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of SCOTIA

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THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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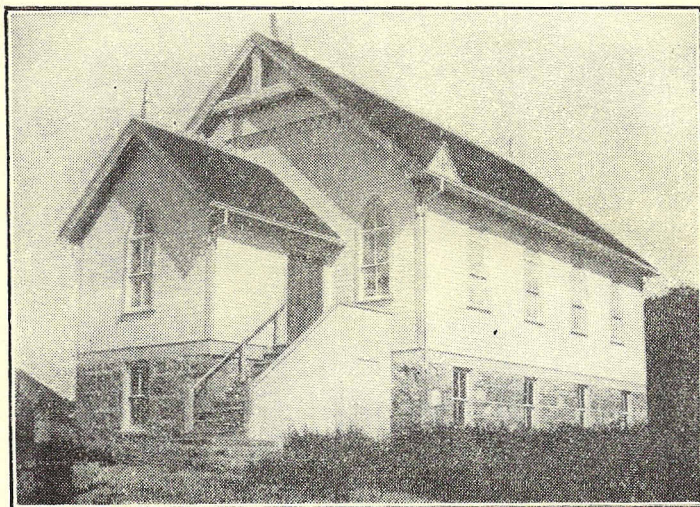
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# SCOTIA CHURCH



Erected in the Year 1895

Opened for Services on Sunday, November 24th, 1895

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Pastor (1895)

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REV. C. MOORE





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VERY early in the Spring of '82, part of a community in Ontario, who were living on rented farms, decided they should move West to what was then known as the Nor-West Territory, to seek for themselves and their families permanent homes.

On March 16th, 1882, cars were loaded to capacity with stock, implements, furniture, provisions, all necessities in a new country. The train pulled out of St. Mary's, Ontario, bound for the terminal of the C. P. R. with said settlers effects.

The mothers, wives and families, together with young men and maidens, followed on the next passenger train, (which were not so comfortably constructed as at the present day.)

On reaching Winnipeg, some tired and weary, others home-sick, they found to their disappointment there had been a blizzard and the railroad was blocked west. This meant staying in Winnipeg for nearly two weeks. They were the first people to enter the first emigrant sheds erected in Winnipeg. The husbands, who had been side-tracked and also delayed by the storm, arrived later. The first group, being so anxious to meet the fathers, were at the depot waiting their arrival. On the other hand, they thought their families did not like the country and were on their way back to Ontario.

But the young men soon grasped the opportunity and along with others, shouldered shovels and went shovelling snow for the railroad. They were paid One Dollar a day and thought they had struck a gold mine in the West.

Finally the R.R. was clear and the whole party mounted the train for Brandon, the terminal. On arrival there, they were met by an old friend and neighbor, Mr. Philip Kerr, who had preceded them by two years.

He took the mothers and families, numbering eighteen, by covered sleighs about sixty miles to his home, about three miles south of the present townsite of Hamiota, arriving on April 1st. Here the group was divided, as accommodation was rather cramped, some receiving kind shelter from Mr. Jas. Park and Mr. Wm. Anderson, while some remained with Mr. Kerr.

The husbands unloaded their cars and started to transport their goods to the Kerr district. The distance was long, roads were bad, and many a one had to leave half their load by the wayside. This they found untouched when they returned. Why? Perhaps because everyone had plenty to do with their own effects. I may say here that when these people landed, there was three feet of snow on the level, this was followed by three days rain.

Being men of vision, energetic and ambitious, they soon located homesteads and erected for themselves log or sod dwellings and stables.

When weather was suitable they set to work to break the virgin sod and seed to potatoes, some wheat for flour, and next year's seed, also oats for feed. Then continued to break for next year's crop,

The group we are to speak about, all took homesteads in the one locality. The greater percentage of them were originally from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who had spent a few years in Ontario, hence the district was called Aberdeen for a time. But that name became conflicting with the Department of Education, I believe, and a Council meeting was held. Mr. Jas. Clarridge, then Reeve of Hamiota Municipality, said, "I think we'll call it Scotia."

The C.P.R. was opening up new country, the nearest towns now were Virden and Shoal Lake, each about thirty miles distant. All grains were hauled there until 1889, when



the Great Northwest Central Railway (later C.P.R.) ran a branch from Brandon to Hamiota.

These families, true to their early training, soon found their next need was a minister. The only available place was back to the Kerr home, seven or eight miles or more distant. This service was supplied until Mr. Jas. Anderson Sr., who spent the first summer in a tent, had a log house erected, the ruins of which still stand. Service was invited to their home, which was quite central. In cases of sickness, Mr. Jas. Lorimer lent his home.

At this time, Rev. J. Cameron, a young man of Nova Scotia was ordained into the Presbyterian Church. On the night of his marriage, June 4th, 1882, he left Nova Scotia for Missionary work in Western Canada. On arriving in Manitoba, he was appointed to the Oak River and Hamiota field.

Hearing of this little colony in Scotia, he took an interest in the new opening and organized a congregation. Fruits of his first ministry are oft times referred to. He was so devoted and faithful in his work, we have heard that on one occasion he drove from Oak River in a biting wind of mid-winter, with poor or no roads, and on arriving at the Anderson home he opened the door, pulled aside a quilt which was serving as a wind break, and said, "Where is the congregation?" The family explained they did not expect him on such a day. But he replied, "Tell the people I'll always be here."

We had hoped to have a few words from Mr. Cameron in this history, but before we go to press we learn of his demise at Vancouver on February 17th at the age of 84 years. In reading clippings of his death, we find he organized seven congregations, built five churches and three manses. In 1884 he moved to North Battleford, where in '85 he and his family were taken captive during the Reil rebellion. While in barracks he wrote letters to warn the Territories there was no immediate danger, which was a great comfort to the Scotia people, who did not realize the vastness of the country.

Thus Scotia congregation was organized. A Sunday School was also started with Mr. David Henderson Sr. as superintendent, Mr. Jas. Anderson Jr. as secretary and Miss

E. Anderson and Mr. George Tackelberry as teachers. Pupils were taught Scripture texts and Shorter Catechism, as no lesson helps were available.

Now that homes and the Church were established, a Municipal Ward was formed and Mr. W. H. Gray elected as Councillor.

Their next move was to see about a school. Arrangements were made and a school erected by Mr. Robt. Kirk on the farm of Mr. Alford Strachan in 1884. When completed, Miss F. Frazer, of Hamiota, was engaged as teacher.

As soon as the school was available, Church service was immediately moved to the school house, and Rev. Jas. Duncan followed as pastor. Old timers recall with a great deal of delight, the friendly meetings of a group that kept increasing from year to year. The Church was the centre of the community. To see the yokes of oxen and an odd team of horses and one span of mules, hitched to the many home-made vehicles, all tied to the trees surrounding the little rural school, was a scene to be remembered by those who were there. In one case a member made a hay rack of green poplar poles and built it on the wagon, it was so heavy he and his wife could not remove it, so went to Church with the hay rack. But they did leave it at the far side of the bluff and walked the balance of the way. Many such instances could be recalled. Their main theme was to be at Church on Sunday, summer or winter, no matter what the conveyance had to be.

Later, Rev. Robt. Gow followed as pastor, and won many hearts by his kind gentle manner. He also took an interest in Sunday School work and taught the intermediate class the names of the books of the Bible.

Rev. Jas. McEwan was the next pastor. Records are hard to get as to how long some of these pioneer pastors served the people, but we do know that the work kept increasing and officers were elected. At the first Sacrament the following became members: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leith, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Strachan and Miss E. Anderson. Mr. Kerr dispensed the elements. The following year, nine more became



members as follows : Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ingram, Miss Angus, Mr. Wm. Angus, Mr. Wm. Leith, Mr. Jas. Lorimer and Mr. Robertson Ross. Mr. Jas. Anderson Sr. and Mr. David Henderson Sr. were ordained as Elders ; Mr. Jas. Smith and Mr. Alf. Strachan were the managing board until 1892 : Mr. W. H. Gray was secretary for a few years, with Mr. Alf. Strachan as treasurer. Later these two offices were combined with Mr. Strachan in charge until 1906. The first canvassers were Miss I. Strachan and Miss M. Leith who walked to every home. Mr. Geo. Leith acted as presenter, assisted by Mrs. A. Strachan, and Mr. Robertson Ross was collector.

This Church was under Missionary supervision until this time, but on August 27th, 1891, a resolution was passed that Mr. D. Henderson attend the Minnedosa Presbytery at Birtle in September, and request said Presbytery to accept their request to be transferred from a Mission charge to an Augmented charge. When this transaction went into force, the charge was at liberty to call their own pastor.

Early in the summer of 1892, Rev. J. Frazer, Rev. Mc-Kercher, Rev. Davidson and Rev. C. Moore supplied as candidates. Mr. Moore was chosen and served the congregation for eight years. The work kept growing and more managers were appointed as follows : Messrs. Geo. Colbeck, Peter Murdock, Geo. Ingram, Jas. Angus, Thos. Morison and A. Strachan. On January 17th, 1904, the Church roll consisted of 67 members.

So far we have tried to give a brief synopsis of these Pioneers for their first twelve years in Manitoba.

At this time the public school became far too small, which was equally true in Church life.

Meetings were held and after much deliberation it was decided to divide the school district into two districts, which was later done in 1895, two schools being built. The north half known as "Maple-shade" and the south half known as "Scotia".

Congregational meetings were also held to discuss the building of a Church. One member of outstanding character

who had listened with interest to Rev. Dr. Robertson at one of these meetings, saying times were as good as they would be, etc., later asked the Rev. Dr.: "Would you have us go into debt to build a Church?" But the Doctor very ably replied, "Tythe your income and you won't need to go in debt."

After meetings and much consideration, it was decided a Church could be built, if it did not exceed \$1500.00.

A canvas was made and on the first day \$1000.00 was promised. By the time the canvas was completed \$1800.00 was subscribed, eight men promising \$100.00 each. Practically all promised monies were paid with No. 1 Hard wheat selling at 35c a bushel. Many a family making sacrifices until their obligations had been met.

In the spring of 1895, a large number of members gathered on the south-east quarter of Section 21, Township 13, Range 24, on a portion of land donated by Mr. Geo. Morison to be used for Church purposes only.

On this piece of ground, Rev. C. Moore held the plow to break the first sod for the Church. Members did all in their power to help with the building; during the summer the stone basement was built and the Church erected and furnished.

The following is a clipping taken from "The Hamiota Hustler" on the opening of Scotia Church:

"The new Presbyterian Church at Scotia was opened by Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions and Moderator of the General Assembly, on Sunday, November 24th, 1895. The congregation had hitherto worshiped in the school house, but this, during the summer, had been altogether too small for the needs of the congregation. Dr. Robertson opened the Church by preaching from Eph. 5:25, 'Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it.' Explaining the word Church meant 'called out'. Men were called out, not to favor, but to service. In closing, he left the following question with his hearers: 'What is the measure of our desire to be saved?' In the afternoon, the sermon was yet a much grander one. From I Cor. 1:18. As the Doctor stood before 300 souls, he not only felt the inspiration himself, but the people felt it also. In the evening, as might



be expected from one so intimately connected with the home mission work of the Church. He spoke of the great needs in the mission field. On Monday evening, the tea meeting was well attended, the tea was substantial and good, after which, addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Lang of Newdale, Rev. J. J. Cruickshanks, of Hamiota, and Dr. Robertson. Altogether the opening had been a fine success and the proceeds amounted to \$140.00.

"The Church is a very neat and commodious building, resting on a stone foundation. It is 30 feet by 40 feet and seated to accommodate over 200 people. At present it is heated by a stove which will be replaced shortly by a furnace. Both stone and woodwork reflect great credit on the contractors. The stone work was built by Mr. A. Killoh and Mr. John Anderson, of Hamiota, and the Church built by Mr. Scott, of Elkhorn, Manitoba. The lumber was furnished by Mr. J. H. McConnell, of Hamiota.

"The congregation, feeling their need, took steps in June, and a subscription list presented, which soon had over \$1800.00 subscribed, while the members of the congregation did labor work of about \$250.00 more. As a result the people of Scotia have now a comfortable place of worship, which is certainly the equal of any Church in this part of the country. The Hamiota choir provided all the music for the opening."—Hamiota Hustler, November 27th, 1895.

In a recent communication from Rev. C. Moore, now in his 82nd year, he states that the history of this Church is so connected with the people that it cannot be separated, and he is sure, many who worship now, were young, perhaps children in those days, now taking the place of those who were active agents in the past. He hopes our Church is prospering in its work, adding in numbers as years advance. His closing words were: "I wish God's blessing to all in association with the Church, and their growth in grace as the years go by."

The Church had now been opened at a cost of \$1900.00, and interest grew in all organizations. The following were appointed as Trustees: Messrs. Jas. Smith, Jas. Anderson and Alf. Strachan. At the death of Mr. Strachan in March,



1915, the eldest sons were appointed, namely : Messrs. Jas. Anderson Jr., Jas. Smith Jr. and John Strachan.

In the next year, 1906, Mr. J. Strachan was appointed secretary-treasurer, which office he held until 1924, when he moved from the district. In the same year an organ was purchased, and Mrs. Douglas Anderson was first organist. On her removal from the district, Miss Annie Smith was appointed Church organist and Miss Jane Strachan, Sunday School organist. A choir was organized with Mr. G. Leith Sr. as leader. In later years, Mrs. T. Morison became leader.

The Sunday School work began to be appreciated now, with plenty of room, it became more organized, until it was recognized as one of the leading Sunday Schools in the district, and regarded by outsiders as without an equal, in the character and effect of the work accomplished by it. A few of the early teachers were : Mrs. G. Leith, Mrs. R. Ross, Mr. Thos. Morison and Mr. John Strachan, who, while younger than the others, taught longer, having taught almost continuously from 1891 to 1924. Mr. D. Henderson was superintendent for a long period, a very interested and earnest man, and was regarded as the only man in the district who could pray in public. In his declining years, he was followed by Mr. Robertson Ross, who was followed, in a few years, by Mr. Thos. Morison, Mr. Thos. Colbeck and Mr. J. Strachan. As years went on, many faithful officers and teachers can be recalled, such as Misses Annie Smith, M. C. Morison, Isabella Henderson, Catherine Collie, Ellen Henderson, Jessie Morison, Rachael Leith, and Messrs. Jos. Jarrett, Ed. Jarrett, Wm. Smith, etc., with Messrs. Alex. Smith and Alex. Ingram, as librarians, and Messrs. Jas. Anderson, Jas. Smith and W. R. Collie, as secretaries.

The weekly prayer meeting was well attended, and added strength to the religious life.

Every branch was prospering when again Dr. Robertson appealed to the congregation to become self-sustaining. He told them they were like calves, having been helped along by the Church, now they had to be weaned and do for themselves. So Scotia became self-sustaining in 1907 or 1908. 1897

Rev. C. Moore left the field in 1900, and was followed by Rev. Chas. H. Stewart, who, later, built St. Paul's Church,



Winnipeg, starting as a Mission field. At present he is Rev. C. H. Stewart, D.D., of Buffalo, U.S.A. The next successor was Rev. Jas. Pryde, who came direct from Scotland in 1901. He served as pastor about four years, and interest was still growing, Mrs. Pryde assisting as organist.

A new furnace had already been installed. The basement was still unfinished, but now the Sunday School undertook to put in a floor and finish the walls with wainscoting and plaster. Later it was divided into class rooms by portable partitions.

Rev. H. G. Crozier was next pastor, called from Ontario, another young man full of enthusiasm. He took up a singing class and started a Christian Endeavour. Mrs. Crozier, equally helpful, started a W.F.M.S., with Mrs. Thos. Morison as president, and Mrs. W. H. Gray, as secretary-treasurer, and later a W.H.M.S. was started. In a few years these societies combined, with Mrs. Leith as president, with Mrs. Lorimer and Mrs. J. Strachan as secretary-treasurers, Mrs. Jas. Angus was later appointed president. All the presidents did good work.

Two new Elders were ordained to the Session : Mr. Geo. Leith and Mr. Thos. Morison. Miss Gertrude Gray was organist.

We have not mentioned how the little colony was progressing financially. They, being a hard working class of farmers with helpful wives, had built for themselves very comfortable homes, and increased their holdings. Their land became more valuable when, in 1905, the Grand Trunk Pacific made several surveys for a main line to the Pacific Coast. In 1906 the road was graded. In 1908 the rails were laid. In the following spring the railway was in operation. The townsite of Pope was surveyed on Section 20, Township 13, Range 24. A depot was built, also an elevator and a store. The first mail to arrive at Pope Post Office was on April 1st, 1909, with Mr. R. Ross as postmaster. Previous to this the community had received their mail at Logoch, a rural post office, which was opened in 1884, with Mr. James Stevens as postmaster. After his death, the post office was moved, and Mr. Wm. Angus became postmaster on July 12th, 1890, and held office until August, 1932, when the office

closed, as much of the mails had been changed to the village post office when the railroad went into operation.

Some of the Councillors were: Messrs. W. H. Gray, Peter Murdock, John Strachan, they were later succeeded by Messrs. Jas. Smith and Geo. Colbeck Jr., and at the time of writing Mr. John McCoubrey is giving good service on his third term.

By this time, the families, which were large, were growing up, and every one going to Church every Sunday. It was very rare there was an empty seat. Rev. H. G. Crozier thus served these people about four years, and while speaking to his successor, Rev. Ed. Turkington, he said: "You will have many a cold drive out to Scotia, but you will always be sure of a congregation."

In Mr. Turkington's time, a great change befell the Church. Until this time, Scotia had always been connected with Hamiota, and known as the "Hamiota Field". Mr. Turkington was assisted by Rev. W. W. McPherson. But now, Presbytery said: "You are too strong to be together, you must help your weaker brother." After many meetings the matter was discussed, pro and con, it was decided to make a new field, known as "Scotia Field" and affiliate with Kinsmore and Palmerston.

This was done, and on May 2nd, 1917, Rev. Hector Ferguson, newly ordained, was inducted in the Scotia Field. He tried to work up the new field by starting a Guild, in fact, in every way possible. During his pastorate an agitation was under foot to consolidate the school districts.

This, again, was a new venture, which was hard for an established community to adapt itself to. However, in the end, the district was again divided into another angle. Hence, the Scotia and Mapleshade school houses were sold in 1918, and the northwest of the district consolidated with Crandall School District, and the southeast with Oakner School District.

Rev. Mr. Ferguson, a young man without any encumbrance, but full of hope and courage, heard the call of the north. After many sleepless nights, he presented his resignation, after one and a half year's pastorate, to accept a call



at The Pas. Later, he was called to Boston, U.S.A. Scotia, again vacant, was supplied for the winter by an old friend and pastor, Rev. Mr. Gow. In the spring of 1919, application was made for a pastor.

After the usual period, Rev. Mr. Bygrave was called. As this was practically a new field, no manse was available, but, on the call of Mr. Bygrave, a manse was at once needed. Meetings were held and a manse committee appointed, A site was donated in the Village of Pope, and a contract let to Mr. Thos. Reece, of Crandall, Man., who built a comfortable manse and barn, which cost about \$5,000.00.

By this time many of the young people had left for homes of their own in various parts of the north and west. Everyone had been distressed by the Great War. Everywhere the work seemed uphill, with the result that Rev. Mr. Bygrave tendered his resignation after one and half years' pastorate.

In September, 1920, Rev. John Horn was inducted into the charge. In his pastorate, the Kinsmore Church decided they could not carry on. At a later date, Palmerston wished to withdraw from Scotia and connect with Crandall. This was done.

In the end, Scotia was unable to support a pastor alone, no neighboring Church could help. Only Rev. Mr. Lockhart, of Hamiota, did all in his power to provide services in the summer. I'm sorry to say Scotia Church was closed for eight or nine months, only the W.M.S. carried on, with Mrs. Jas. Angus as president.

The once almost banner Sunday School had died even beforehand. Many a time the remark has been made, "That when young children are neglected, they loose interest." That was one instance where one generation was lost. Very few ever took a real interest in Church life after. May all who read this, realize how valuable the Sunday School and Church is to the child.

But no! Scotia must not stay closed. The United Church was going ahead with leaps and bounds. Scotia, still Presbyterian, was opened by Rev. R. Paterson of Brandon, in the

fall of 1925 and service held for a couple of months. Still no other church could be linked up with them.

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“THE FALL OF SCOTIA CHURCH.”

Our church it stands in Scotia—  
 A monument for good,  
 And many faithful christians  
 Within its walls have stood.  
 Some ministers then came to us,  
 Said here: you are too strong,  
 So you must go and try to help  
 Your neighbor church along.  
 The people they at once rebelled  
 Said no, that cannot be,  
 For we have striven hard to get  
 Our church from debt set free.  
 But being a christian people  
 And willing to do the right,  
 We consented for to help them  
 Out of their sorry plight.  
 Soon we called a minister,  
 A man of might and main—

The Rev. Hector Ferguson  
 Of Scotland's Highland strain.  
 He was a faithful pastor  
 And led us the right way:  
 Had he still been here with us,  
 None would have gone astray.  
 But Murray soon he came to him,  
 Says: your the man I want  
 The people they got such a shock,  
 They could not say you can't.  
 Now the neighbor church cries out  
 Times are not as yore;  
 We cannot pay the minister,  
 So we must close the door.  
 Old Scotia now she stands alone,  
 To struggle as she may;  
 But Jesus Christ, the living head  
 Shall be our guide and stay.

Composed by Mrs Jas. Angus.

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Rev. S. A. Martin had been inducted into the Hamiota Church, and, knowing the history of Scotia, called a meeting one Sunday and presented the laws of the United Church, also saying Scotia could become affiliated with the Hamiota Church again. A vote was taken and a strong majority carried to become United and join with Hamiota.

Everything seemed to make a fresh start. A Managing Board was elected. Mr. Jas. Angus and Mr. Geo. Colbeck were ordained as Elders, Mr. A. M. MacKay was appointed Sec.-Treas. and held office for nine years, with Miss Ruby Smith and later, Miss Ella Colbeck, as Organists.

The Sunday School was re-organized with Mr. E. Jarrett as superintendent and Mr. J. W. Colbeck as sec.-treas.

The Manse was rented and later sold to Mr. Jno. Lobban.

Again the north called out. This time Rev. Martin felt a strong desire to do mission work. While we were sorry to accept his resignation, we did not stand in his way. He went and became the man of the north, putting the United Church into Churchill.



Rev. Wallace, M.A., B.D., was inducted in his stead at Hamiota and carried on in the work until June, 1930. The Sunday School was well organized, with Mr. W. B. Strachan superintendent for two years. On his resignation, Mr. Ed. Jarrett was re-elected and still holds office.

In 1930 another re-arrangement of the field was made. Hamiota Presbyterian and Methodist Churches being united, wished to be served individual by one Church and one Minister.

Presbytery again took steps and arranged another new field, this time known as the Oakner field, connecting Oakner, Chumah and Scotia.

The first pastor to be called was Rev. N. B. McLenaghan, newly ordained. He was inducted into this new field on July 2nd, 1930, and served faithfully, making many friends. During his pastorate, Scotia held its Golden Jubilee Picnic. Many of the early Pioneers made a point to be present at the re-union. Some inspected the ruins of their first place of worship, and many a friendly greeting and joke was exchanged.

Two new elders were ordained: Mr. Ed. Jarrett and Mr. Jas. Anderson.

Mrs. W. B. Strachan had been president of the W.M.S. for the past four years, but owing to financial conditions, this organization voted to discontinue, with the result that a Women's Association was formed, with Mrs. A. M. MacKay as president and Mrs. John Allen as sec.-treas.

At the end of four years, Rev. McLenaghan placed his name with the Settlement Board. Our field also placed their vacancy with the Board.

This time, Rev. J. Dunnett was assigned to our charge and inducted July, 1934. Once again a Manse was required. Owing to the depression and uncertainty of the field, another Manse has not been considered, but a cottage belonging to Leith Bros., of Glamis, Sask., is at present rented for a Manse. Rev. Dunnett is carrying on in the work with the membership always increasing. His wife is also helping in S.S., Y.P.S., C.G.I.T. and W.A. work.

Motor cars now replace the one-time ox cart and buggy.



Following is a list of present officers :—

SESSION—Jas. Angus, G. Colbeck, E. Jarrett, Jas. Anderson

BOARD—W. B. Strachan (Chairman), J. W. Colbeck, Thos. Jarrett, J. O. Park, A. M. MacKay, Mrs. Jas. Anderson, Mrs. A. M. MacKay, Jas. Anderson, Sec.-Treas.

ORGANISTS—Mary MacKay, Viola Strachan.

CHOIR LEADERS—Mrs. Allen, Mrs. C. L. Anderson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL : Supts., Ed. Jarrett, W. B. Strachan ; Sec.-Treas., J. W. Colbeck, Mrs. Allen ; Organists, Isobel Allen, Viola Strachan : Teachers—Primary, Ruby Colbeck, Viola Strachan ; Junior, Mrs. A. M. MacKay, Bernice Anderson ; Intermediate, Mrs. J. O. Park, Mrs. A. Gilmour ; Junior Bible Class, Mrs. Dunnett, Mrs. W. B. Strachan ; Senior Bible Class, Jas. Anderson, J. Jarrett.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION—Pres., Mrs. MacKay ; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jarrett ; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Gilmour, Mrs. A. Smith.

C.G.I.T.—Pres., Joyce Strachan ; Sec.-Treas., Mabel McGhee ; Leaders, Mrs. W. B. Strachan, Mrs. Allen.

Following are a few of the first settlers of '82 :—

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith, James, Annie, Willis ;

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Anderson, James, Chas., Jos., Oliver ;

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leith, John, Margaret ;

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Strachan, John, Isabella, Jane, Lou ;

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hern, Wesley, Sidney, Lorne

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kirk, Lois, David, Margaret, Ida ;

Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson, David, Agnes, Christina,

Isabella, George, Ellon, Jamima ;

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Angus ;

Mr. Ed. Wicks ;

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ingram, Alex. ;

Mr. R. Ross ;

Mr. Thos. Morison ;

Mr. Jas. Lorimer ;

Mr. R. W. Brethour.

Another home we want to mention is Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Smith. Although they did not move until '85, Mr. Smith is now 86 years of age, and is still considered our master farmer.



## INTERESTING EVENTS IN SCOTIA'S HISTORY

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1st Meal—The first meal ate in Scotia was when Messrs. Philip Kerr, Jas. Smith, Jas. Lorimer, Geo. Leith, Thos. Morison, Jas. Anderson, A. Strachan and R. Ross were looking for land. They camped and ate the first dinner a few rods southeast of where the Scotia Church stands to-day.

1st Birth—Annie Ingram. 1st Baptism Margaret Leith

1st Baptism in Church Jean Anderson (Mrs. J. W. Colbeck)

1st Wedding—W. H. Gray and Agnes Henderson.

1st Bride in Church—Mrs. Jas. Henderson (Miss Christina McMillan).

1st Funeral—Mrs. Jas. McMillan.

1st Members surviving—Mrs. Isabella Strachan and Mrs. Elizabeth Ross.

Golden Weddings—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leith, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Angus, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kirk (who have also celebrated their diamond wedding.)

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We have tried to give facts about this Pioneer Colony. There is one spot we have not mentioned, that is "God's Acre" (Scotia Cemetery). which is most dear and sacred to us to-day. It is situated two miles south of the Church, on the south-west corner of Mr. Jas. Smith's homestead; it is rather isolated from highways, but a very pretty spot. To enter there on a calm summer evening, when the trees and hedges are green and the lilacs and honeysuckle are in bloom, you are surely filled with the Glory of God. You feel so very near many who pioneered and have been layed to rest in this plot; knowing they ran the straight race, fought the good fight, and now rest in Peace.