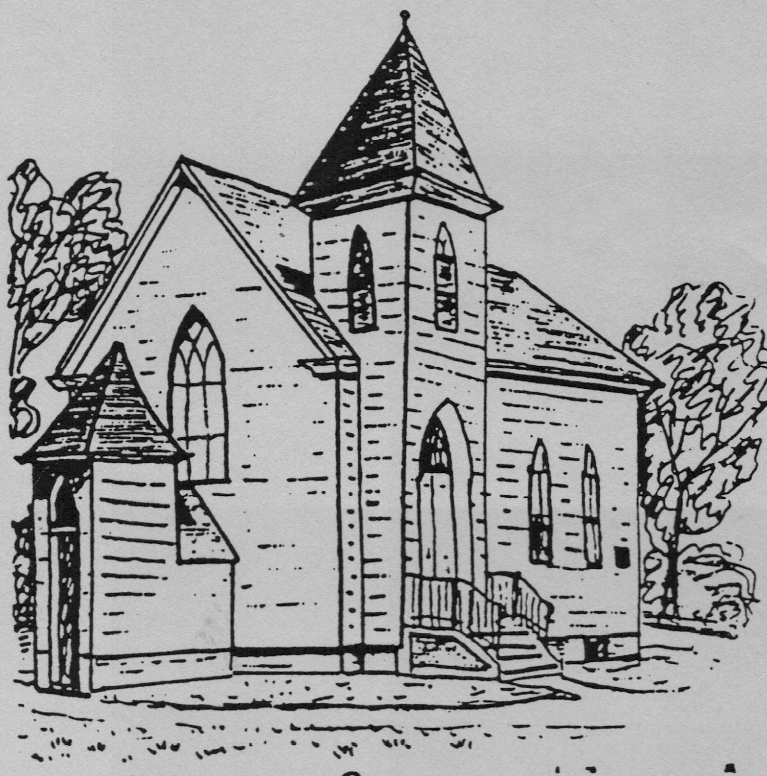


The History of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sackville, N.B., 1939-1984

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PREFACE

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The minute book from 1921 is not in very good condition. It will be noted that some pages have been removed from the book and some entries are illegible. This happened before the books came into our hands.

In 1925 a vote was taken on the question of Union. The result was twenty-nine members voted against Union and thirteen voted in favour of Union. A motion was passed at the time of voting "that we consider ourselves a branch of the continuing Presbyterian Church of Canada".

There was not a minister at the time of voting and students were unavailable. The church was closed until August 23, 1925, or the first Sunday in September. The closure of the church for such a long period of time was detrimental to the cause. Families with children were concerned and went to the United Church where they remained.

In 1932, Mr. H.A. Beale was appointed secretary. During the early thirties the congregation just drifted along. Some members determined that the church should be closed but a few faithful families carried on.

Although the congregation was augmented by the Mission Board of the Church, it was very difficult to raise enough money to support a minister. Dorchester, which was part of the congregation at that time, had financial difficulties as well and their number was small. The country was experiencing depression days which affected everybody and every church and business.

The congregation was indebted to ministers who were willing to serve for whatever money the people could collect. Ministers suffered from the depression, too. It was really a struggle but it must be emphasized that it was the Ladies Aid that kept the church open, paying expenses and supplementing the minister's salary. A number of families seemed to want to close the church and, when they could not get what they wanted, left and went to the United Church. The few carried on. Students from Mount Allison University preached and in the summer a student was appointed. Added to all these problems the church hall was in a state of deterioration.

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We will turn back in memory to the year 1939 when Presbyterianism in Sackville was faced with a great problem. The hall, which had served the congregation since 1906, was in a disreputable state and any money spent to make it livable and respectable was a case of throwing good money after bad. To make matters worse there were ten families facing this dilemma, that is decision-making families; Murray, Kaye, Henderson, Tracy, Hart, Duncan, Tingley, Travers, Craise and Beale. Senator A.B. Copp and Mrs. Copp spent much of their time in Ottawa, but supported the idea, which was a blessing.

In 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marks took up residence in Sackville. They had lived in Middle Sackville. Mr. Marks belonged to the Baptist Community. He was a sympathetic gentleman and said he would support St. Andrew's because his wife was a Presbyterian and had gone to the Baptist Church with him in Middle Sackville. Mrs. Marks was one of our treasures. When we had sales and teas, she would arrive at the church parlour with her big red basket filled with delicious brown bread. She really took charge of the kitchen and never left until everything was in apple-pie order. She was a faithful member of the WMS as well. After a lengthy illness, Mr. Marks passed away on December 8, 1973 and Mrs. Marks, after a period of ill health, died on February 18, 1979. Their daughter, Katherine, Mrs. William E. Smith, who lives on Kirk Street, Sackville, cared lovingly for her parents until the end.

The hall, a two-story building, looked like a third rate boarding house. It rested on a one stone wall situated at the back of the building and on the built-up lawn in front. There were no side foundation walls and the basement had a mud floor. Services were held in the ground floor room which had a platform across the front. The pulpit and the Karn organ which were used are in the present church parlour. There were no pews; chairs were used and there was a small vestry to the right and back of the room.

One reached the upper story by climbing a long stairway with high-rise steps. Here meetings were held: teas, dinners, concerts, church parties and plays. There was no running water. On the 16th of November, 1930, a special meeting of the Board of Managers was called and a decision was made to install a water system. Mr. Wallace Green, who was Water Superintendent for the Town of Sackville, offered to do the work free of charge. Previously, we had depended on Mrs. Ernest Blenkhorn, God bless her dear soul, for hot and cold water and other facilities. Mrs. Blenkhorn, who lived in a house across the street from the hall, was of the Baptist persuasion. It very often rained when the Presbyterians were having teas and dinners and Mrs. Blenkhorn maintained that the Presbyterians in Sackville should be Baptist.

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In 1940, in the midst of the planning, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Travers left Sackville to take up residence in Moncton where Mr. Travers had been transferred. This was a terrific blow to the congregation. The Travers family had come to Sackville in 1927. Mr. Travers was secretary for a period of time and Mrs. Travers was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid and a member of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS). The family was interested in every phase of church life and work. They fully supported the Building Project, but the work had to continue.

The church was heated by a furnace but when floods came, as they often did, water would flow into the basement and into the furnace. When freeze-up time arrived ice had to be chopped away before a fire could be lighted. The furnace rebelled and sent smoke up the pipes; this caused coughing and sneezing during the service. The upstairs hall was heated by a tall stove and the ladies often had to wait until the area around the stove was warm enough to carry on the meeting.

The building had one janitor during the "hall" years. He received the princely sum of sixteen dollars per year. He did a good job until laid aside by illness. For the most part the work of the janitor was done by members of the Ladies' Aid; even after the church was built the ladies had at least two cleaning nights a year to mop and dust; anything to save money. The pennies really counted. Cleaning the upstairs was a real chore. The floor had to be scrubbed and it was unpainted.

Something had to be done, and soon. The roof of the hall began to leak. What to do? We were all poor, very poor. In 1939 a Building Fund was established. The Sunday School had a balance of sixteen dollars and that money was the beginning of the Building Fund. After that, all balances, no matter how small, were placed in the Fund. It grew by leaps and bounds and by 1941 there was money to buy six hundred dollars worth of Victory Bonds. The Presbyterians were really advancing in the financial world.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting in 1942 it was decided that a meeting be called to discuss plans for building a church or remodelling the hall. Many meetings were held. The only man in the congregation who had any building experience was Mr. Harry Kaye, an elder. He had built his own home on the Upper Fairfield Road, a lovely one. Professor Stark and his family live there now. But no one had built a church or remodelled a hall.

In retrospect everything was done backwards. But the congregation did know Presbytery had to grant permission. Presbytery, although very sympathetic, was wary, very wary. They knew that the charge was augmented to the hilt. If they had asked to see the year's financial statement the project would have ended then and there. Receipts for 1941 were two hundred and eighty three dollars and fifty cents with no balance. However, the Reverend J. D. L. Howson, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian

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Church, Fredericton and Dr. C.A. McVey, Bridge Engineer, Department of Public Works, and a St. Andrew's elder, Fredericton, were appointed by the Presbytery to collaborate with Sackville regarding future plans. Reverend Howson did ask for a statement and the fact that Saving Bonds had been purchased saved the day. Money was coming in. Senator Copp made a contribution of five hundred dollars; Mr. A.D. Smith, a Presbyterian residing in Amherst, Nova Scotia, who also supported the Building Project, helped financially. Presbytery applied to the Mission Board for a four thousand dollar loan. What a time to get that loan! In the course of time thirty-five hundred dollars was granted. The Reverend W.A. Cameron was secretary of the Board of Missions and in a letter dated January 27, 1944, he stated:

"the factors that will make granting of a loan difficult are (1) the large loan that is being asked for by a congregation where there were so few families, and (2) the past experience of the Board in regard to loans already made. So many congregations to which help in building was given, by way of a loan, have not lived up to the agreement they made for repayment, either of principle or interest".

Dr. Cameron expressed his readiness to help in any way he could. The Church and Manse Board which had the money would make the final decision. The Building Committee asked Senator Copp to prepare a statement for the Church and Manse Board, which he did. It was through Senator Copp's influence that Senator William Duff, of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, made a five hundred dollar contribution. He was impressed by the courage of the Presbyterians in Sackville.

An appeal was made to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. Dr. Frank Baird was clerk at that time. The Synod immediately granted a gift of three hundred dollars which was gratefully received. Dr. Baird, a very dignified and respected man, who always wore his clericals, was an historian and writer and a perfectionist in church law. He stated explicitly in one of his letters, "that the Board of Missions in always more impressed by the signature of elders, trustees and managers". There were elders but no trustees or managing board. Dr. Baird suggested writing "a little history of Presbyterianism in Sackville". He was asked for information and this was his answer:

Touching the history of the congregation, if you have not, and cannot secure the necessary data, that feature would have to be dropped. There is no rule as to what shall be done with former Session Records. The church itself preserves them carefully, and if this is not done, there is no other source to look to. Old Presbytery Records of the Presbytery of Saint John which might show something, are in the custody of the United Church, and are in the vault of the United Church College, Halifax. I would not be sure that there is anything in them of

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much importance, or that would help greatly even if you went there and searched. I think, therefore, on this phase of the matter you would have to lean wholly on what you would gather locally from older people. I preached there once as a student, in an upper room of a hall in the summer of 1898, staying, I recall, with the parents of Senator Copp. Sackville was then a student field and I am quite sure that Mr. A. D. Archibald, now of Truro, retired church minister, was student. Possibly a letter to him might elicit some information. The oldest Assembly minutes which I have is dated 1894 and in it Sackville is not mentioned but there is listed "Dorchester, etc." which might include Sackville.

In the fall of 1943 negotiations were entertained with two contracting firms, Butcher and Sons and Mr. Bernard Bowser. Mr. Butcher withdrew, for reasons unknown. Mr. Bowser agreed to do the work and promptly began.

Previous to this Dr. McVey had met with the Building Committee and the following recommendation was drawn up:

The hall which faced north and south should be moved to an east and west position and in order to do this a new foundation wall of concrete must be put down; lower the roof some seven or eight feet and shingle same; build a suitable tower on the south-west corner; put in Gothic windows of stained or frosted glass; sheath the inside ceiling of the church part; put in necessary supporting beams and braces to support the roof structure. The nine foot basement is to be finished for the use of organization work. Pews have to be put in to replace the present seating of ordinary kitchen chairs here-to-fore used. The building will have to be painted as well and different odds and ends will have to be provided when necessary.

The new foundation wall has been built, building moved thereon, roof lowered, tower under construction and work progressing generally. The total cost of the proposed work will be seven thousand dollars.

The congregation, although very small, has undertaken to raise two thousand dollars, the Ladies' Aid of the church five hundred dollars, the Saint John Presbytery five hundred dollars - a total of three thousand dollars. To complete the work as described and undertake and continue the church organization, we would need to borrow the sum of four thousand dollars from some one of the church organizations on easy terms of interest and payments.

The said funds namely, the gift from the Saint John Presbytery of five hundred dollars should be forwarded

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at once and an assurance that the loan of four thousand dollars will be available in the near future: otherwise the work that is now in progress will have to stop and if so that, of course, will be the end of the Presbyterian Church here. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Church Building Committee

This recommendation was forwarded to the Board of Missions, in Toronto. Meantime, where did the money come from? The congregation was canvassed; Saint John Presbytery sent money; hundreds of letters were written and sent out to churches, societies, business establishments and friends. With the precious war saving bonds and gifts received there was a total of three thousand and thirty-five dollars and eighty-three cents in the bank; but no word of the loan from Toronto. The financial situation was grim and Mr. Bowser knew it. He told the Committee that if his men were not paid, work on the building would cease. Each one in the congregation knew that if the work stopped that would be the end of the Presbyterian Church in Sackville, a horrible sight, which could be dubbed "the Presbyterian disgrace". The church members, who had already given money, were canvassed and were offered interest at three percent. The amount of five hundred dollars was collected. When Mr. McVey heard of this venture he offered one hundred dollars at the same rate of interest even though he had given bountifully.

Something drastic had to be done. Mr. H.A. Beale, secretary-treasurer of the congregation, went to the Royal Bank and somehow wrangled a loan of twenty-eight hundred dollars. The note was dated May 3, 1944, and was signed by Messrs Harry Kaye, James L. Murray and Edward Tingley. If the Presbyterians had faith that bank manager had faith plus. Ironically, on May 5, 1944, a telegram from Dr. Cameron stated that the Church and Loan Board had granted a loan of three thousand five hundred dollars. There was great rejoicing! On June 2, 1944, a Trustee Board was appointed, a necessity before the loan could be obtained. Messrs Kaye, Murray and Tingley comprised the members of the Board. A letter from the secretary of the Board of Administration stated:

in view of the information received, and the recommendation of Dr. Cameron, who reported that the Board of Missions recommend a loan of thirty five hundred dollars it was agreed to approve of that amount from the Church Extension Fund, the loan to run for five years by the securing of a mortgage signed by the Trustees of the congregation, the loan to run without interest for a period of two years; at the end of that time to bear

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interest at the rate of five percent per annum, payable half-yearly. Repayment of principal to be arranged.

Worship was held in the church basement with its concrete walls and floor. The congregation entered the basement on a boardwalk and did so until cold weather drove worshippers from the building. However, as soon as the furnace was installed, worship continued as usual.

The ladies worked feverishly; teas and more tea. The ladies had many talents and cashed in on their particular gifts. There were money making projects every month, and parties for a price. The penny was not despised. Waist-measuring parties, a cent for every inch; foot-measuring parties; arm measuring-parties. Pennies were saved in card-board pies culminating in a Penny Pie Social. Pies were decorated and prizes given for the three best. And the prizes? Pies, of course! All the ladies deserved credit, but one in particular must be mentioned - Miss E.L. Duncan. She had joined the Presbyterian Church in Sackville by certificate on August 21, 1904. Miss Duncan was Sunday School Superintendent and Mission Band Leader. she often closed her dry goods and millinery shop to carry on the four o'clock Mission Band every Friday. She was sacrificial. During the depression she was forced to close her little shop. On April 19, 1950, a special meeting of the WMS was held at the home of Mrs. Rockwell, Allison Avenue, Sackville, at which time a Woman's Missionary Society Life Membership was presented to Miss E. Louise Duncan. Miss Duncan had been a guest at Mrs. Rockwell's home since her retirement, but found it necessary to return to her home in Saint John to take up residence in a nursing home and to be near her relatives. Miss Duncan was called to Higher Service in May, 1955, at the age of ninety-one. At the May meeting of the WMS, a minute of silent prayer was observed in her memory. Miss Duncan was a faithful Bible student. Her daily living, love of her church and all its activities, and her belief in God, gave evidence of her Christian faith. In 1958 the Ladies' Aid presented a flower stand to St. Andrew's in memory of Miss Duncan. The inscription of the brass plate is as follows:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY
MISS EMMA LOUISE DUNCAN
PRESENTED BY
THE LADIES' AID
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SACKVILLE, N.B.
1958

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Miss Janie Matheson, who held a position in the Dominion Agriculture Seed Branch then stationed in Sackville, joined the small group of ladies. She was secretary-treasurer of the Ladies' Aid from 1950 to 1963. Miss Matheson was appointed to the Board of Managers in January, 1947, a position she filled until 1965. At that time she was transferred to Ottawa. The minutes of the January 1965 congregational meeting records, "Miss Matheson was an outstanding worker at St. Andrew's." While in Sackville, Miss Matheson's mother lived here for a time as did her sister, Isabel. After a lengthy illness, Mrs. Matheson passed away. Her funeral service was conducted in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville, N.B., burial at Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia. Miss Matheson's sister, Miss Isabel, died and her ashes are interred in Tatamagouche.

Meetings could not be held in the building; all events took place at 16 Estabrooks Street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Beale; teas, congregational parties, and the Christmas party.

The elders did wonderful work. When the fill was being put around the church, Mr. Kaye and Mr. Murray were there with their shovels levelling off what would be the lawn. Mr. Murray, who was in his late eighties, fell down from sheer exhaustion. Fortunately, a car was near by and he was taken home. And loyal Mr. Tingley, who spent most of his free time at the church, installed the lights. Mr. Tingley was called by death in 1945. The lights were dedicated to his memory. This memorial was paid for by the members of the congregation at that time.

Previously, the interest cheques on money borrowed from members of the congregation, had been sent out. On a Sunday evening service in February the organist, who was also secretary-treasurer of the Building Committee, was intercepted on her way to the choir loft by Mr. Tingley. He handed back the three dollars interest cheque and with a smile said "Mabel and I decided to give back the interest cheque, we thought it might help a little". That service was the last one Mr. Tingley was permitted to attend and his last loving act toward the cause so very dear to his heart. At the same time the extra hundred dollars plus interest was mailed to Dr. McVey; it was promptly returned and he wrote, "It was the best investment I ever made".

Work continued on the church. Dr. McVey happened along when the church door was being installed flush with the building. Dr. McVey asked Mr. Bowser to insert the door, which he did; it cost an extra fifty dollars, but was well worth it. The walls of the church were finished in donna conna board which left much to be desired; there was no alternative. By September, 1944, everything was in readiness - except the furniture. It had been ordered from Valley City Manufacturing Company early in the summer. On July 28, 1944, the company assured the congregation that the furniture would arrive in Sackville the second week of September; no furniture the second week, nor the third week, nor the fourth week. Meantime the

congregation received a terrible shock. The minister, the Reverend Karam Guergis, announced he was leaving three weeks before Dedication Services. Now, what to do? And the programmes were already printed. The Presbytery of Saint John had prepared the programme and the Moderator of the Presbytery was the presiding minister. In any case, the Dedication Service had to proceed according to plan.

Dedication Sunday was October 8, 1944. Mr. H.A. Beale, who was a telegraph operator employed by the Canadian National Railway, wired Valley City and learned that the furniture had been shipped and should have arrived weeks before. Mr. Beale got the freight car number and traced the car. It had been shunted on a side-line somewhere in Quebec. The furniture arrived five days before Dedication Sunday.

Mr. Levi Leger, a top craftsman, installed the furniture but he was not cognizant with church furniture.. Mr. Leger was a short man and when he stood behind the lectern could not see nor be seen. "My", he said, "you must have a terribly tall minister, I can't see over the top". The lectern, which represents worship with the people, is placed on the floor of the sanctuary and therefore is very tall. The men did champion service and the ladies, too. The chancel carpet, which Miss Duncan had donated, had to be laid, chairs taken down stairs, furniture polished and dusted. It was a busy scene!

Choir gowns had been ordered and arrived in plenty of time; there was not any money for gowns; each choir member bought his or her own gown.

Through the influence of Dr. Hesler, who was managing director of Enamel and Heating Products Limited, Sackville, N.B., a bell was donated. This was a real thrill!

October 8, 1944 finally dawned! Three services were planned for that day. The Dedication Service at 11:00 a.m., a Worship Service at 3:00 p.m. in the form of an Ecumenical Service, and at 7:00 p.m., a Thanksgiving Service. It really was Thanksgiving Day and the Presbyterians in Sackville had much for which to be thankful.

At the Dedication Service, Reverend F.G. Purnell, Moderator of the Saint John Presbytery, presided; the preacher, none other than The Right Reverend A.C. Stewart, M.A., Moderator General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Few of the congregation had ever seen an Assembly Moderator, let alone had heard one preach, and to think he would come to such a small congregation seemed unbelievable! Dr. Stewart's topic was "The church of Christ". It was intended that Dr. Stewart would take part in the other services, but an appointment in Manitoba on Tuesday necessitated his leaving on the 1:00 p.m. Ocean Limited.

Although disappointed, members of the congregation were most grateful to have Dr. Stewart at the Dedication Service.

The soloist was Miss Jean Goad, a member of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Dorchester, N.B., and a niece of Mrs. Molly Anderson who had passed away recently in Amherst, N.S. Mrs. Anderson was a supporter of St. Andrew's, Sackville.

The following memorials were dedicated:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The Reverend Alexander Craise, D.D. - Communion Table by his family
 The Reverend Alexander Craise, D.D. - One Hundred Dollars toward
 the Building Fund by Misses Townsend, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
 The Reverend James Middleton - Pulpit Bible by his family.
 Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Copp - Five Hundred Dollars by their son Senator
 A.B. Copp.
 Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Tracy - Chancel Screen by their family.
 Mrs. George Green Sr., - Lectern by her son, Wallace Green.

The afternoon service was ecumenical in nature. the Reverend F.G. Purnell presided and preached. Dr. G.J. Trueman, M.A., President of Mount Allison University, read the Old Testament scripture; the Reverend A.K. Herman, B.A., M.A., B.D., Pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, offered prayer; the Reverend, J.R. Belyea, M.A., B.D., St. Paul's Anglican Church, read the New Testament lesson; the Reverend L.E.G. Davies, D.D., United Church offered prayer and Captain Ruth Best, Salvation Army, also offered prayer. The soloist was Miss Marjorie Dobson, a member of Main Street Baptist Church.

A service of Thanksgiving was conducted in the evening where the Reverend Mr. Purnell again presided and preached. Miss Goad was soloist. The following gifts were received and dedicated:

Pulpit and screen - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Guild, Ottawa, Ontario.
 Choir Screens - Knox Presbyterian Church Guild, Ottawa, Ontario.
 Two Choir Pews - Knox Presbyterian Church Canteen Fund, Ottawa, Ontario.
 Tri-Chair and One Choir Pew - Friend.
 Bell - Enamel and Heating Products Limited.
 Chancel Carpet - Miss E.L. Duncan, Sackville, New Brunswick.
 Cash Donations.

Offerings and donations were placed in the Building Fund Account. "It was a grand day in Drumtochty"!

But the work had to go on. The basement had to be finished and the congregation was in debt to the tune of four thousand

dollars. The ladies stoked up their fires, donned their aprons and went to work. On February 7, 1945, the first payment in the amount of seven hundred dollars was made to the Church Extension Fund.

There was great rejoicing when Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dykeman and their family of four arrived in July, 1945. They took up residence in nearby Frosty Hollow and in true Presbyterian style joined St. Andrew's. Mr. Dykeman had just finished building the Presbyterian Church in Dalhousie and he knew all about building; an excellent craftsman, he gave of his services freely in finishing the basement of the church. The men of the congregation helped in any way they could and they had an expert counselor. The material used for the walls was donna conna board, the floor laid with lumber which had been used in the old hall, then varnished. That floor became an eyesore, the varnish came off with many scrubblings, nothing would improve that dreadful floor, but the debt had to be paid and the basement was comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. Dykeman were received into full membership at St. Andrew's at the October communion service in 1945 and in June, 1946, Mr. Dykeman was ordained and received into the eldership of the church. Their children, Hazen, Juanita (Nita), Florence, and Winston, attended Church School, and the girls sang in the choir.

Theology students from Mount Allison University supplied until May 13, 1945, when the Reverend A.H. Mackenzie, B.A., B.D., was appointed by the Home Mission Board, Toronto, to serve the congregation of Sackville and her sister church at Port Elgin for a period of one year. Reverend Mackenzie had been granted a scholarship which had to be honoured the following year. He was an organizer, advising the congregation of the proper procedure in the life and work of the church. It was during his ministry that the church was incorporated and the congregation voted to name the church St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Because the church was vacant at long intervals, it was decided to publish a church paper. It was given the appropriate name of "The Burning Bush". The first page was for the minister's use, if there was a minister, otherwise a suitable article was copied from a church periodical. The rest of the paper recorded the activities of the church and its people and listed coming events. But "The Burning Bush" deserves a chapter of its own.

On October 7, 1945, the first anniversary service was celebrated. The Reverend A.H. Mackenzie, B.A., B.D., minister of St. Andrew's, presided. Guest speaker was the Reverend D.L. Howson, B.A., L.Th., Chaplain, H.M.C.S. "Cornwallis", on leave of absence-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton. At the morning service the church lights were dedicated to the Glory of God and to the memory of the late Mr. W. Edmund Tingley by the Reverend Mackenzie. Mr. Donald MacPhail was soloist, singing "O My Soul Bless Thou Jehovah". Miss Geraldine McElhiney sang at the evening service. Her selection was "O Divine Redeemer".

A brief historical note was printed on the back of the bulletin:

The Presbyterians of Sackville were constituted as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the first decade of the century. From that time until one year ago the congregation met for worship in a church hall which stood on the lot as that on which the present church stands with the singular difference that it ran in the opposite direction to that of the church. The congregation had grown to considerable strength by the time the Union movement had gained prominence in the minds of church people. When the Union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist churches took place in June, 1925, a large number of the Presbyterians left their church and became adherents and members of the present United church of Canada. The remainder carried on in Presbyterian ways and tradition. Various vicissitudes have marked their fortunes from that time to the present moment. Two years ago the few energetic families who then comprised the congregation joined hands in a determined effort which resulted in the construction of the present, handsome, chancel-styled edifice. The new building was dedicated to the Glory of God on October 8, 1944. The Presbyterians, with new vigour and increasing encouragements, look to God for greater expansion and development. They pray that blessing may attend the celebration of this first Anniversary.

A Mission Band had been reorganized in 1941 by Miss Jessie E. Craise with an enrollment of eight. By 1945 the members had outgrown the Band and on September 9, 1945, a Sunday School was organized, then under the guidance of the Reverend Mr. Mackenzie. Miss Craise was appointed superintendent. There was an enrollment of fourteen with two classes; a junior class taught by Mr. Donald MacPhail and a primary by Miss Craise.

The ladies continued their money making projects during 1945-1946. Many interested people sent gifts of money, some small amounts, some large; all gratefully appreciated. On October 28, 1945, a beautiful linen Communion tablecloth and napkins were presented by Mrs. K. Leslie in memory of her daughter, Jeannie Forbes Leslie, who had died very suddenly at an early age. Mrs. Leslie was house mother at Mount Allison Ladies' College at the time. Although Mrs. Leslie was originally a Presbyterian, she chose to support the United Church of Canada after 1925. The Communion cloth and napkins are being used presently at St. Andrew's when Communion is dispensed.

A Fruit and Flower Fund was established by the Ladies' Aid in 1946 to provide for the sanctuary, the sick and shut-ins.

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The final payment was made to the Church Extension Fund in Toronto on June 2, 1946. Three members contributed two hundred dollars each and the Ladies' Aid four hundred and fifty dollars.

The congregation had planned to build an ell on the Squire Street side of the church with an entrance, minister's room, choir room and steps to the church parlour. At this time the plan could not be accomplished. In 1946 Dr. McVey wrote:

"I am rather glad you did not build the hall at the beginning because you have now a better idea of what your needs are for the building space and I am sure an ell can be designed and built to blend with the church and give you an extra entrance from Squire Street. Meantime, I will draw up something that might be of assistance".

The second anniversary was observed on September 29, 1946, and the mortgage burning ceremony on Monday, September 29, 1946 at 8:00 p.m. Reverend W. Lloyd MacLellan, B.A., B.D., First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Moderator of the Maritime Synod Presbyterian Church in Canada, presided and preached at the Sunday services. His morning subject was "The Church of God" and the anthem, "God Reveals His Presence" was rendered by the choir.

A special gift of ten dollars was presented by Austin C. Tingley, son of Mrs. Mabel Tingley and the late Edmund Tingley. Austin had perfect attendance at Sunday School and was a High School student. Austin worked at the cemetery during holiday time. This gift was a sacrificial one because Austin was saving every cent in order to be able to attend college. He graduated from Mount Allison in 1952 and is now an engineer for the General Electric Company and is stationed in Toronto.

At the evening service, the Reverend MacLellan chose to preach on "The Christian Life". Mr. Donald McPhail was soloist, singing "Beyond the Dawn".

We did not know that a supply minister was supposed to be paid thirty-five dollars for his services. We were more than a little surprised but we gathered up the necessary fee which left an empty treasury.

On Monday, September 29, 1946, The Right Reverend W.G. McLean, M.A., B.D., Moderator, General Assembly Presbyterian Church in Canada, arrived on the noon train-special guest-preacher at the Mortgage Burning Ceremony. Congregational cars did not seem to be available that day and a taxi was sent to the station for the Moderator. Minutes ticked by; the train had been reported on time; finally the phone rang at 16 Estabrooks Street and the station master was on the line, "There's a tall minister down here wearing a flat hat and he doesn't seem to know where he is going". A taxi was again sent to the station and the Moderator was brought to Estabrooks Street. Full of apologies and with a deep sense of

shame, the Reverend Doctor was given a meal and sent up to his room for a rest.

The Reverend E.G. MacDonald, B.A., St. Stephen, N.B., Moderator of Saint John Presbytery who was to officiate at the evening service, arrived late in the afternoon. Mr. Harry Kaye and Mr. James Murray, elders, appeared and a rehearsal of the mortgage burning ceremony took place in the den at 16 Estabrooks Street.

The service of worship began at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Donald McPhail's tenor solo, Lingar's "The Spirit of God" was preceded by the mortgage burning ceremony. Mr. Murray and Mr. Kaye presented the document to Mrs. H. A. Beale who was commissioned by the Session to burn the mortgage. A silver tray was used much to the consternation of family and friends, but the document burned in the most delicate manner imaginable and only a twisted form of ash fluttered on the tray not harming it in any way. It was a joyous and exciting experience for the Presbyterians in Sackville. The singing of the doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" came from the hearts of a thankful people. Dr. John Fisher, Canadian Radio Broadcaster and writer, was in the congregation and later said he was so emotionally affected that he left the church with tears rolling down his cheeks, "So much done by so few", was his only comment. Others were in tears that night but hearts were filled with gratitude to a loving Father who had guided us along the way.

Dr. MacLean fittingly preached on "The Power of the Holy Spirit", a powerful sermon. Dr. Maclean's sonorous voice and his Scottish accent will never be forgotten by those attending the service.

A payment of fifteen hundred dollars had been made to the Extension Fund of the church in 1945 and the remaining thirteen hundred dollars in 1946. The minutes of the annual congregational meeting held January 21, 1948, recorded "The Building Fund Account was closed and all bills in connection with the church building were paid, including monies borrowed from church members." The total cost of renovations was twelve thousand dollars, an horrendous sum for a small congregation.

After the Reverend Mackenzie left, the church was vacant for a period of two years. Reverend D. H. Seaton was appointed to the charge by the Mission Board, Toronto, in 1947.

A Young Peoples' Society was organized in March 1947. Bible study had first priority. Money was raised by having a rummage sale, and a pantry sale. A ping-pong table was purchased for fun time. Monies earned were divided between Missions and the Building Fund. Of the original members, Nita Dykeman, now Mrs. John Robinson, Florence Dykeman, now Mrs. Frank Cole, and Katherine Tracy, now Mrs. Robert Tuff, are all member of St. Andrew's at the present time. Hazen Dykeman, Marie Field, Ruth Tracy, Austin

Tingley, Alexander Beale, Doris Tracy, Dwight Field, Mona Bembridge, Noel Hart, Jacqueline Chase and Muriel Lowrey were also members. Muriel Lowrey was a Mount Allison student who entered the life of St. Andrew's with zest, singing in the choir and helping in any way she could. The first officers were President, Austin Tingley; Vice-president, Florence Dykeman; Secretary, Alexander Beale and Treasurer, Marie Field. It is recorded in the minutes of the organizing meeting, March 3, 1947, that "the YPS use their funds and help buy a Pipe Organ for the church. The seed was sown but the YPS found current expenses, donations, etc. were all that they could manage. The life of the YPS was short-lived simply because the members grew up and had to pursue studies in their chosen fields.

Mr. and Mrs. John Field, daughter Marie and son Dwight came from Dorchester, N.B., to reside in Sackville. Mrs. Field joined St. Andrew's by certificate on October 24, 1948. She was secretary-treasurer of St. Andrew's Missionary Society for a period of twenty years and a choir member. Marie was a member of the choir as well as the Young Peoples' Society. Marie and her brother, Dwight, were faithful attendants of the Sunday School. Dwight had a perfect attendance for five years. Mrs. Field passed away on February 8, 1975. Marie and Dwight no longer live in Sackville.

Nothing daunted, an Organ Fund was started in 1948. The Karn organ had been in use for years and although I had great respect for it, a new organ was needed. A church model Hammond electric was bought from Mr. Clyde MacLean at a cost of three thousand dollars. Mr. MacLean lived in Amherst, N.S., and had bought the organ from Willis Company in Halifax a short time before and it was practically new. In 1949 the organ was dedicated and in 1950 the Organ Fund was closed out. We thought it was a beautiful organ, and it was. Many spoke of its lovely tone.

During The Reverend D. G. Seaton's ministry, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, The Right Reverend Ritchie Bell, was invited to address the student body at Mount Allison University at the 1948 fall Vesper service. Presbyterians were thrilled!

The Reverend Seaton was called to Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, Ontario in 1949.

Although the congregation was without a minister at the time, The Right Reverend F. Scott Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., S.T.M., T.H.D., D.D., D.C.L., Moderator of the General Assembly Presbyterian Church in Canada, visited and preached at St. Andrew's in November of 1950.

The Reverend R.S. Quigley, Ph. D., after preaching for a call, was inducted into the congregations of Port Elgin, Sackville and Dorchester at St. Andrew's Sackville on May 24, 1951. Dr. Quigley was Moderator of the Maritime Synod at the time and on October 2,

1951, preached at the opening of Synod which convened at Westville, N.S. His sermon was entitled "A Balanced Religion". The congregations were shocked and saddened by his sudden passing at Port Elgin on November 16 of the same year. A Scotsman and a powerful preacher, he was able to relate to the many problems of mankind. Although his time of service was short, the Reverend Quigley endeared himself to all.

The Reverend W. A. Young, New Carlisle, P.Q., was called to the congregation in 1952. During his ministry the congregation was visited by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, The Right Reverend W. A. Cameron.

The Reverend Young expressed the need for members to subscribe to "The Presbyterian Record" and to read it. Also, to use the devotional booklet "Every Day".

In 1952 the memorial window, gifted by Senator Copp was installed by Mr. Dykeman and later that year was dedicated by The Right Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, M.C., M.A., D.D., Regina, Saskatchewan, Moderator of General Assembly. A flood light was placed outside the window and the lights in the sanctuary were turned off during the dedication ceremony. Of course, Dr. Kennedy was consulted about this procedure and agreed.

✓ Senator Copp had been in communication with Robert McCausland Limited, Toronto, stained glass window artists, and it was his intention to have another stained glass window at the back of the church in memory of his parents. On the Senator's trip home from Ottawa he became ill on the train and had to be taken to the hospital in Newcastle, N.B., where he died a few days later in December 1949. His wife died five days later in Sackville, N.B. Only one memorial window was installed in memory of the parents of the Senator and in memory of his wife's parents; a beautiful window with its touching subject The Good Shepherd. The inscription reads:

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Harvey Copp and his wife Frances Lydia Brennan; William Henry Bell and his wife Annie Grant, parents of Senator and Mrs. A.B. Copp. ✓

Joseph Harvey Copp and his wife Frances Lydia Brennan, parents of Senator A.B. Copp, were born in Jolicure, Westmorland County, N.B., and lived in Sackville all their married life. Through Mr. Copp's influence the church hall was built on the present site in 1906. Mr. Copp not only gave of his substance but worked on the building himself.

William Henry Bell, father of Mrs. A.B. Copp, was born at New Annan, Colchester County, N.S. in 1838. Annie Grant, Mrs. Copp's mother, was born at Glengarry, Pictou County, N.S. They were married in New Glasgow, N.S., and went to Newcastle, N.B. in 1875,

where they attended St. James' Presbyterian Church and took an active part in church work.

In St. James' Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, Senator A.B. Copp and Elizabeth Bell were married in 1903 and lived in Sackville, N.B.

A bequest of four thousand dollars was received from Senator Copp's estate and later a five hundred dollar bequest from the estate of Dr. C.C. Avarad who had been owner and editor of the Sackville Tribune-Post, a weekly Sackville Publication. Mrs. Avarad was a member of the Presbyterian church.

When the church was remodeled, a pipeless furnace, in vogue at the time, was installed at a cost of two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars. The register was in the middle of the central aisle. There were two zinc-hinged flaps, each with an attached chain. The flaps were let down when heat was not needed in the church so that the basement could be made comfortable. The problem was the long chains which invariably became caught in the heel of an unwary worshipper and was dragged over the register making a hideous noise. The minister, at times, was an unwary victim as his mind was not on earthly things and the clanging of those chains was a shocking experience. At a youth service a Mount Allison student was guest speaker. She clicked up the aisle, which was not carpeted, in her high heels. As she passed over the register one of her heels caught the chain and her presence was definitely made known. A male speaker always wore a surplice and a female speaker always wore a surplice and mortar board. This young lady did not wear her mortar board and, instead of delivering her address from the lectern, took her position in the pulpit, an unheard of procedure at the time. No one entered the pulpit but an ordained minister; a shocked silence pervaded the sanctuary!

In May, 1954 the church parlour was remodelled. Again it was quite an undertaking. The wood-burning pipeless furnace was removed and an oil-burning furnace installed. A new chimney had to be built at the back of the building. The church parlour was reconstructed and the furnace room partitioned off. An electric range was placed in the kitchen and a wash basin installed. The chancel was enlarged by making an arch into what was intended to be a vestry. The Hammond organ was moved into this area providing more room for the chancel and pews. The gothic arch was designed by Mr. Dykeman in keeping with the decor of the church. He also did the necessary work assisted by the men of the church. Outside windows were made for the south side of the basement windows and later in the year for the north side.

It was decided to place a Church Ad in "The Sackville Tribune" each week.

In the report of the Church School for 1955 the following important item was recorded:

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The highlight of the year was the presentation, on the first Sunday of May, of a twenty-year Guard to Lloyd Sutherland of New Glasgow, N.S., who attended Church School regularly while at Mount Allison to complete an unbroken attendance record of twenty years.

Lloyd lives in New Glasgow where he teaches in the Public School. He has a grown family and will soon retire.

Mr. James Murray, senior elder at St. Andrew's, passed away at his home in Middle Sackville on September 22, 1955. Mr. Murray was ordained an elder on May 31, 1931 during The Reverend E. Wallace Archer's ministry. Beloved by all, regardless of the weather, Mr. Murray and his wife were always in their place on Sunday morning. The chancel and church aisle carpet were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Murray in 1956. Mr. Murray was church treasurer from 1942-1947,

As 1956 was the fifteenth Anniversary of the building as a place of worship for Presbyterians in Sackville, an Anniversary service was held. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tabor made a cardboard replica of the hall which was built in 1906 and of the present church dedicated in 1944. These models are still in one of the church cupboards. Mrs. Tabor is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaye.

In 1958, Reverend W.A. Young was called to St. David's Presbyterian Church, Niagara, Ontario.

The congregation was not vacant for long when on September 12, 1958, Reverend Robert G. Russell was inducted into the congregations of Port Elgin, Sackville, and Dorchester. At the same time, Mr. Robert Harris, who had come to Sackville, in 1956, was received by certificate from Knox Presbyterian Church, Campbellton, N.B. He brought his bride, Muriel, to Sackville in 1960. She was interested in the work of the church and became secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society in September 1964. Mrs. Harris joined St. Andrew's by certificate in 1965. On February 13, 1966, Mr. Harris was ordained an elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church along with Mr. John Harkess. Mr. and Mrs. Harkess moved from Sackville in May of the same year.

Reverend Russell suggested that shelves be placed in the church for study books relevant to the life and work of the church. Periodicals, Bible study and devotional books would be available for church members and adherents. Although the matter of the bookshelves was mentioned in the minutes several times, to date, no shelves. The Reverend Russell, who was an excellent woodworker, made a small bookcase to be placed in the church. That was never done. The bookcase disappeared. Perhaps the wood was used to help with the many repairs made to the church. It remains one of St. Andrew's mysteries.

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In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Morrison, their daughters, Janet and Margaret, arrived in Sackville. Mr. Morrison was employed by Canadian National Express. The family was faithful to the church and the girls attended Church School and later were teachers. Mr. Morrison was appointed to the Board of Managers in 1957 and in 1958 was inducted into the eldership of St. Andrew's as well as being appointed church treasurer, a position he held for twenty-eight years. He was most meticulous and was always anxious to inform the congregation of the financial standing of the church.

On Easter Sunday, 1958, a flower stand was dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin. The inscription on the brass plaque reads:

Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Goodwin
presented by
Mrs. Delia Rogers Goodwin
Easter 1958

Explanation is necessary here. Mr. Goodwin was owner and proprietor of "Mels", originally called "Mel's Ice Cream Parlour". After Mrs. Goodwin died and in the course of time he married his late wife's cousin, Mrs. Delia Rogers. She was a faithful supporter of St. Andrew's and lovingly cared for Mr. Goodwin during his last illness. After his death, Mrs. Goodwin returned to live in her home town of Machias, Maine. Her interest in St. Andrew's continued until her death on July 14, 1973.

St. Andrew's and the Town of Sackville were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. H.A. Beale on January 17, 1959. Mr. Beale had been appointed secretary of the congregation in 1930 and was ordained an elder January 18, 1953. He had supported the work of the church; had taken an active part in the building of the church; had been Mayor of the Town of Sackville for a period of eight years and previous to that a councillor. The writer of this history must of necessity pay tribute to her husband's support during the renovation of the church without whose sympathetic understanding she could not have given the time necessary to carry out her duties as secretary-treasurer of the Building Fund and other church commitments during their married life.

The congregation was delighted when in 1959 the Managerial Board decided to remove the donna conna board from the walls of the sanctuary for something more appropriate. A layer of vapor-seal and aluminum foil was applied to the walls after the donna conna board was removed then covered with birch plywood and the church cleaned. The work was done under Mr. Dykeman's supervision. Thirteen hundred dollars was paid by the Ladies Aid to pay off the debt of this project. At the same time one hundred truck-loads of fill extended the lawn to the parkline and a retaining wall was built. Windows were constructed at each basement window.

In the fall of the same year cement steps to the church parlour were poured and a porch with small tower was built at the entrance. Previous to this time from 1944, members proceeded down a hillock which, in spring was muddy and in winter was icy. It was a precarious descent especially when one's arms were full of boxes containing food. Miraculously, no accidents happened.

For some time there was a flooding problem. Shortly after dedication the area experienced a terrible wind and rain storm. Water came in the downstairs door covering the floor. The next morning a coating of ice was discovered resembling a skating rink. As the storm and the results was an act of Nature the only thing to do was to clean up the ice and water and hope for the best.

Another and worse problem ensued. The sewer was located under the church wall in the south west corner of the building. Sewage backed up and brought with it a most unpleasant stench. Mr. Dykeman did his best to discover the trouble and the ladies used cans of air freshener all to no avail. To add insult to injury, that odour found its way up into the sanctuary. The services of a plumber did not help matters. Finally, the Town Works Department laid a new sewer on Bridge Street. This ended the sewage episode.

Mr. Austin Bears, an engineer at the CBS, his wife, two sons, Sandy and Charles, lived in Amherst, N.S., but attended St. Andrew's for a period of ten years. They were faithful attendants at Church School and at worship. Many Sundays Mrs. Bears drove over icy roads and through snowstorms in order to attend. In 1961 Mr. Bears was transferred to Halifax. It was a great loss to St. Andrew's. A painting of the Tantramar marshes was presented to the family at a farewell party.

At the 1962 Anniversary Service The Reverend W.E. Whyte, B.A., Chatham, N.B., was guest speaker. His sermon topic was As Christians We Must Speak; For Us Neutrality Is Impossible.

In 1964 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Leland and their teenage daughters, Helen and Morag, arrived in Sackville and joined St. Andrews. The girls were a great asset to the Church School, teaching, preparing programmes and singing in the choir. Mr. Leland was transferred to another area, and again, a loss to St. Andrews.

Mr. Robert Syme, student in the pre-theology course at Mount Allison University, served the congregation in 1964-1965. At the 1965 congregational meeting it was decided to establish a three year rotation method with regard to the appointment of managers. Mr Syme stressed the need of establishing a chaplaincy at Mount Allison. He also was instrumental in paving the way for the building of the manse at Sackville. Some time after graduation in 1954 from Mount Allison University, Mr. Syme attended Presbyterian College in Montreal, graduating in 1978. He was ordained in Ephriam Scott Memorial Church, Montreal.

Gifts in memory of the late Mrs. Alexander Craise were presented to the church in the form of Book Marks and an Alms Bag for use in the choir by her daughters, Mrs. H.A. Beale and Miss Jessie E. Craise, in 1964.

In the same year a silver Baptismal Bowl was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dykeman. The bowl was accepted and dedicated by the Reverend L.E. Blaikie, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, N.B. Mr. Blaikie was Interim Moderator of St. Andrew's, Sackville, at that time. Also in that year the church building was covered with masonite and painted. It was given three coats of paint with the result that it weathered the gale for quite a period of time.

Reverend Dr. van Seters, his wife and four wee boys arrived in June, 1965, and discovered that the moving van was on its side in a ditch one-half mile from the manse. The names and ages of the boys are: David Arthur (August 1959), born in Toronto; Stephen Luke (November 1960), born in Philadelphia, Pa; Timothy Elliott (June 1962), born in Toronto; and Philip Daniel (March 1965), born in Richmond, Va. A service of Recognition was conducted on September 8, 1965.

I had written Mrs. van Seters asking for dates, etc., and she included the account of the disaster at the manse; "Shortly after we moved into the beautiful new manse on West Ave., disaster struck. At least, it felt like disaster...a bomb, an explosion, a tornado? We were sound asleep one night when suddenly we were awakened by a horrendous crash followed by what sounded like rushing wind and hissing steam and water. Art ran in the direction of this "calamity"...the basement. There, he saw the beginnings of a flood. Trying to collect his senses, he called the builder of the house, Ralph Dykeman...middle of the night or not! Ralph calmly directed him to the site of the main valve which he then turned off. The hot water tank had fallen from the basement ceiling. The following days the damage was repaired but the memory of that night will always remain with us!"

One of our faithful members, Mrs. James Murray, passed away on July 1, 1966. Because of her expertise in quilt-making, she was affectionately called "the quilt lady"; food-wise, the "doughnut lady" - she must have made thousands of doughnuts for sales and teas. She was the wife of the late Mr. James Murray, senior elder.

It was felt a study was needed in the church building. This was accomplished in 1967. The Ladies' Aid sponsored the construction and furnishing of the minister's study at a cost of one thousand one hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-eight cents. The furnishings consisted of a leather upholstered day bed, complete with blanket and pillows, as well as a floor lamp. A table desk was supplied by one of the members. In the summer of 1976 the World Mission Board sent a summer student in the person

of Mr. David Renwick from Gordon Connell College, Boston, Mass. Mr. Renwick and his wife occupied the manse, which was unfurnished. Furniture was collected from members and the study furnishings were taken to the manse. Mr. Renwick had been a leader at Camp Geddie and Mrs. Renwick a helper.

The Session welcomed Mr. and Mrs. John Houtsma and family of three from St. Geniere, Quebec who joined St. Andrew's by certificate. Jessica was born later in Sackville. Also welcomed were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Harkess who came from Medicine Hat. Mr. Harkess was ordained an elder on February 13, 1966.

Mr. Robert Lawrence passed away very suddenly on August 14, 1967 leaving to mourn his wife Helen, sons Robert and Michael and daughter Joanne.

For some time there had been a discussion about relocating the manse which had been in Port Elgin for years. It is understandable that Port Elgin did not like the idea. By this time, St. Andrew's had grown considerably and the minister was expected to entertain university students. In view of this fact, a Manse Fund was established in 1966. At the 1967 annual congregational meeting, Dr. van Seters reported that the manse would be built this coming spring. This excerpt from the minutes of the annual congregational meeting, January 25, 1967, reads as follows:

"the cost of building, land and landscaping would be \$25,000, that half of this amount principal and interest, approximately \$16,000 to \$17,000 would be paid by the General Board of Missions over a period of ten years in the form of a House Allowance and at the end of that time the manse would belong to the three congregations. The remaining half principal and interest to be paid over the same period of time by the congregations in the following ratio: Sackville three parts, Port Elgin two parts, and Dorchester one part. The payment from each source would be approximately \$135.00 per month and in the case of Sackville, would be in the vicinity of \$800.00 per year. The manse at Port Elgin, if sold or rented, the proceeds would go to the Port Elgin congregation as it belongs to them. However, the new manse at Sackville would belong to the three congregations".

Mr. Dykeman was commissioned to build the manse on West Lane Avenue in Sackville.

Mr. Harry Kaye, long time elder, passed away at his home on Upper Fairfield Road, on October 12, 1967. Mr. Kaye had been ordained an elder on May 31, 1931 by The Reverend E. Wallace Archer and had served his church diligently and faithfully.

Dr. van Seters was opposed to the Ladies Aid holding money-making affairs for the upkeep of the church. He pointed out that St. Andrew's was our church and it was the responsibility of all the members to maintain it. A visitation of the congregation was conducted on November 25, 1967, asking members and adherents to tithe and pay for the maintenance of church and property. The money was forthcoming. The ladies breathed a sigh of relief!

In November, 1967, Dr. van Seters and his family moved into the manse. There were some odd jobs to finish which were done while the family was in residence. And shortly, a most exciting event happened! A new wee lad arrived at the manse in the person of Andrew Thomas, born at Moncton General Hospital on December 4, 1967. There was great rejoicing! Mr. Dykeman was working at an adjoining house when suddenly the door opened and Dr. van Seters called out happily, "Its a Boy"!

Much to the surprise and sorrow of the congregation, Dr. van Seters announced that February 11, 1968 would be his last Sunday. The van Seters left that week for St. Lambert, P.Q. in a howling snowstorm with five small children and a large dog. However, after many ups and downs, they finally arrived at St. Lambert's safe and sound.

Dr. Eldon Hay was in charge of the majority of the services for a time.

Reverend W.J. Morrison was called to St. Andrew's in 1968 and while his ministry was of only two years duration, important events took place in the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Galloway and their two little daughters, Valerie and Margaret, worshipped at St. Andrew's. Mr. Galloway, who taught in the French Department at Mount Allison, accepted a position at the University of Prince Edward Island. They attend The Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown. As a matter of interest, the Galloway's eldest daughter, Valerie, married the Reverend John Cameron's son, Donald. Dr. Cameron is minister at St. James Kirk, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

St. Andrew's was saddened by the death of ten year old Michael Lawrence, son of Mrs. Helen Lawrence and the late Bob Lawrence, in 1967. Michael had been struck by a car on Bridge Street when five and one-half years of age and was hospitalized during the years. A bright wee lad, he had been a faithful attendant of the Church School.

The congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, Dorchester, which was part of the Sackville congregation, had suffered declining membership and finally decided they could not carry on. Therefore, on May 19, 1968, a service of Amalgamation was held with the remaining members of St. James congregation and the Dorchester church was closed, becoming the property of the Board of Mangers

of St. Andrew's on July 2, 1968. The Presbytery gave the congregation the authority to dispose of the property. Tenders were called and received. The Board did not wish the property to fall into the hands of every Tom, Dick or Harry. However, the President of the Westmorland Historical Society was interested as it could be used as a Museum. After the necessary permission from Saint John Presbyterial and St. Andrew's, the church and land became the property of the Westmorland Historical Society for the sum of one dollar. The motion states: "that Presbytery be asked to look after legal fees involved". Sackville also asked that arrangements be made to hold services in St. James Church.

Mr. John Robinson was ordained an elder at St. Andrew's by Reverend Basil Lowrey, Riverview, N.B., on November 3, 1968.

Miss Mary Jane Henderson (Minnie) passed away in March 1968. The Hendersons came from Campbellton at the beginning of the century. Miss Henderson's brother, Raphael, was proprietor of Henderson's Drug Store and an elder of the Presbyterian Church. One part of the store was a bookstore and Miss Henderson was in charge. She was organist in the church for years, as well as a faithful attendant and member of the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Missionary Society.

Jean Elizabeth Bryden was baptized and received into membership by confession of faith in June of 1969 as was Mrs. Mitchell Smith by confession of faith. Always interested in St. Andrew's activities, Mrs. Smith was appointed treasurer of the Ladies Aid. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Daley from St. James Kirk, Charlottetown, P.E.I., were received by certificate. Their children, Martha and Paul, attended Church School. The Daleys returned to P.E.I. in 1974. Mr. Daley was a journalist and has since passed away.

On Christmas Sunday, December 19, 1969, a beautiful baptismal font was presented to St. Andrew's by Mrs. Norma Tabor in memory of her parents. The font was dedicated by Reverend William Morrison. The inscription on the brass plate reads:

To the Glory of God
and
in Loving Memory
of

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaye
by their daughter
Mrs. Norma Tabor
December 21, 1969.

Norma Tabor gave sacrificially to the up-keep of St. Andrew's as well as using her talents to knit and sew for the Ladies' Aid. With her family she attended Sunday School and Church service regularly, walking regardless of the weather. She still supports St. Andrew's - now Mrs. Norma Tabor Smith.

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Reverend Mr. Morrison's family were a fine addition to the Church School; George teaching, Rosemary and Heather helping and David in the Primary class.

Miss Jean Bryden was appointed representative to the 1971 Presbyterian Congress to be held in Guelph, Ontario on June 24-27.

Reverend William Morrison preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, November 1971. He was called to the congregation of Finch in eastern Ontario.

Mr. Robert Harris reported that the Reverend Charles H. Maclean, a native of Oxford, N.S., had expressed a desire to return to the Maritimes and he would be interested in Sackville for a period of three years. Duly, Reverend Maclean and Mrs. Maclean arrived in Sackville on June 4, 1972. At the congregational meeting on June 24, 1972, Dr. Maclean addressed the meeting and in expressing thanks, to all who had contributed to the work of the church said:

"Our congregation should be happy, all should be happy, all should do their part, all should refrain from criticism and deal openly and honestly with each other and be loyal to each other and to the church".

In June of that year, the Reverend Dr. C.H.H. Scobie, M.A., B.D., S.T.M., Ph. D., Mrs. Scobie, and their daughters, Jean, Mary, and Sheona arrived. What a happy event for St. Andrew's! Dr. Scobie had accepted an appointment in the Religious Studies Department at Mount Allison University. The whole family entered into the life and work of St. Andrew's and gave unstintingly of their many talents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gilmour and son Christopher arrived in Sackville in 1972. Mr. Gilmour was Executive to the President of Mount Allison University and later as Director of Development. St. Andrew's welcomed them and they are interested in the activities of the church.

Mr. Mitchell Smith joined the church by confession of faith on April 15, 1973.

At the congregational meeting on January 29, 1974, Dr. Scobie suggested that a Library Committee be formed as two hundred dollars had been gifted previously for the purchase of library books. Dr. Maclean, Robert Harris, and Dr. Scobie were appointed.

Dr. Scobie also felt that visitation should be introduced and that special attention should be given to students attending Mount Allison University, "the mission of the church is on the doorstep of St. Andrew's", he said. Plans were made to implement this work. Mrs. D.F. Morrison, church visitation representative, reported that

volunteers from St. Andrew's were asked to help in the transportation of Drew residents.

On September 19, 1974, at 8:00 p.m., members of Saint John Presbytery gathered for a service of Designation for Miss Jean Bryden, who had recently graduated from Ewart College as a Deaconess and was appointed to serve at First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, Ontario.

Mr. Ernest Mitchell, resident of Amherst, joined St. Andrew's by certificate. He was a faithful supporter of the church. In time he took up residence in Antigonish, N.S.

Miss Maud Henderson, long time member of the church, was called by death, as was Mr. Duncan McGill and his son, William, in 1974.

The new Book of Praise was purchased with seventy-five percent of the cost of the books being gifted.

Mr. Dykeman presented to the annual meeting the Board of Trustees report concerning the suggested Centennial project which included the renovation of the church parlour and a new heating system. Permission was given to obtain estimates. As a result, the parlour walls were stripped and vaporseal applied and covered with plywood. Carpeting was laid. The kitchen was remodelled with new cabinets and new cushion floor. The total cost was about fifteen thousand dollars. The Ladies Aid made a contribution of seven hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. Dykeman was in charge of this project, assisted by the men of the congregation.

The year 1975 marked the centennial of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The celebrations began with a televised service from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa on January 19, 1975 at 11:00 a.m. The service was conducted by The Reverend Dr. Arthur W. Currie. The sermon was preached by The Right Reverend Dr. Hugh F. Davidson, Moderator of the One Hundredth General Assembly. Centennial banners were in evidence and special music presented. There was a rousing rendition of the Centennial Hymn "At Last Has Dawned This Long Expected Year", which would be sung and heard many times in churches all over Canada.

Programmes of various kinds were presented: twinning programmes; drama in which events of history were recalled and missionary plays were to the fore. Overseas missions were not forgotten. A scholarship was awarded for three years to a needy Taiwan student, and vacation schools were remembered.

The Korean Choir, consisting of twenty-five young women visited Canada in May of that year. Canada's Centennial choir organized, developed and conducted by Mr. David Christiana, toured the nation. A number of St. Andrew's Sackville members travelled to Moncton to hear the choir sing at St. Andrew's there.

The Presbyterian Record, June, 1975 issue printed an article "The Centennial in Song" by Judy Melanson, who was a member of the choir. She wrote, "the idea of a special choir to commemorate the centennial of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was originated and developed by David Christiana, He was already active as director of the youth choir in his home church, Melville Presbyterian in West Hill, Ontario, and as a professional bass with the Festival Singers of Canada. Despite these commitments he has devoted his time and talents to directing the Centennial Choir".

Our congregation and Church School at St. Andrews chose May 4 to celebrate the Centennial. At the 11:00 a.m. service Reverend Charles H. Maclean, minister of the church, presided. Guest speaker was Reverend Donald Campbell from P.E.I. During the service Centennial Certificates were presented to Mrs. H.A. Beale, Miss Jessie E. Craise and Mr. Ralph Dykeman for "work and diligence in the Master's service".

A reception was held in the church parlour which was decorated with Presbyterian blue balloons and blue streamers. the Centennial cake was frosted blue on white with the inscription "Presbyterian Centennial, 1875-1975". Mr. Ralph Dykeman, clerk of session, assisted by his five year old granddaughter, Lisa Cole, cut the cake. Mr. Dykeman distributed tokens which the January 1975 issue of the "Record" called "Tokens of Love". Disks of different shapes and sizes were used in the past as tickets of admission to communion. They were introduced by Scottish Presbyterians and Canadian tokens dated from the mid 1850's. Twenty thousand Centennial communion tokens were struck as souvenirs, showing on one side a replica of common stock design and the inscription on the other side was "This do in remembrance of Me".

Not to be outdone the Sunday School celebrated the Centennial year on April 13, 1975. See appendix A at the back for the full Sunday School bulletin. For this Centennial service the Superintendent, Miss Jessie E. Craise, wrote a brief history of The Presbyterian Church in Canada which included chapters entitled "The Early Pioneers; The Courts of the Church, and Our Mission Today".

During the service a primary student in the person of little Miss Sheona Scobie presented Dr. Maclean with a prettily decorated parcel containing one hundred dollars from St. Andrew's Church School, their Centennial gift to be sent to the M.G. Abey Home, India. After the service the congregation repaired to the church parlour where Dr. Maclean rededicated the parlour to be used "To the glory of God". A social hour followed. Mayor Trenholm was in attendance and many interested friends. The parlour was decorated with Presbyterian blue streamers and balloons. The Anniversary cake followed the colour scheme. Mrs. Scobie, church school superintendent, and pupils were responsible for the decorations.

Mr. Donald Morrison, session member and treasurer of the church, was appointed General Assembly Commissioner, the Assembly to meet in Montreal.

Miss Jean Scobie attended the Presbyterian Church Congress in June, 1975, which met at Hamilton, Ontario. Jean's father, Dr. Scobie, led the Bible study at the meetings of the Congress. In planning the Centennial year, Dr. Scobie said the plans should include others, "We cannot be inward looking", he counselled. As a result, the congregation collected three hundred and fifty dollars for Nigeria scholarships. Jean shared her experience with the congregation on September 28, 1975.

On April 27, selections from a rock oratorio on Jacob and Joseph were presented by the Church School. Under the direction of Mrs. Charles Scobie with guitar accompaniment by Jeannie Scobie, the pupils stirringly emphasized the part God plays in the lives of His people. See appendix B at the back for this programme. I have always regretted that this production was not presented in nearby Presbyterian churches, apart from the excellent presentation, it carried many lessons.

St. Andrew's was surprised and sorry to learn that Dr. C.H. Maclean had accepted a call to the congregation of Iroquois and South Mountain, Ontario, and would be leaving the last of January, 1976. Dr. and Mrs. Maclean were presented with a cheque from the congregation and a "Burns and Howe" coloured photograph of the quarry. The manse is situated in that area and the Macleans had enjoyed the scene from the manse.

Dr. C.H.H. Scobie was granted sabbatical leave and with his wife and family visited the Holy Land in 1975 and 1976. However, the Scobies did not forget St. Andrew's while away and sent letters to the Church School and congregation telling of their many activities. On their return, the congregation and community profited. Dr. Scobie lectured, showed slides and artifacts, giving pleasure to many.

• Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Bosma joined the congregation and were received into membership by certificate from Calvin Christian Reformed Church, Truro, N.S. Mr. Bosma was in charge of the Reprographic Centre at Mount Allison University. He served on the Managing Board of St. Andrew's and Mrs. Bosma was secretary-treasurer of the Sackville Bible Society when St. Andrew's was responsible for the campaign in the Sackville area. They are now living and working in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

On August 30, 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Harkess were welcomed back to St. Andrew's after an absence of ten years. Mr. Harkess had been inducted into the eldership by the Reverend Dr. van Seters. Later, the Harkesses moved to western Canada, where their children resided. Mr. Harkess has since passed away.

In 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lochhead came to Sackville. Mr. Lochhead was appointed Head of Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University. Sound Presbyterians, they attended St. Andrew's, taking part in its activities. Mrs. Lochhead served on the Board of Mangers and on the Library Committee until failing health forced her to resign.

The Session received the resignation of Miss Jessie E. Craise, long time superintendent of the Church School on October 12, 1976, with regret. At the Christmas party, December 15, Miss Craise was presented with a gift from the Church School. Mr. Dykeman paid tribute to Miss Craise's long and faithful service. She was also presented with a Christmas plant by the members of the Church School.

In the anniversary year Dr. Paul Bogaard, Mrs. Bogaard and their daughters Anna and Amy were welcomed at St. Andrew's. Each one played an important role in the various activities of the church.

Dr. Scobie when in Toronto sought out Reverend Brian Ross and asked him if he would be interested in coming to Sackville. Therefore on Sunday, December 12, 1975, the Reverend Dr. Brian Ross from Toronto, preached in St. Andrew's and St. James, Port Elgin. As a result, Dr. Ross was appointed by the Board of World Missions to serve these congregations. The Reverend Basil Lowrey, Riverview, N.B., Interim Moderator of the congregation, informed the congregation that Dr. Ross and his wife would be arriving the first of February. On account of the late notice of arrival, the Presbytery of Saint John could not meet to make the necessary arrangements, therefore, ordination could not be conducted until February 17, 1975.

The year 1976 was the Woman's Missionary Centennial year which gave cause for celebration at St. Andrew's. At the April Thank-offering meeting the background was an old fashioned parlour complete with oil lamps for lighting. Members were dressed in Centennial costume. Guest speakers were Miss Mabel Bannerman, Hampton, N.B., past president of Eastern Division WMS, and Miss Alice Condon, also a past president, Moncton. These two ladies are now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gilmour and son Christopher, who had arrived in Sackville in 1972, also became faithful and active member of St. Andrew's. Their second son, Darren, arrived on August 31, 1976, and again, a time for rejoicing. Mrs. Gilmour's father, The Reverend Winslow D. Shaw, baptized his grandson on December 9, 1976.

Dr. Ian Hay, Ottawa, preached in St. Andrew's on November 28 at the morning service and in Port Elgin at St. James in the afternoon.

A special occasion at St. Andrew's was celebrated the weekend of October 1 on the completion of ten years of payment on the manse. Dr. Arthur van Seters and his wife, who were the first occupants at the manse, were welcomed by the congregation. Open house was held at the manse on Saturday afternoon, followed by a banquet in the evening. Dr. van Seters preached the Anniversary sermon.

There was great joy in the congregation when a wee lad in the person of Michael arrived at the manse via Moncton Hospital on December 24, 1977. The congregation had previously had a baby shower for Mrs. Ross, but a special greeting was extended to Dr. Ross at coffee and conversation the next Sunday, minus Mrs. Ross and Michael. Dr. Scobie baptized Michael Alan Ross on June 18, '78.

Dr. Ross was offered a part-time teaching position at Mount Allison University within the Department of Religious Studies. The Session unanimously urged him to accept the position.

The Trotter family arrived in Sackville in 1977, but more importantly to St. Andrew's. Six in number, Mr. and Mrs. Trotter, Shawn, Susan, Liam and Geordie. Four added to the Church School was an event. Mrs. Trotter joined the Church School teaching staff and gave of her musical talents. For a time, Mrs. Trotter's mother, Mrs. Robinson, visited and she too became involved and was an active participant in the Bible Society Programme. Duty called in other fields, and the family left for Hamilton in 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Trentini and their daughter Serena came to St. Andrew's during Dr. Ross's pastorate and have contributed to the life of the church.

A new experience for St. Andrew's was the desire to conduct an early morning service on Christmas Day and also join the United and Anglican churches for a Watch-night service on December 31.

The year 1977 was a joyous one for the Dykeman family. Mr. and Mrs. Dykeman celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on October 8 in St. Andrew's church parlour. The ladies of the church hosted the reception in their honour. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Dykeman were in attendance; Hazen, York, P.E.I., Nita, (Mrs. John Robinson), Dorchester, N.B., Florence, (Mrs. Frank Cole), Sackville, N.B., and Winston, Moncton, N.B., together with their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Many relatives and friends called bringing good wishes to the happy couple.

Mrs. Douglas Lochhead, Church Librarian, reported that St. Andrew's library had been founded in 1972. At that time the Houtsma family gave a generous gift of money to the library which was to be matched by a similar amount by the congregation. In 1977 the Library Committee was happy to receive a gift of money from the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dykeman on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. At present there are eighty-two

books for children and forty-six for older readers. Mrs. Lochhead reported on the new venture - the sale of Christian literature in the church parlour. Although not as successful as hoped, there were thirty-seven purchases of two hundred and seventy books sold. Members of the congregation were involved - a new experience for many. In future years Lounsbury's Furniture Company offered the front of their showroom for the sale of books. This was known as "The Book Stop" and sales increased each year. The money from the sale of books was used for local and philanthropic purposes. The next year the money was divided between Salem School and the "Meals-On-Wheels" project. Later, contributions were made to help "The Drew Van" project.

Dr. Scobie was concerned about the cleaning of the church and parlour. For years this was done by the members of the Ladies' Aid on a voluntary basis. Now, that church and parlour were used more often, it was felt a janitor was necessary.

Each year St. Andrew's welcomed students attending Mount Allison University. A reception was held each fall and some students were faithful to the church of their fathers.

In 1978 the Lenten Season was the occasion of a six week's study of John Stott's "Basic Christianity" under the guidance of Dr. Ross.

A very beautiful Advent Banner was sewn and quilted by some members of the Women's Missionary Society for the 1978 advent season. Church members gave of their Biblical knowledge and artistic talents in the preparation of the banner. Each Advent Season it graces the sanctuary.

Attendance at St. Andrew's continued to increase and advance in all areas of church life. Members continued to support its many activities. The Church School collected money for a child's wheelchair for the Sackville Memorial Hospital; a bicycle for a missionary in Nigeria; Friendship Books for the Drew Nursing Home; helped the "Boat People" and visited at the Drew.

The Ladies' Aid, although small in number, carried on and were willing to lend a helping hand. Sales of cards and novelties from the Regal Catalogue amounted to two hundred and twelve dollars in 1978. This money was donated to the Building and Reserve Fund. The Aid also paid for kitchen and washroom supplies in the amount of one hundred and thirty-four dollars, as well as donate fifty dollars to Ewart College for their Resource Fund.

The Ladies Aid has contributed to the Canadian Red Cross Society by knitting mittens, sweaters, and making baby quilts. For a period of time, quilts were made and quilted in the church parlour to be sold at the Economy Corner Shop. The Corner existed to sell good used clothing to those in need and to provide help for the Community Christian Cheer programme. Members of the Aid gave

of their time each week to carry on the work which was a church community effort.

The Church School continued to grow. A teaching staff of ten introduced team teaching. A film strip projector was acquired as well as a 16 mm projector.

Dr. Scobie presented a strata of contributions. It was an eye-opener. Many realized that their commitment to the upkeep of the church was not in line with their promise to support its work. Members "got the message" as many had fallen short of tithing and the need to be far more generous in contributing. All know that what one has is loaned us by God and we only give back what has been given to us. Mr. Morrison reported that in 1979 contributions had increased by twenty percent. St. Andrew's does however support the Missions of the Church at large, Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service. Camp Geddie, Canadian Bible Society, Sackville Community Association, as well as donate money earmarked for other needs that may arise. An extra three hundred dollars was added to the Budget for Christian out-reach and help was given to the "Boat People" who had arrived in Sackville.

Mrs. Lochhead suggested that a Church Directory be prepared for the convenience of newcomers. The Directory has proven to be beneficial to all members of the congregation.

The congregation was aware of the necessity of visitation, not for more contributions, but as a friendly gesture. A Newsletter kept the members and adherents posted on the financial condition of the church.

The year 1979 proved to be one of growth and consolidation, but the challenge remained; to reach out to a number of new families; more room was needed in the sanctuary and in the church parlour.

The WMS of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hosted the 90th Annual Meeting of the Saint John Presbyterial on June 16, 1979. Thirty-nine members attended representing twelve of the fourteen auxiliaries. Session began at 11:30 a.m. The Ladies Aid served lunch. Guest speaker was Miss Charlotte Brown, Deaconess of the area. Tea was served in the afternoon before the delegates left for home.

Dr. Brian Hede, Mrs. Hede and son Jonathan arrived in Sackville in 1979. Dr. Hede is a professor of Physics at Mount Allison University. They came to St. Andrew's where they share their talents in the work of the church. Mrs. Hede was appointed superintendent of the Sunday School in 1984.

"Sunday at Seven" was introduced which included Bible study, special speakers, and special music, all which added to the interest of the church.

Reverend Gordon Matheson, Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., preached at the Anniversary service in 1979.

A very wonderful event happened in the congregation of St. James, Port Elgin and St. Andrew's, Sackville, in 1979. We became self-supporting! It had been a long, hard grind. Without the support of the Mission Board, Toronto, the church would have ceased to exist. It was a jubilant time and yet looking back it seems the fact was accepted without much fanfare. Being self-supporting is the hope of every congregation. We had reached that goal! Our hearts were filled with gratitude once again!

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Taylor, formerly from Murray Corner, N.B. took up residence in Sackville and immediately became a part of St. Andrew's congregation supporting its causes.

The contribution of Mount Allison University must not be forgotten. For a season, Mr. Jamie Sayer presided at the organ; Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn gave of their talents as well as Miss Lottie Austin. Their gifts, so freely given, were enjoyed and appreciated.

Fifty books were added to the adult section of the Library and twenty-one to the children's. An anonymous donation of one hundred dollars was received.

July 1980 brought Dr. R.L. Hawkes to Sackville in the capacity of Assistant Professor of Physics at Mount Allison University and to St. Andrew's.

Mr. Mitchell Smith was ordained into the eldership in 1981 and in the same year Mr. Frank Cole, Jr., brought his bride, Ruth to Sackville. Both are active members of St. Andrew's.

Sadness too touched St. Andrew's with the passing of Mr. James MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hart, and Mr. Robert MacGregor, a former elder, who had been inactive for years due to ill health. Mr. MacDonald and his wife lived in Fort Lawrence, N.S. After Mr. Morrison's resignation as treasurer, Mr. MacDonald shouldered the task but due to ill health was forced to resign. After his death Mr. Morrison filled the gap until Mrs. Nita Robinson was appointed treasurer in 1986. Mr. and Mrs. Hart passed away within a year of each other. Their contribution to the life of St. Andrew's was significant. Mr. Hart, although suffering with back trouble, came down to the church on early Sunday mornings and shovelled ice and snow away. On Thanksgiving he got sheaves and pumpkins to decorate the altar. Each year he contributed a hamper of apples for the Sunday School children's Christmas. Mr. Hart also installed attractive and much needed lights at the back of the sanctuary, in the choir section and in the organ loft. Mrs. Hart was a faithful member of the Women's Mission Society and the Ladies Aid. Mr. Robert MacGregor had made a generous contribution of two collection plates to St. Andrew's.

In September 1984 we welcomed back Dr. and Mrs. Scobie, Jean, Mary and Sheona, Dr. Paul and Mary Bogaard, Anna and Amy, and Dr. Douglas and Mrs. Jean Lochhead who were all away on sabbatical leave.

Dr. Philip Lee, minister of St. John and St. Stephen Church, Saint John, N.B., preached the Anniversary sermon.

St. Andrew's received another unexpected shock in December of 1982, when Dr. Ross advised the congregation that he had accepted a call to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Humber Heights, in West Toronto. Dr. Ross was with the congregation from February 6, 1977 to January 2, 1983, at which time he preached his farewell sermon. Dr. Ross' ministry was a period of growth; greater church attendance, increased offerings, interest in the Sunday School and Bible Study. Plans were discussed to enlarge the sanctuary but the congregation did not seem to be ready.

A search committee was appointed for the purpose of interesting candidates for the ministry of the church. Dr. Isaac, Superintendent of Missions of the Synod, knowing the church was seeking a new minister, asked the Interim Moderator, Basil Lowery, to send the congregational profile of Mr. Herbert Hilder, who was residing in Ontario. A congregation meeting was held following the church service on May 15, 1983 in order to extend a call to the Reverend Herbert E. Hilder. Several applicants had shown interest, but Mr. Hilder was the only one whose qualifications had satisfied the Committee. He preached on the first Sunday in May, 1983, and met and talked with many of the people. Mr. Hilder's first service as minister of St. Andrew's was September 4, 1983.

During 1984 four new members were received into membership; Mr. Chester MacDonald by certificate from the Presbyterian church in Summerside, Mrs. Ruth Cole, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller by Confession of Faith.

The Reverend Katherine Michie, wife of the Reverend Herbert Hilder, preached the Anniversary service in October, 1983.

At the 1984 congregational meeting Mr. Hilder showed slides on the campaign for the Restoration and Expansion of Knox Presbyterian College, Toronto, and suggested that St. Andrew's donate one thousand dollars toward that project at a day set aside for a special offering. The collection was over by seven hundred and ninety dollars - a tribute in itself!

On September 15, 1984, a wee baby girl arrived at the manse, via Moncton hospital, Katharine Ruth, daughter of the Reverend Herbert Hilder and the Reverend Katherine Michie. The baby was baptized by the Reverend Susan Triantafillou. The Reverend Susan was also guest speaker at the morning service in St. Andrew's, Sackville, N.B.

The Church School's 1984 Christmas project was the "puzzle poster". With the help of the congregation the school raised three hundred and forty dollars and fifty cents for Ethiopian Relief Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Truscott attended St. Andrew's for a period of ten years. Mr. Truscott was a chemist at the Animal Pathology Laboratory. He was on the Board of Managers and was President of the Sackville Bible Society. Upon retirement in May of 1984, they left Sackville to take up residence in their home province of Ontario.

At the Sunday evening service, as part of the Anniversary celebration in October, 1984, Mrs. M. Helen Craise Beale read a short historical sketch of St. Andrew's since 1939. This is mentioned because Reverend Hilder, in his 1984 congregational message used the quote "so much done by so few", which had been spoken by Dr. John Fisher, then Radio Broadcaster for the CBC, Canada, on the occasion of the burning of the mortgage. The following is part of Reverend Hilder's message:

We turned 40 this year - 40 years since the rededication of the building we now know as St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville.

Part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations in October was the evening "Sunday at Seven" presentation by Mrs. Beale.

She herself called it a historical hodge-podge - though I maintain she was too hard a critic of her own efforts. For as I listened to her that night, and in the weeks since, the phrase that rings like a fire bell in my head is the phrase spoken by the late Dr. John Fisher, the day of the rededication in 1944 - "so much done by so few".

Look at the financial statement found in this report! There is a sizable contribution to the national church budget through the General Assembly Budget allocation (the red side of the envelope), well beyond what we are asked to give. As well, there has been a generous gift to the Knox College Restoration and Expansion Fund, gifts to Presbyterian World Service, a gift to the St. James, Port Elgin Organ Fund, and various gifts to the community. "...so much done by so few..."

Look at the Sunday School report! Look also around the church and downstairs! The walls and tables bear evidence of keen and committed teachers. Look also at the students! Enthusiasm as well as facts is being transmitted to the students. "...so much done by so few..."

Look at the report of the Women's Missionary Society! Many areas of interest and concern that show up, not only in the report, but in the balance sheet receipts. For this group, interest is more than just talk! "...so much done by so few..."

Then as your minister, I look back on my first full calendar year among you. You have joined in with the changes that any new ministry brings and been supportive and thoughtful enough to respond with positive suggestions in areas you believed could be further improved. You have also joined in helping me personally to cope with the death of my father and to celebrate the birth of my daughter. This congregation collectively has the gift of weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice. Thank you! "...so much done by so few..."

Mr. Hilder ended his 1984 message with the words "There will be changes this year at St. Andrew's. What a true statement! St. Andrew's has changed. More projects, more programmes, more people and, most importantly, people who are anxious to work, offering their services. The theme chosen by the Church School All of us Together is most appropriate. Mr. Hilder stated "this is not a one-person church, each and everyone has an important part to play and interest is necessary for all phases of church life and work."

And now, for the first time in our history, we have a settled minister, the Reverend Herbert Hilder, B.A., M.A., M.Div. It has been a get-acquainted year for minister and congregation. Already, Mr. Hilder has shown his ability to guide the congregation and his interest in his parishioners. His christian life is sincere and the gospel message each Sunday fervently delivered. Mr. Hilder's wife, the Reverend Katharine Michie, B.A., B.Ed., M.Div. shares her husband's activities and has taken her place in the pulpit when needed. Her leadership at Bible study is appreciated.

The congregation of St. Andrew's continues to grow with new families coming with their children. As we look toward the next decade, plans are under way for an expansion of our church and a pipe organ. Our Lord has looked upon us with favour - let us worship and praise Him!

Hymn for the Centennial of the Presbyterian
Church in Canada

At last has dawned this long-awaited year,
When through our land exultant strains we hear,
Uplifted voices, singing true and clear,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

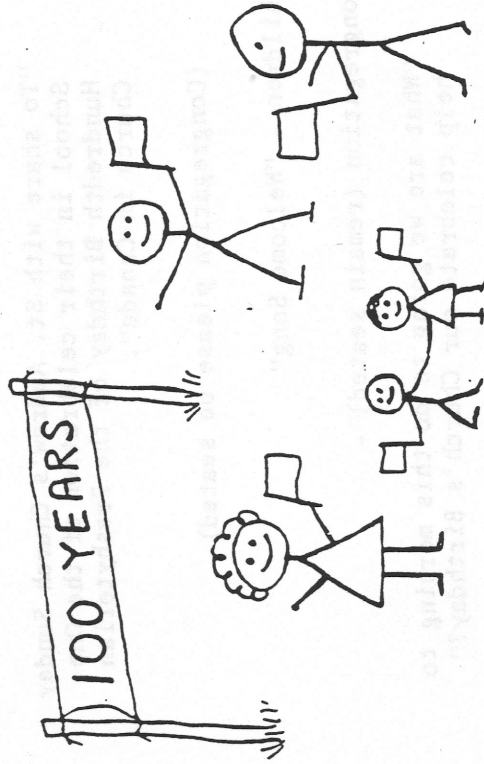
But not with human power alone were wrought
The wonders which these hundred years have brought
God's strength at all times was invoked and sought,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

At times of deepest suffering or loss,
God in compassion helped us bear our cross,
Our lives with His own image to emboss.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As spring the earth with verdure new attired,
When winter's reign had yielded and retired,
So faith, resurgent, flagging souls inspired.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As voice and instrument together peal,
An everlasting covenant let us seal,
Till God His final purpose shall reveal.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This hymn was written by Dr. V. Isabel Jones of
Regina Saskatchewan, and won first prize in a
Centennial music competition. Dr. Jones taught
German at Cardiff University in Wales and later
at the University of Saskatchewan. It is set to
music written by R. Vaughan Williams entitled
Sine Nomine.



Sunday School

Gayle Beale	Anna Bogaard
Sally, Frankie, Sheila & Lisa Cole	
Rebecca & Gregory Houtsma	
Sonya & Cheryl Hart	Robbie Harris
Joanne Lawrence	Mark Robinson
Mary & Sheona Scobie	
Linda, David & Billy Smith	

Teachers

Miss J. Craise	Mrs. H. Beale	Mrs. M. Harris
Mrs. J. J. Scobie	Miss J. Scobie	

Processional - Congregation join the children in the singing of -

"Sing a song of church bells, ringing in the steeple,
Calling all the children, calling all the people".

Congregation (Remain standing) -
"Why are we here today?"

Childrens' Response -

"To share with St. Andrew's Church Sunday
School in their celebration of the One
Hundredth Birthday of the Presbyterian
Church in Canada".

(Congregation please be seated)

Children - "Welcome Song"

Congregation (remain seated) -

"What are we going to do this morning to
help celebrate our Church's Birthday?"

Childrens' Response -

Children - "If your're happy and you know it
clap your hands"
(Congregation please join in if you feel like it!)

Bible Reading - Matt 28:16-20 - David Smith

Prayer - Robert Harris

THE HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

by
Senior Pupils

Hymn 307 - "The Church's One Foundation"

THE HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA -
Senior Pupils

Hymn 293 - "God has given us a Book full of stories"

Bible Reading - Acts 1:6-8 - Frankie Cole

Prayer - Billy Smith

THE EARLY PIONEERS - Junior Pupils

THE COURTS OF THE CHURCH - Senior Pupils

OUR MISSION TODAY - Senior Pupils

Offering from Congregation.

Presentation of Centennial Gift of \$100.00 from the
Sunday School to support an orphan in the
M.i. Abey Home in Amkhut, India.

Dedication of offerings.

Announcements - The Sunday School cordially invites
everyone to join them downstairs for a lunch
of sandwiches, tea, koolade and Birthday Cake!

Centennial Hymn - Words on back of Order of Service
To the tune of hymn No. 310

Benediction - Dr. C. Maclean.

Joseph, Joseph, is it really you?
Joseph, Joseph."

JACOB IN EGYPT

"So Jacob came to Egypt, no longer feeling old,
And Joseph went to meet him, in his chariot of gold.
And when they met each other, they laid the past aside.
And putting arms around each other - cried -

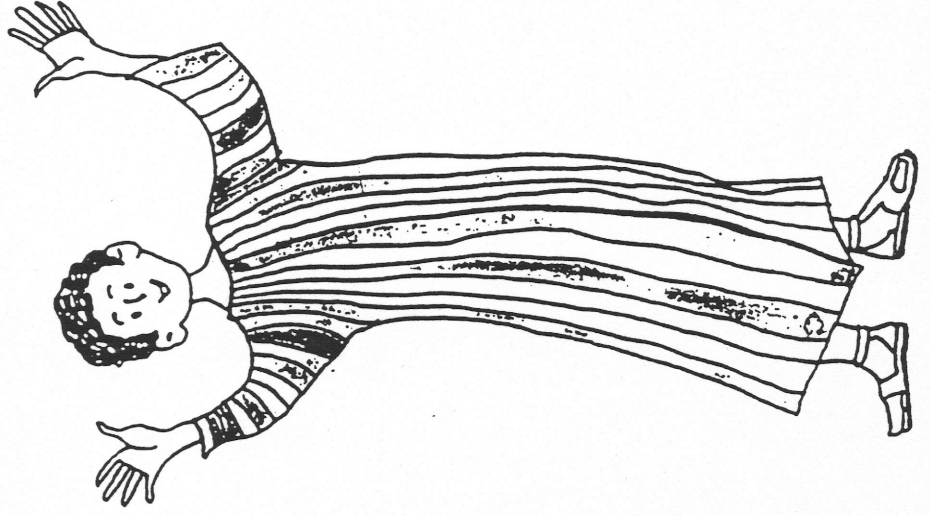
"Father, Father, is it really true?"

"Joseph, Joseph, is it really you?"

"Father, Father." "Joseph, Joseph."

"Father, Father," "Joseph, Joseph is it really you?"

JOSEPH



They were thin, they were ill, they were getting scared. In the end they decided to go. Off to Egypt to see brother Jo. So they all lay before Joseph's feet, "Mighty prince, give us something to eat." Joseph found it a strain not to laugh because not a brother among them knew who he was. "I shall now take them all for a ride, After all they have tried fratricide." Joseph handed them sackloads of food And they grovelled with base gratitude, Then unseen Joseph nipped out around the back And planted a cup in young Benjamin's sack. When the brothers were ready to go, Joseph turned to them all and said "No!"

WHO'S THE THIEF

Stop!" cried Joseph, "your little number's up, One of you has stolen my precious golden cup." Joseph started searching through his brothers' sacks. Everyone was nervous, no-one could relax. Who's the thief? Who's the thief? Is it Reuben? No - Is it Simeon? No - Is it Naphtali? No - Is it Dan? No. Is it Asher? No - Is it Issachar? No - Is it Levi? No. Who's the man? Is it Zebulun? No - Is it Gad? No - Is it Judah? No - Is it him? Could it be, could it be, could it possibly be Benjamin? Yes! Yes! Yes!

Every Brother Cried

Every brother cried - 'How can this be true?' Every one was keen to clear the youngest brother's name, 'Benjamin a child, honest through and through. Punish us instead of him, For we are guilty, we're the ones to blame.'

Bible Reading, Genesis 44:18, 3-34

JOSEPH ALL THE TIME

And Joseph knew by this his brothers now were honest men, The time had come at last to reunite them all again. 'Can't you recognize my face? Is it hard to see That Joseph, whom you thought was dead, your brother - is me?' "Joseph, Joseph, is it really true?

THE MEANING OF THE DREAM

"Seven years of bumper crops are on their way, years of plenty, endless wheat and tons of hay. Your farms will boom, there won't be room to store the surplus food you grow. After that the future doesn't look so bright, Egypt's luck will change completely overnight And famine's hand will stalk the land With food in all-time low. Noble king, there is no doubt What your dream is all about. All these things you saw in your pyjamas Are a long-range forecast for your farmers. And I'm sure it's crossed your mind What it is you have to find. Find a man to lead you through the famine With a flair for economic planning, But who this man would be I just don't know.

PHARAOH'S NUMBER TWO

Pharaoh thought, "Well stone the crows, this Joseph is a clever kid. Who'd have thought those fourteen cows could mean the things he said they did? Joseph, you must help me further. I have got a job for you. You shall lead us through this crisis. You shall be my number two."

Pharaoh told his guards to fetch a chisel from the local store, Whereupon he ordered them to cut the chains that Joseph wore,

Joseph got a royal pardon and a host of splendid things, A chariot of gold, a cloak, a medal and some signet rings. Joseph, Joseph, Pharaoh's number two, Joseph, Joseph, Egypt looks to you. Seven summers on the trot were perfect, just as Joseph said. Joseph saw that food was gathered ready for the years ahead. Seven years of famine followed, Egypt did not mind a bit. The first recorded rationing in history was a hit.

MEANWHILE, BACK IN CANAAN

Back in Canaan the future looked rough, Jacob's family were finding it tough, For the famine had caught them unprepared,

Introduction - Bible Reading, Acts 7:9-14

JACOB AND SONS

Way, way back many centuries ago, not long after the Bible began, Jacob lived in the land of Canaan, a fine example of a family man. Jacob, Jacob and sons depended on farming to earn their keep, Jacob, Jacob and sons spent all the day in the fields with sheep. Reuben was the eldest of the children of Israel, With Simeon and Levi the next in line, Naphtali and Issachar with Asher and Dan, Zebulun and Gad took the total to nine. Jacob, Jacob and sons, Benjamin and Judah which leaves only one, Jacob, Jacob and sons, Joseph who was Jacob's favourite son. Jacob, Jacob, Jacob and sons.

JOSEPH'S COAT

Joseph, he was Jacob's fav'rite son, Of all the family Joseph was the special one, So Jacob bought his son a coat, A multi coloured coat to wear. Joseph's coat was elegant, the cut was fine. The tasteful style was the ultimate in good design, And this is why it caught the eye; A King would stop and stare, And when Joseph tried it on He knew his sheepskin days were gone, Such a dazzling coat of many colours, How he loved his coat of many colours In a class above the rest, It even went well with his vest, Such a stunning coat of many colours, How he loved his coat of many colours, It was red and yellow and green and brown and blue. Joseph's brothers weren't too pleased with what they saw, They had never liked him all that much before, And now this coat had got their goat, They felt life was unfair, And when Joseph graced the scene His brothers turned a shade of green, His astounding clothing took the biscuit, Quite the smoothest person in the district.

he looked handsome, he looked smart
he was a walking work of art.

Such a dazzling coat of many colours,
How he loved his coat of many colours,
It was red and yellow and green and brown,
And scarlet and black and ochre and peach.
And ruby and olive and violet and fawn,
And lilac and gold and choc'late and mauve,
And cream and crimson and silver and rose,
And azure and lemon and russet and grey,
And purple and white and pink and orange and blue.

JOSEPH'S DREAM

Joseph's coat annoyed his brothers but what made them mad
were the things that Joseph told them of the dreams he'd
often had.

"I dreamed that in the fields one day at corn collecting
time

Your eleven sheaves of corn all turned and bowed to mine,
My sheaf was quite a sight to see, a golden sheaf and tall.
Yours were green and second rate and really rather small."
This was not the kind of thing the brothers liked to hear,
It seemed to them that Joseph and his dreams should
disappear.

"I dreamed I saw eleven stars, the sun and moon and sky,
Bowling down before my star, it made me wonder shy.
Could it be that I was born for higher things than you?
A post in someone's government, a ministry or two?"
The dreams were more than crystal clear, the writing on
the wall

Meant that Joseph, some day soon, would rise above them
all.

The accuracy of the dreams the brothers did not know,
But one thing they were sure about, the dreamer had to go.

POOR, POOR JOSEPH

Next day, far from home, the brothers planned the
repulsive crime.

"Let us grab him now, do him in, while we've got the time,"
this they did and made the most of it.
Tore his coat and flung him in a pit.

"Let us leave him here," the brothers said, "and he's
bound to die,"

When some Ishmaelites, a hairy crew, came riding by.
In a flash the brothers changed their plan.

"We need cash, let's sell him if we can."

Poor, poor Joseph, what'cha gonna do?

Things look bad for you, hey what'cha gonna do?
Poor, poor Joseph, what'cha gonna do?

Things look bad for you, hey what'cha gonna do?
"Could you use a slave?" the brothers said to the

Ishmaelites,

"Young, strong, well-behaved, going cheap and he reads
and writes."

In a trice the dirty deal was done,
Silver coins for Jacob's favourite son.

So the Ishmaelites galloped with a slave in tow.

Home went the evil sons to break the news, let father know.

"Joseph's dead," they told their ageing dad.

Jacob wept, he really loved the lad.

Poor, poor Jacob, you think your son is dead,

Hang your weary head, hey, you think your son is dead.

Poor, poor Joseph sold to be a slave,

Situation's grave, hey, sold to be a slave.

Bible Reading, Genesis 39:1-20

CLOSE EVERY DOOR

"Close every door to me. Hide all the world from me.
Bar all my windows and shut out the light.

Do what you want with me, hate me and laugh at me.

Darken my daytime and torture my night

If my life were important I would ask will I live or die,

But I know the answers lie far from this world.

Close every door to me. Keep those I love from me.

Children of Israel are never alone,

For I know I shall find my own peace of mind,

For I have been promised a land of my own."

PHARAOH'S DREAM

Meanwhile in his bed, Pharaoh had an uneasy night.

He had had a dream that pinned him to his sheets with fright

No-one knew the meaning of the dream,

What to do, whatever could it mean?

Then some lively lad said, "I know of a bloke in jail

Who is hot on dreams, could explain old Pharaoh's tale."

Pharaoh said, "Fetch this Joseph man,

I need him to help me if he can."

Poor, poor Pharaoh, what'cha gonna do?

Dreams are haunting you, hey, what'cha gonna do?

Dreams are haunting you, hey, what'cha gonna do?

The Baptismal Bowls

My father came to Sackville in 1933. At that time, to my knowledge, the congregation did not possess a Baptismal Bowl.

Here, it is necessary to go back in time. My maternal grandfather was an Englishman. His family possessed a twenty-four place setting of English china. Included in the set were platters, vegetable dishes, a gravy bowl and cake plates. The set was divided among members of his family. When my mother was married in 1897 to the Reverend Alexander Craise, her parents gave her pieces of the family china; teapot and cream pitcher, slop bowl, two cups and saucers, and a cake plate. Mother told us that the set was two hundred years old when she was married. That now (in 1990), is one hundred and three years ago, therefore the age of the English china must be three hundred years. The bowl, which was used to empty cold tea from cups that needed to be replenished was called a slop bowl. My sister and I thought that was not very refined, so we changed the name to tea bowl, which, of course, is not authentic.

However, the bowl was destined to serve in a very special capacity - a Baptismal Bowl, used by our father. He had ministered in two country pastorates and the churches did not have a Baptismal Bowl; therefore the English china bowl was pressed into service. It served at the baptism of many babies in Prince Edward Island and in New Brunswick. It served at the baptism of my sister, Jessie Elizabeth Craise and at my own baptism, as well as that of my two sons, Alexander Craise Beale and Herbert Arthur Beale. The boys were baptized by their grandfather in the Presbyterian Hall, Sackville, New Brunswick.

The years following father's retirement this particular bowl was used. When it was needed my sister and I were informed, and as was mother's custom, a linen napkin was provided in case of emergencies. On one occasion, on July 5, 1946, when The Reverend A.H. Mackenzie served the congregation, (1946-1947), just as I was ready to take my place at the organ, Reverend Mackenzie rushed in and announced that there was to be a baptism and wanted to know where the Baptismal Bowl was located. We told him the story, and my sister said she would hurry home and get the bowl; but Reverend Mackenzie was definite about lack of time and suggested that we use a bowl from the kitchen cupboard. We did not have a china bowl and told him none were suitable. Reverend Mackenzie, wearing a beautiful Geneva gown, followed the choir up the aisle during the singing of the Processional hymn and cupped in his hands was a small cheap five and dime store bowl which he placed on the Communion table. To say that my sister and I were mortified is expressing our feelings mildly. It is called the "Emergency Bowl", not very impressive for a Baptismal Bowl, but is part of our heritage. ~~my~~

The Burning Bush

The Presbyterian congregation in Sackville depended on ministers and students appointed by the Home Mission Board in Toronto or by the Interim Moderator of the congregation. Often there were long periods when there were not any church services. In order to try to keep members of the congregation together and informed of activities, I thought it would be a good idea to have a church paper. I discussed this with our minister, The Reverend A.H. Mackenzie, and he agreed. It was during his ministry that "The Burning Bush" became a reality.

The plan was to print a message from the minister on page one. When the congregation was vacant, The Presbyterian Record material was used. Notes of importance from church periodicals, church history, activities of the congregation at St. Andrew's, personal notes and coming events, etc. filled the paper. Reverend Mackenzie looked after the typing.

The only way to print copies was by using a hectograph which is "a gelatine pad for making multiple copies of writings or drawings", according to the dictionary. A form was made of wood or zinc, 8 by 11 or any size needed. Into this form was poured hectograph jelly. The ingredients are: - 4 oz. of glue (white), 8 oz. of water, 16 oz. of glycerine, and carbolic acid (5 to 10 drops). Method: Soak 4 oz. of glue in 8 oz. of water for 8 to 10 hours or overnight. After this, heat the glue and water in a double boiler until almost to the boiling point. Add 16 oz. of glycerine and heat mixture for some time (10 to 15 minutes). After cooling overnight, it is ready for use.

The typing had to be done on a special kind of carbon paper. It was purple in colour, slightly furred on one side, which rubbed off on one's hands. Nothing would remove that colour, scrub as one might. Soap and water and any abrasive ^{were} useless. It just had to wear off. We all had purple hands after the first edition.

The first Sunday the paper was circulated there was a storm. Reverend Mackenzie was late, very late. Thinking he would arrive any minute, we took our places in the choir stall. Time seemed to be at a stand still. I kept on playing the organ. At last Reverend Mackenzie arrived. He did not take time to don his gown and rushed up to the lectern with purple hands. Later, as he entered the pulpit, he hit his note book and it flew over the pulpit in a graceful arc and landed on the floor. Upon reflection, I often wondered why some one did not pick it up and hand it to him. In those days no one wished to do anything that would cause a stir or attract attention to one's self. However, a good sermon was delivered without notes, but it was not the happiest day for Reverend Mackenzie because, it seems, he became stuck in the snow on the way from the manse to the highway.

To go back to the editing room, there were problems. The carbon copy was pressed on the hectograph, left for a few seconds, then transferred to the paper, one by one, until the required number was reached. The first thirty pages were fairly good, but it was a problem to finish the edition satisfactorily as much pressing and time was required. One particular copy was very vague. I asked Mrs. Marks if she enjoyed the paper. Her reply was "well, I couldn't read it, it was so very dim", and she was right.

Reverend Mackenzie had come up from Port Elgin to help us, hence the purple hands. The whole family was pressed into service. Mother, my sister, Jessie, Herb, my husband, and the boys, Sandy and Herbert. The dining room table was extended to the full length, pages arranged in sequence and around we went. The pages were finally stapled together. And, there was an impressive letterhead as shall be seen in the first and second edition of The Burning Bush included in this history.

A copy was sent to The Reverend Dr. Frank Baird, Superintendent of Missions, for the Maritimes. His reply was, "it is not many small local congregations that have a publication of its own, a most interesting publication - The Burning Bush".

At a Manager's meeting in June, 1946, money was slated to finance The Burning Bush.

Reverend Mackenzie left in 1947 and in 1949 The Reverend Douglas H. Seaton arrived. After getting acquainted with the congregation, etc., he was introduced to The Burning Bush. Reverend Seaton was appalled at the primitive method of printing and at once suggested that a Gestetner Printing Machine be purchased. Of course, we could not afford such a luxury. Nevertheless, Reverend Seaton kept contacting firms and getting prices. He suggested that the Sackville and Port Elgin congregations share the cost. At last he found what he thought was the best we could afford; a second-hand gestetner.

Finally, it arrived at 16 Estabrooks street. The thing was so heavy I could not lift it on to the dining room table. When it had to be used Herb came to the rescue and if he was not available, my sister, Jessie, hurried over from 13 Estabrooks street to lend a hand. The machine had two rollers through which the paper was directed by a crank. Black ink, in paste form, applied through a tube, was put on the rollers, then cranked around to spread the ink. Now, instead of purple hands, we all had black hands. The paper wasted in order to produce a clear copy was phenomenal. Sometimes, the machine itself refused to work and if Herb had not been mechanically inclined, all would have been lost. If the thing worked, the copies produced far exceeded the hectograph production, but "one never knew".

At the beginning the paper was published every month, but it was a "horrendous" task. Later, every two or three months and

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finally for the congregational years' report. At the last the editor became involved in too many church and town activities, and the renovation of the church hall loomed high on the horizon, that being the first priority. However, the paper lasted into 1965. By then the congregation had not much money and the need for a paper was not necessary. There were more modern ways of producing the Annual Report.

Note - included in this history is copy one, February, 1946, and copy two, March 1946, of The Burning Bush.

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The object of this little paper is to help arouse a new interest in church life and work, and to keep members, who for unavoidable reasons, cannot always attend, informed of the activities of the church. Through this channel also reports of various organizations and financial statements can be printed. All phases of the work are important and should be of interest to members and adherents. Unless a member is in direct contact with events, he will often find himself in the dark concerning activities and decisions in which he should share.

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The church paper is being called "The Burning Bush". What do YOU know about the Burning Bush, the emblem of our church, and of its Latin inscription "Nec Tamen Consumebatur"? Our minister has written a very informative article on the Burning Bush and these Latin words which mean so much to all Presbyterians.

"Nec Tamen Consumebatur"

These three Latin words constitute the historic motto of the Presbyterian Church wherever it is found throughout the world, that is, in over forty different countries. They are Scriptural words, being the Latin for, "Yet it (i.e. the bush) was not consumed" and derive from Exodus 3:2. When we look at this passage, we discover that God was using a miraculous means to evoke the curiosity of Moses whom He was calling to the performance of a mighty and heroic task, namely, the deliverance of the Children of Israel from the bondage of Egypt. The miraculous in this phenomenon is indicated by the contradiction: "There was the thorn-bush ablaze with fire, yet not consumed!" (Moffatt's translation). The supernatural and the natural strangely and wondrously intermingled!! Branches and fire, fire and branches! That is the picture of the Church where God the Eternal works with man the finite. One might naturally expect the human to be destroyed. But the miracle resides in the opposite result. The divine takes possession of the human, but the human is not destroyed. Instead the human is transformed and glorified. The church of the Burning Bush through the centuries has called into the service of Jesus Christ faith-filled men and women whose heroism in bearing trial, suffering, even martyrdom, for His sake, has been made possible only through the present grace and comfort of the Eternal God. Are we worthy to succeed them?

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Our Ladies' Aid has voted \$310 over to the Building Fund which increases our Building Fund Balance to \$1504.57. The Secretary of the Fund was authorized to send \$1500 to the Church and Manse Loan Board. This will reduce our mortgage to \$1300, and we have until May 6, 1946 to pay more without interest. Can YOU help in any way to decrease this debt? Think it over! We have just three months left!

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Here is an interesting report which was read at our Congregational meeting:

The W. Edmund Tingley Memorial Light Fund

Mr. Clarke Grant	5.00
Mr. Wallace Hart	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Murray	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kaye	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Tracy	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Milton	2.00
Mr. Estabrooks	5.00
Senator A.B. Copp	15.00
Miss Jessie E. Craise	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. O.R. Tracy	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Beale	75.00
Ladies' Aid	73.25
Church Treasury	76.25
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Taber	5.00
Total	\$331.50

The lights were dedicated on October 7, 1945 - a lasting and suitable memorial to one so dear to this congregation, and whose memory lives on in our hearts. May our efforts for Christ's cause be as sincere and steadfast!

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We welcome our new elder, Mr. Ralph Dykeman. Also Mrs. Dykeman, Nita, Florence, Hazen and Winston. We trust you will be happy among us.

Our oldest member, Mrs. A. Craise, is having a birthday this month, on Feb. 22nd. Congratulations! May God spare you for many more, and in health and strength!

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We are sorry that Mrs. N. Matheson, our faithful member, is not improving. Our prayers are offered for her that she know God's presence, and we also ask that sufficient strength may be given her daughters, Janie and Isabel, who watch so devotedly over their mother.

We miss Mrs. Grant; again, this winter, she cannot be with us. Each day brings us nearer Spring, and we hope she'll soon be able to be out.

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Mr. Bob Lawrence was welcomed home by his wife a couple of weeks ago. Our church too extends a welcome to Bob! Come down and worship with us, Bob. You'll like our church, and there is always a grand message.

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Have you contributed to the Flower and Fruit Fund? It is not always easy to collect the necessary money when flower and fruit gifts are being made, so it was decided to start this fund. Please contribute something to this fund from time to time. As yet we

have only \$1.35. Plan on donating something each month so that we can remember sick friends.

Perhaps you have something interesting to contribute to The Burning Bush? Put it in an envelope and pass it to the pastor or the organist. Anything about any member, adherent or attendant will be welcomed. All can help to boost the Burning Bush by sending in news items.

Do you know why our chancel carpet is RED?

Do you know why the lectern is placed on the floor of the church?

These are some of the things you will learn from the Burning Bush. Do not miss your copy! Be sure to watch for our next issue, and learn all about our increasing Sunday School, and about our new elder, Mr. Ralph Dykeman.

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The bread that bringeth strength I want to give,
The water pure that bids the thirsty live,
I want to help the fainting day by day,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

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I want to give the oil of joy for tears,
The faith to conquer crowding doubts and fears,
Beauty for ashes may I give always,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

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I want to give to others hope and faith;
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day;
I'm sure I will not pass again this way.

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"Whom God chooses and commissions, He encourages and enables."

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"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" - Psalm 37:23.

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GOD'S UNFINISHED CREATION * * *

There is a tendency for us to suppose that the creative activity of God came to an abrupt conclusion when God made the universe. In actual fact, the creation into which man is born is an unfinished creation; and this is a process which has to do, not primarily with the external physical world, but with a spiritual kingdom within humanity. God's purpose, says Paul, is to present every man perfect in Christ, and for that there is necessary a present, direct and continuous creativity on the part of God. Man may have the urge and longing for the ascent to perfection, but unaided by the energy of God's Spirit in the soul he can achieve little.

We may consider the creative process in the life of our Lord. During "the silent years" there was a new spiritual creation taking place within him. He did not merely teach men to think differently about God. His knowledge of God came not only from the Scriptures but also from reflections on His significant inner experience of God. He brought all things to the test of the life within. And when our Lord came to His baptism, with a Gospel and a vocation, life was not static and fixed once and for all. Life was continually enlarging and deepening in intensity as He met its challenges, enmities, and opportunities. Out of this raw material He fashioned new creations of immortal, unfading beauty. The Cross was His supreme creation, and through it He drew life out of death and salvation out of destruction.

We too lack perfection! We too are incomplete! An unfinished creation indeed! Sometimes God's will is clearly known and is done. But more frequently there are unredeemed areas in our lives where God's will is known and refused. Yet we know that it is only as God recreates our thought, aspiration and purpose that life will take on true beauty and joy and be freed from debasing trammels of earthiness. As Wesley wrote:

"Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise." A.H.M.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: * * * * *

Our Sunday School was organized on Sept. 9, 1945. Prior to that date we had a small Mission Band which functioned along the lines of a S.S. Last year there was an increase in the number of families and children within the congregation; therefore, a strong need was felt for the establishment and organization of a S.S. Accordingly, under the leadership of the minister, a S.S. was organized.

At the present time our enrolment is 16, 9 boys and 7 girls, with an average attendance of 11. There are three classes: a young men's class, formed on February 3 and under the leadership of Rev. A.H. McKenzie; a junior class under the leadership of Mr. Donald McPhail; and a primary class under the leadership of Jessie E. Craise.

The S.S. convenes each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The pupils are competing for Star Memory Certificates. These awards are presented for correct recitation of The Lord's Prayer, The Shepherd's Psalm, The Beatitudes, The Ten Commandments, and The Books of the Bible. This programme of memory work was begun in January, and it is hoped that it will be completed by Easter, when a further programme of memory work will be undertaken. The Shorter Catechism is also being studied.

The following members are enrolled in the various departments:

Mona G. Bainbridge
 Florence I. Dykeman
 Juanita A. M. Dykeman
 Marie E. Field
 Sally A. Richards
 Katherine N. Tracy
 Ruth E. Tracy

Roderick K. Bainbridge
 Stephen L. Bainbridge
 Alexander C. Beale
 Herbert A. Beale
 Hazen W. Dykeman
 Lorin W. Hart
 Noel W. Hart
 Donald McPhail
 Austin C. Tingley

Parents! a great responsibility rests with you. Your boys and girls are the men and women of tomorrow, and to them will be handed the torch of leadership. Your duty is clear. See that your children are in their places in the church and S.S. each Sunday.

J.E.C.

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ELDER DYKEMAN * * *

Ralph S. Dykeman was born in Smithfield, York County, and after having been educated in the Public School, went to Vanceboro, Maine in 1927 to do carpenter work.

In 1928 he accepted a large contract at Harvey, York County. The next year he went to Dalhousie, N.B. to work for the International Paper Company.

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In 1930 the St. John Presbyterian Church was built in Dalhousie, the building being designed and erected by Mr. Dykeman. In 1936 he was ordained and inducted as an elder in St. John's Church. Two years later Mr. Dykeman designed a second Presbyterian Church, this time at Fontenelle, Gaspe, Que. He was a valued member of the committee of the Miramichi Presbytery appointed to oversee this work. It will be remembered that a group of French Canadians withdrew from the Church of Rome and linked up with the Presbyterian Church. The priest too was converted, and he took charge until ill health forced him to leave his cherished work.

In 1927 Mr. Dykeman married Miss Marjorie Thompson, Acton, York County, and of the union there are four children - Juanita, Florence, Hazen and Winston.

In the Spring of 1945 Mr. Dykeman bought the Inch Farm at Frosty Hollow, and while the Dalhousie congregation regretted to lose such a faithful and energetic family, we of the Sackville congregation rejoiced to have them among our ranks.

Mrs. Dykeman too has shown great interest in church work, having served in Dalhousie as W.M.S. Secretary and as an active member of the Ladies' Aid.

We are delighted to have the whole family with us, and we trust that our fellowship will be of the happiest nature.

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COMING EVENTS * * *

Our W.M.S. is planning an Easter Thankoffering and special meeting on April 3. Please reserve this date and plan to come.

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Get your aprons and fancy work ready for the Easter Sale which will be held before Easter. Date to be announced later.

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NOTES AND NEWS * * *

Members may remember that Mr. C.A. MacVey, our architect and Presbytery Committee member, loaned us one hundred dollars. The Building Fund Secretary sent him his interest check for three dollars on Jan. 31. This check was signed by Mr. MacVey and returned, with a request that it be added to the Building Fund. Mr. MacVey says it is the best investment he ever made, and is most anxious that as soon as building materials and supplies are available the "L" be erected with an entrance from Squire Street. The Sunday School officers and choir members agree with him. We need more room - and soon! Our congregation greatly appreciates Mr. MacVey's interest in our group and his many kindnesses.

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Members will be glad to hear that a donation of \$25. has been received from Mr. J.L. Dixon, Manager of Eastern Hay & Feed. Mr. Dixon passed this donation to Senator A.B. Copp, who in turn passed it to the Building Fund Sec'y. Good work, Senator Copp! Thank you!

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We are glad to know that our beloved elder, Mr. James Murray, is improving. We have missed Mr. & Mrs. Murray at our services, and we just won't feel right until they both are back in our midst.

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The date when interest begins on the Building Loan is June 2, not May 6 as mentioned in the Feb. "Burning Bush". If you are planning on making a donation to the Building Fund, please do so before that date; every cent donated or earned means less interest to be paid.

It is the intention of the congregation to have our property incorporated in the name of chosen trustees. At the same time we wish to name the church. What is your choice? Please hand in your choice of name to Mr. McKenzie or to one of the elders.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young Peoples' Society

St Andrew's wished to encourage their young adherents to take responsibility in the work of the church. After due consideration it was decided to form a Young People's Society.

On March 3, 1947 would-be members met at 16 Estabrooks Street for the purpose of organizing under the leadership of Mrs. H.A. Beale. The following officers were elected:

President	Austin Tingley
Vice-President	Florence Dykeman
Secretary	Alexander Beale
Treasurer	Marie Field

Other attendants at the meeting were Nita Dykeman, Mona Bembridge and Jacqueline Chase.

Decision was made to meet twice a month after school; devotions and Bible Study to be given priority.

Members were asked to bring a small collection.

According to the minutes of the organizational meeting "It was unanimously decided that the YPS use their funds to help buy a "Pipe Organ" for the church."

Plans were made to hold a Rummage Sale and Pantry Sale at a later date.

At the second meeting plans were made to entertain the congregation in April, the regular meeting to be held before the social gathering and a special collection taken. That collection amounted to Five Dollars and Five Cents. There was a sum of eighty cents in the treasury - therefore the President and Secretary were commissioned to open an account at the Royal Bank.

Brochures were received about Camp Geddie, Merigomish, N.S.

The director stressed the need of daily Bible reading.

The Rummage Sale netted thirty-nine dollars.

A meeting on June 6, 1947 closed the season.

At the October 31, 1947 meeting - seven members answered roll call and two new members were welcomed. Ruth and Catherine Tracy, and later, Muriel Lowry, Barbara Lutes, Mount Allison students, joining, also George Barrett, theology student at the college. George addressed the membership several times.

Reverend Douglas Seaton, minister of the congregation, addressed the membership on the topic "The Sin of Ingratitude".

The members decided to buy a Ping-Pong table.

Overseas relief was not forgotten. Each member was asked to bring an article of clothing at a planned social with the congregation, the admission fee was an article of clothing in good condition.

The girls began to crochet squares for a granny afghan.

Members kept in touch with missionaries - sending letters which were recognized by the receivers.

A letter to the YPS written by Miss E. Louise Duncan, speaks for itself:

To the Officers of the YPS, Sackville - April 8th

Dear friends,

I was glad to receive your letter talking of the plans to relieve the people in so much need of help. I hope the response will be all you expect and that you will all have a very enjoyable evening. I am sorry not to be with you, but I don't go out much yet. I am sending my admission fee. Hearing that the girls of the YPS were making bags I made one putting in articles mentioned. I will have or have had a parcel for the rummage sale. I have had it done up for a year and was not called for so it is ready, when you are and at any time I can help just call on me. I am so glad the young people in our Church are workers in the Master's vineyard for there is a great work to be done. In the young days of our Church I had a very active part for years, superintendent of Sabbath School, President of the YPS, a large mission band which did some very useful work, of course we had a large congregation then, but we must remember that the Lord does not work by large numbers, and we can all feel that the few have been greatly blessed, and it is wonderful what a few can do and there will be great results if you ask God's blessing on your plans, and your YPS will be a very great help in the Church. I may visit you some night and tell you about my visit to the British Isles if it would interest you. Some of the places are so interesting. I am not up to much yet but now the streets are clear of ice I hope to get out a little and planning to get to Church on Sunday where I hope to see you all. Wishing you every success in your worthy desires.

E. Louise Duncan.

Fifty dollars was donated to the Organ Fund.

On February 22, 1948 an Executive meeting of the Society was called for the purpose of making a donation to the Canadian Appeal for Children. Ten dollars was gifted.

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At last the long awaited Ping-Pong table arrived at a cost of fifty dollars and seventy-six cents.

Meetings were held as often as possible in the Church parlour so that members could enjoy playing ping-pong.

Refreshments were served.

The last meeting of the term met on May 13, 1949 at the church - Nita Dykeman was chosen to attend Camp Geddie, August 1-11.

Election of officers for the New Year resulted as follows:

President	Marie Field
Vice-President	Austin Tingley
Secretary	Florence Dykeman
Treasurer	Nita Dykeman

The Society convened on September 16, 1949 at the church parlour. Again a Rummage Sale was planned in co-operation with the Ladies Aid.

Alexander Beale was appointed Second Vice-President.

Stationery and cards were bought from Regal Stationery Company and sold which added greatly to the finances of the Society. At the December 2, 1949 meeting Ninety-Five dollars was donated toward the Organ Fund. Boxes for Overseas Relief were prepared and the afghan finished. The girls made toilet bags which were filled with face cloths, soap, brushes, etc.

Five dollars was sent to Camp Geddie to help in the repair work.

The study book for the year was Jesus Christ is Our Lord and the devotion book "Every Day" also used.

In 1950 an Overseas Social was held in the Church Parlour. Each YPS member was asked to bring twenty-five cents in place of clothing; five dollars was realized by the YPS.

Alexander Beale was appointed to attend Camp Geddie, August 7-17.

Due to lack of attendance, members growing up and finding other interests, the YPS became defunct.

The last meeting recorded was October 10, 1950.

The treasury showed a balance of One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Three cents which was transferred to the Organ Fund.

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As leader, I must record that the members did a fine job - as well as the study, members memorized verses of scripture, read the Bible, engaged in prayer.

They also learned much about conducting a meeting and looking after finances. And they learned to share with those in need - and to co-operate with Ladies' Aid members when holding Rummage Sales.

It is of interest to note that today in 1990 our young people in Presbyterian churches are engaged in the Learning-Sharing programme.

Mrs. H.A. Beale

About The Author

Mrs. M. Helen Craise Beale was born in Mount Stewart, P.E.I., the daughter of the Reverend Alexander Craise, D.D. and Mrs. Craise. She attended school in New Dominion, P.E.I. and Bass River, N.B., where her father served the pastoral charges of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and High School in Rexton, N.B. She received her teacher training at the Normal School in Fredericton, N.B., and attended Mount Allison University in Sackville. She taught in Westmorland and Kent County schools until her marriage to Sackville native, Herbert A. Beale.

The Beales made their home in Sackville and raised two sons, Alexander (Sandy), and Herbert. When her children were grown, Mrs. Beale returned to the classroom and taught until her retirement in 1975.

A long time member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, she has played an active role in the work of the congregation. She was deeply involved in the planning and re-modelling of the church which was dedicated in 1944. As organist, Sunday School teacher, member of the Ladies Aid and Mission Society, she has given faithfully of her time and talents. In 1985 the congregation honored her for over fifty years as church organist.

Active also as a community volunteer, she has worked most recently with the Red Cross, UNICEF, and the Sackville Community Association.

Mrs. Beale resides with her sister and continues her support of the church and community.

Muriel Harris
August, 1990.