1932-36; Miss Lawrence (acting).

Woman's Association: President—Mrs. E. H. Markle, 1926-27; Mrs. O. G. Kinnie, 1928-30; Mrs. J. Finch, 1931-33; Mrs. W. E. Newcombe, 1934; Mrs. C. M. Astbury, 1935-36; Mrs. C. Coy, 1937.

Secretary—Mrs. H. P. Howell, 1926-27; Mrs. D. J. McEachern, 1928-30; Mrs. W. C. Smith, 1931-32; Mrs. J. M. Gavey, 1933; Mrs. C. Coy, 1934-35; Mrs. J. Finch, 1936; Mrs. J. W. Horsfall, 1937.

Woman's Missionary Society: President—Mrs. C. Sanders, 1926-27, 1929, 1931-35; Mrs. H. Ashley, 1928; Mrs. W. Stott, 1936; Mrs. J. Harvey, 1937.

Organist: Mrs. Gertrude Bailey, 1925-35; C. F. Myers, 1936-.

Young People's Society: President: Miss Jeannie Toddun, 1930-31, 1933-34; N. Hunter and others, 1932; Andrew Alexander, 1935; Robert Kirkness, 1936-.

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