

HISTORY OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, KING CITY.

By

Miss Eliza Fisher

In the year 1872 , there were three Baptist families in the neighborhood of Eversley: Robert Norman and wife; James Hutchinson and wife; and George Norman and wife. They drove many miles to worship with Second King (Pottageville) and sometimes the Markham churches. In the autumn of that year, J. B. Moore of the Markham church, and Pastor Wright of Second King, held special services for five weeks in the public school house. (King) These were well attended and a number were converted, and twenty of the number were baptized by Rev. J. B. Moore and a church organized, in January 1872, with a membership of twenty-seven. Pastor Wright and J. B. Moore assisting in the organization and also in the recognition, services on January 23, 1873. Others taking part were Deacon Radcliffe and Baker, and Brother Henderson from the Markham Church. Deacon Tranch and Brother McLaughlin from 2nd King.

The building committee lost no time in purchasing a lot and building a house of worship, which was opened December 28th, 1873, the Rev. William Stewart of Toronto preaching the opening service in the morning and Rev. John Torrance of Yorkville in the afternoon. James Ross was the first church clerk, followed in a few months by Charles Norman, who held this office for three years. George Norman was then appointed, and held office continuously for forty-five years. He was also Deacon for thirty-six years.

Elder Wright served as pastor of this church and 2nd King (Pottageville), until April 1874. The Church at that time applied for a student pastor for the summer and Thos. Williamson commenced his labours April 15th, continuing until September 20th, 1874. During the next few months the church was supplied by different speakers until November 28th, 1875, a call was accepted by Rev. Mr. Grant to the 2nd King and Eversley churches, which continued until December 1878. Rev. William Carey, pastor of Markham church supplied for one year when a call to become pastor was accepted, and continued until November 1881. At this time the church resolved to apply to the Home Mission Board for aid in supporting a pastor, with the understanding that an appointment be opened in Aurora, the Mission Board granting \$300.00. Rev. P. G. Robertson accepted the pastorate, commencing November 27th, 1881, resigning in 1885, during which time the Aurora church was organized. Deacons George Norman and Martin Hutchinson, taking an active part in purchasing the lot and building a chapel, they holding the deed until trustees were appointed; fifteen members were dismissed from the Aurora church and taking an afternoon service so that the Aurora church could have a morning and evening service. During 1885, the church was supplied by students, Rev. D. B. Cohoe accepting the pastorate, remaining one year, 1

Rev. J. H. Sowerby became pastor in January 1887, ordained in May of the same year. Some of those taking part were Rev. C. A. Cook, ordination sermon; Rev. Elmore Harris, charge to church, pastorate continued until April 1st, 1889. Plans were underway at this time for the removal of the chapel to the Village of King, which was consummated in 1889 under the pastorate of Benjamin Davies, a summer student. He accepted a call to become pastor in September 1889, and was ordained on May 28th, 1890. Rev. Dr. Thomas preaching the ordination sermon, Rev. Thomas Bingham, charge to church, Rev. W. Walker, charge to candidate. Rev. B. Davies resigned, March 8th, 1891. Rev. James Hollingshead, late of England, served the church from August 1891, to June 1896. Andrew Imrie became pastor Jan. 1st, 1897, ordained June 28th, 1898 with Rev. W. W. Weeks preaching the ordination sermon, Rev. Dr. Thomas charge to candidate, Rev. Parker charge to church. He resigned in 1901, and George L. Sprague, pastor from October 1901, to October 1902. The church entertained the Toronto Association in June 1902, which was noted for its large attendance and great spiritual power, about 120 delegated present during its sessions. Charles G. Beck became pastor Feb. 22, 1903, which terminated by death on Feb. 9, 1905, after a most successful pastorate--much loved by all. Ernest Bingham supplied for the summer of 1905, and in October of that year, L. H. Vale accepted pastorate, continued until 1908. E. J. Bingham accepted a call but only remained a few months. Rev. James Strachan, 1909-1911. J. B. McKendry, May 1911, resigned March 1913. Rev. Wm. Spencer 1913-1916. Rev. J. C. Scott 1917-1921. Rev. McGregor student pastor, 1921-1925. Rev. W. B. Meikleham, March 28th, 1926, to September 30th, 1928. At the close of this pastorate, we decided to separate from Aurora Church, and applied to Home Mission Board to become a summer student field, and supplied by students from McMaster University during winter months. This proved very satisfactory until the University moved to Hamilton. A. H. Sinclair served the church very acceptable for two years as student pastor, 1929-1930. In July 1930, second King

approached us, suggesting we unite, and also the Kettleby Church, the three churches forming one field, under one pastor, as it would be difficult to be served by students from Hamilton. After consulting with members of the Home Missions Board, Revs. C. Schutt, and J. C. Camerson, it was decided to unite and accept their pastor, Rev. R. E. Turner as pastor. A. G. Sinclair withdrawing in Sept. Mr. Turner took the charge at that time and remained one year. Rev. H. B. Hardy became pastor Nov. 8th, 1931.

A parsonage has been purchased which we are endeavouring to pay for by special subscription and rent. The parsonage is the house that George Norman built in King, when he operated a wood and coal establishment at the railway station.

After Mr. Hardy, came Rev. John Galloway, from 1938 he gave up in 1942 to work in a war plant in Toronto, but remained in the parsonage, until Rev. Harry Wilson came in June 1942-June 1948. Then came Rev. W..E. Smalley, followed by Rev. G. A. Hart, present minister.

The King City Church, was named "Bethel", after it became established in the village. Miss Fisher was baptized in Bethel Church, and is the oldest living member. She took over the Church

treasurership from Mrs. George Norman, and until January 1953, remained in office for twenty years.

She is still parsonage secretary. Arthur Peck is now treasurer.

Baptism is by immersion. The first baptismal ceremony, she thinks (Miss Fisher), was in the Humber River near the village. Beneath the present platform of the Baptist church is the Baptistry, a cement tank, still in use.

Before the church or the cement tank was built, they used to immerse in Ferguson's Pond at Eversley. At that time, they would even chop a hole in the ice, and immerse them!

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

The earliest records of this Methodist Episcopal congregation are dated 1865 when the village was called Springhill. This church was part of the Newmarket circuit which included as well as Newmarket church, Springhill, Love's Branch (Temperanceville), Lodge Room Branch and Jewett Branch.

For many years Mr. George Garrow had conducted a Sunday School in a wheelwright's shop which occupied the front of the lot where Mr. Raymond Burt now lives. In 1871 Mr. George Garrow gave the land on King Street (now the site of the United Church) for a church to be built, and the building was completed that year.

The Canada Christian Advocate recorded the opening ceremonies as follows:-

"On January 7, 1872 the Springhill Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated. Bishop Richardson preached at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M., Rev. J. Gardiner, editor of Canada Christian Advocate, at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M., and Rev. John Gemley, Agent of Upper Canada Bible Society, at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Bishop Richardson was evidently directed in his selection of the text and in the presentation of its truth. Blessed fruit followed in a few hours. The Bishop sustained his reputation and the other gentlemen made an enviable one."

A Tea Meeting was held on Monday evening January 8th. Speakers were Bishop Richardson Brothers Gardiner, Bradshaw, Curts, and other talented gentlemen. Rev. A. Hunt is pastor.

The clapboard church cost \$1,350.00 not including a lot of free work. Brother Gardiner managed finances well, ably assisted by James Magee. They had \$1,374.00 in hand.

Rev. T. Argue, in Springhill from 1866 to 1869 is the father of the Springhill appointment. The parsonage was located in Kinghorn in 1871, a beautiful stone house, today owned by Mr. Everton Smith.

The branches of the Methodist denomination united in 1883 and the Springhill congregation then became part of the Bradford district of the Methodist church. For a time in 1893, Purpleville was also part of the same circuit. The parsonage was built on Keele Street in 1887.

Names of families prominent in early records are Garrow, Lloyd, Winter, Wells, Pease, Machell, Davis, Clubine, Carley, Mortson, Crossley, Irwin, Gordon and Elliott.

Seven young men of this congregation entered the ministry:- H. Redditt, A. Latter, Arthur McKenzie, Wesley Fox, Albert Leece, D. O. Crossley, T. H. Crossley. R. L. Large became a medical missionary.

An auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society was organized in 1895 with eleven members, and the following officers:-

President - Mrs. J. Jackson

Vice Pres. and Recording Sec. - Mrs. Carley

Corr. Sec. - Mrs. M. Winter

Treasurer - Mrs. Nunn

other members were Mrs. Large, Mrs. Garrow, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Latter, Mrs. Leece, Mrs. Mason

In 1925 this Methodist congregation entered the United Church of Canada and joined Laskay and Teston to constitute one circuit.

In 1928 the church was renovated and at the re-dedication services Rev. S. D. Chown of Toronto was the guest preacher. Rev. A. H. Halbert was pastor.

The parsonage on Keele Street destroyed by lightning in 1944 was rebuilt on the same site the following year, at a cost of \$7,500.00. All church records were lost in the fire.

In 1948 the chancel of the church was re-modelled. A Copy of Sallman's "Head of Christ" was given by the Davis family of Newmarket, two chairs for the pulpit platform by Mrs. John Dew Sr. and the centre chair by Mrs. George Stone.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

For many years the W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Women's Auxiliary met as one and together carried on the work of both. There were two treasurers, one for W.A. funds, one for W.M.S. auxiliary contributions. In the early forties the W. A. work was discontinued until in 1949 a W.A. group was organized with Mrs. A. J. Gordon as president. Since that time the following have held that office:- Mrs. Austin Rumble, Mrs. George Harvey, Mrs. I. L. Scott, Mrs. Edmund Wallas, Mrs. Gordon Orr, Mrs. Donald Hadwen.

Because church records were destroyed in the fire of 1944, there is no list of presidents of the W.M.S. auxiliary during the years since its first president Mrs. J. Jackson was leader. But among the presidents succeeding her were Mrs. M. Winter, Mrs. Wm. Carson, Mrs. George Garrow, Mrs. George Stone and Mrs. James Patton, and in later years Mrs. Colin Stewart, Mrs. M. R. Jenkinson, Mrs. H. G. Ratcliffe and Mrs. I. L. Scott.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

In January 1962 the Woman's Missionary Society auxiliary and the Woman's Association combined to form the United Church Women (U.C.W.) to which all women of the church belong. Mrs. Donald Hadwen was the first president. The members were in four groups, two evening and two afternoon groups, The W.M.S. group on joining the U.C.W. had 27 members and 2 associate members and their free-will offerings amounted to \$312.00

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Superintendents of the Sunday School have been:- George Garrow, Benjamin Lloyd, E.D. Davis, J.A. McDonald, George Stone, Colin Campbell, Henry Hambly, J.A. Leece, John McAllister, John Dew Jr., Harvey Folliott, Mrs. Walter Gellatly, Laurence Scott, Glen Ferguson

THE CHOIR

The following have been choir leaders:- Mr. Carley, Mr. J. W. Crossley, Miss Verna Winter, Mr. John Dew Sr., Mrs. A. E. Lunau, Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Verna Carson, Mrs. Ward (Queenie Charlotte Crossley) John Dew Jr., Mrs. Ewart Patton (Verna Carson) Mr. J. N. Flucker

JUNIOR CHOIR

A children's choir was organized by Mrs. Harold Gilbert who then was leader with Mrs. A. Davidson accompanist. Mrs. Gordon Orr is now leader. (1963) This choir assists in the church service once a month.

CRADLE ROLL

Mrs. Harold Kirby, Leader. The members are children of pre-sunday school age. Since the women's groups became one, the Baby Band, part of the W.M.S. organization merged with the Cradle Roll.

In 1962 the chancel was re-arranged with reading desk as well as pulpit and new stairways were built for safety in case of fire.

The ministers in the King charge have been:-

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

1865 - Rev. J. Curtis

1866 -69 Rev. T. Argue

1870 - 71 Rev. A. Hunt

Rev. J. Abbs

Rev. T. Andrew Ferguson

METHODIST

1884 - 87 Rev. J. Rankin (84 members)
Rev. F. Watts

1887 - 88 Rev. Mc Dowell

1889 - 90 Rev. F. S. Hunt

1890 - 92 Rev. Thomas Fox

1893 - 95 Rev. R. Large and R.J.D. Simpson (student)

1896 Rev. R. J. Stillwell

1897 - 99 Rev. C. T. Cocking

1900 - 03 Rev. Geo. W. Robinson
Rev. W.H.W. Webster

1903 - 05 Rev. Newton Hill

1906 - 09 Rev. H. George Walker

1910 - 12 Rev. F. C. Kean

1913 - 16 Rev. D. R. Gray

1917 - 20 Rev. F. J. Dunlop

1921 - 24 Rev. A. E. Lunau

UNITED CHURCH

1925 - 1929 Rev. A. H. Halbert

1930 - 1941 Rev. Douglas G. Davis

1941-1944 Rev. J. H. Anderson

1945 - Rev. M. R. Jenkinson

The organized groups for children and young people in 1962:-
Messengers (formerly mission band) for children 6, 7, 8 years old.
Explorers for girls 9, 10 and 11 years old.
C.G.I.T. for girls 12 to 17 years old.
Tyro group for boys 12 to 15 years
Sigma C for boys 12 and over.
Hi C. for girls and boys 15 years and older.

THE A.O.T.S. GROUP FOR MEN

This group with members from King City, Teston and Laskay is interested mainly in work with boys. The initials stand for "As One That Serves".

In 1961 the McBride family, Mr. Alfred McBride, Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Miss Annie McBride and Mrs. Wm. Thompson gave three building lots on Elizabeth Grove, King City, a frontage of 225 feet, for a new site for the church. Property for parking lot was bought from Mr. Gordon Orr for \$2,500 and plans for a new building are under way in 1963.

1963. The parsonage must be called the manse in future according to United Church Ruling.

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - EVERSLEY

by

Mrs. D. McCallum

There is no story quite so interesting as the story of the planting of the christian church. The work required great heroism, it was illumined with true romance, it has been crowned with a largeness and a victory of which even the most hopeful ever dreamed. (Souvenir booklet of Rev. James Carmichael D.D.)

The people who found Eversley Church were few in number and not richly endowed with possessions. A small log cabin on the third concession was the beginning. Rev. Henry Gorden (first minister) was inducted in 1834. His charge was King and Newmarket.

Other ministers and missionaries had found their way into King before this. Perhaps the earliest was the Rev. Mr. McDowall who was settled in the Bay of Quinte district. He and a Mr. Jenkins who had settled in the township of Markham in 1820 and a Mr. Carruthers, a missionary sent out by the London Missionary Society near the beginning of the century, visited the homes of the pioneers, preaching the gospel wherever a few families could be gathered together.

Mr. Gorden was transferred to Gananoque in 1837. After a short vacancy the Rev. John Tawse was enducted on March 8, 1837, and served from then until his death forty years later.

When Rev. Tawse failing health made an assistant necessary an earnest young man, Rev. James Carmichael of Carleton Place, then known as Beckwith, was called and in 1860 was inducted as minister of the King Charge, which consisted of Eversley, Strange and West King. He later became Rev. Dr. Carmichael, ministering in the same charge for fifty years, until 1910 and for 6 years pastor emeritus.

The deed of land on which the church stands hac been perserved and shows that the price was five pounds of good lawful money. The site was purchased from Joseph Wells, fronting his farm on the third concession road. The first congregation of Eversley held services in a log building which also served as a schoolhouse on week days. Mr. Tawse was both minister and schoolteacher. When a wedding was solemnized the pupils were sent to the back of the room with orders to keep quiet.

The present stone church was built in 1848. Since that time not one of the weathered stone blocks has been removed. The only changes made since that time were the raising of the roof and an alteration to the entrance. The narrow straight pews were closed by stout gates, designed to keep the children of the worshippers from running up and down the aisles during the service. The ministers and the precentor were also boxed in. The high boxed in pulpit and the precentor's box, still higher, were replaced by a more modern type at a later date. Precentor Hugh Mitchell struck the tune with a tuning fork and it was not until 1889 that an organ was installed and a choir organized. Flowers were never used to decorate the church in the early days.

Eversley Manse, long since rebuilt, has remained in the Tawse Family since 1837. Mr. Jim Tawse and his sisters Mrs. Elizabeth Folliot and Mrs. Mina Bridgeman live there. Many years ago the home of the ministers became settled on Keele St. N., King City. The first marriage performed in the stone church was between James McMillan, 32 years of age, and Rose McKellar, 26 years of age, both of King.

In 1877, when Rev. Tawse passed away his body was laid to rest in the cemetery beside the church. In the graveyard are headstones dating from 1837.

Since 1910 the following ministers have occupied Eversley pulpit:-

Rev. Robert Brydon

Rev. A. W. Crow

Rev. J.M. Miller

Rev. James Hagen

Rev. T. L. Williams

Rev. A.K. MacLaren

Rev. M. E. Burch

Mr. R. Boak

Rev. Black

Rev. D. C. Soules

Rev. D. C. Wotherspoon

Rev. G. Johnston

Rev. J. C. Shepherd

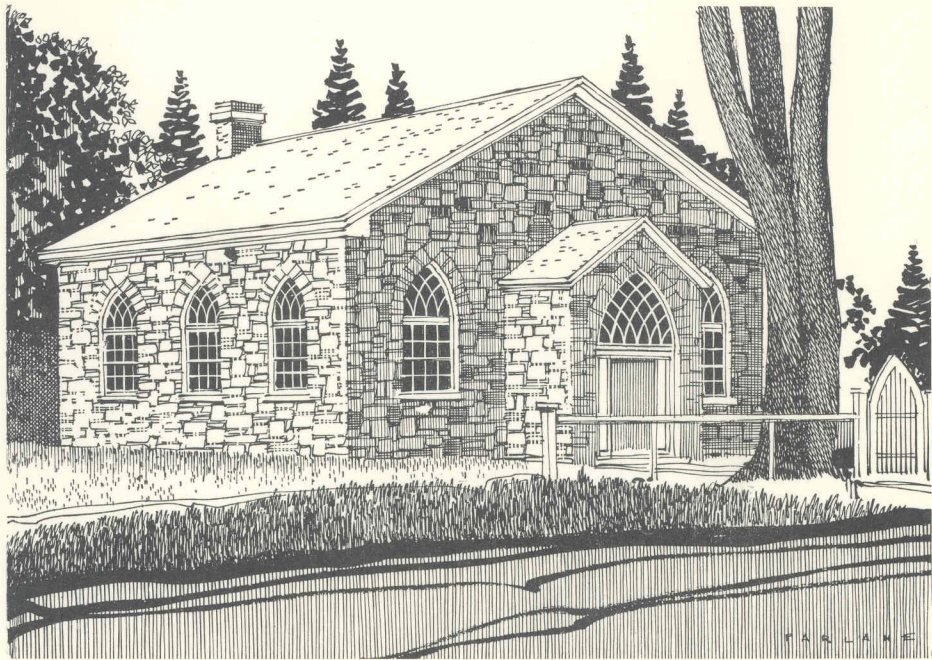
Mr. Bruce Will (a student)

In 1958 this historic building was offered for sale after the members of its congregation had amalgamated with those from Strange to form one congregation, with a new church in King City.

Lady Eaton, who has lived at Eversley since 1919 purchased the 110-year old church and has preserved it for posterity.

"Some of the greatest moments of peoples' lives take place within the walls of their church buildings, their weddings, their christenings and their farewells. The church building becomes precious in their sight and they love every stone." Thus spoke Rev. C. Andrew Lawson, minister of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, on Sunday afternoon, June 30th. 1963, when friends and neighbours gathered for the final service in the church their forefathers knew so well.

Reverend G. K. Agar, minister of St. Andrew's, King City, read the statement from Presbytery releasing the little stone building from its use as a Church.



ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH---KING CITY

On June 17, 1958 when the Presbytery of West Toronto met in ordinary session in Morningside Presbtyerian Church the Committee on Church Extension recommended to the court that St. Andrew's Congregation, King City be granted permission to erect a portable church on the property adjoining the manse on Keele St. North.

Permission being granted by Presbyterya joint congregational meeting was held at Strange with Eversley on July 20, 1958 to appoint a Building Committee and a Building Finance Committee. Mr. Donald McCallum was appointed chairman of the building committee and Mr. John Tanner, chairman of the finance Committee. Mr. Bruce Will, a student at Knox College was minister of the church at that time.

The manse property was surveyed which comprises of five sixth of an acre. Plans for the portable building were drawn by Mr. David Clark, architect and later trustee of the village of King City. A building permit was granted by council and the digging of the footings was begun Saturday afternnoon August 9, 1958 at 4 p.m. The masonry work was done by Alfred Bayliss, local contractor. Precutting of the wall studding was carried on while the wall was being erected.

On Sunday, August 17, 1958 the official sod turning was conducted. The sod was turned by Mrs. Robert Farren of Strange and Mr. Duncan Ross of Eversley. Members of the Extension Committee and Toronto West Presbyerty presided. Ministers of the local churches spoke briefly at the ceremony.

The following week centre supporting beams were transported from a farm north east of Aurora. Floor joists and floor panels were in place by Saturday noon. Twenty-nine roof trusses were built in a jig on the floor and wall panels were fabricated at the same time. Roof trusses were put in place the second Saturday evening, August 30, after supper completing the job in time to enable workers to take cover from a thunderstorm.

Roof sheathing was applied the following week and the roofing on the north side. There was a delay of several days due to rain before the south side could be roofed. Then it was accomplished in one evening being completed at 10 p.m. by electric lights. Electric wiring was then commenced and the installing of the heating unit. The water supply line was laid into the church to accomodate the grounding of the hydro service.

The six window units were fabricated in a family car garage, glazed and were installed on Thanksgiving Day.

The overall time of construction from footings to the Dedication Service was eighteen weeks from August 9 to December 14, 1958. During that time members and adherents and interested persons in the neighbourhood worked vountarily many

hours together. They got to know one another better. Many welcome cups of tea and lunches were consumed. Ladies of the church met to paint both the interior and exterior of the church.

In the latter weeks the lights burned later in the evenings as completion for the Dedication drew near.

It was extremely gratifying to all those who had contributed to the erection of the church building to witness a capacity congregation of close to 200 people attend the service of Dedication on December 14, 1958.

The congregation of St. Andrews began the year 1959 with a communicant membership of 75.

During that year the congregation mourned the passing of Duncan Ross, senior elder who had given a life of service to the church of Christ.

In May 1959, Mr. Will, the student minister was ordained in the church. This was a happy moment for the congregation as Rev. Bruce Will had been active in helping to build the church.

As Rev. Will was to leave with his family for the mission field in British Columbia in August a combined congregational meeting was held in May 1959. A call was sent to Rev. Gordon K. Agar of Tisdale, Saskatchewan and was accepted. Rev. Agar was inducted into the congregation on August 28, 1959.

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

In 1959 when the church school began in St. Andrew's new church there were 28 scholars enrolled. Mr. L. E. Siverns was the Church School Superintendent and Mrs. Fred Curtis the Secretary. In the years following the number of scholars doubled in attendance making it necessary for the occupation of St. Andrew's Church house in 1963. Mr. John Tanner was the Church School Superintendent in 1967.

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -- KING CITY

On January 24, 1960 the congregation was honoured by the visitation of the Right Rev. Alex Nimmo, D.D. moderator of the General Assembly.

In June 1961, Mr. L. E. Siverns, Church School Superintendent, accepted a call as student in charge at McBeth Presbyterian Church, East Selkirk, Manitoba.

The new manse on Elizabeth Grove was completed by the first of November 1962 and the Agar family were moved into their new home.

The old manse was declared for worship purpose; to be used for the church

school in 1963. It was officially named St Andrew's Church house at a Dedication Service on December 15, 1963

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION-- ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH--KING CITY

On January 19, 1959 a group of ladies met in the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City, to elect officers for a Women's Organization. Mrs. John Tanner was the first president with Mrs. L. E. Siversns as secretary. There were 24, twenty-four, names on the roll call. A kitchen shower was held in the church in February 1959. A Congregational Pot-Luck Supper was held in late April. A bake sale was held on June 66, a corn roast for the congregation on September 11 and the first annual bazaar on November 28th. Mrs. L. E. Siversns became President following the completion of Mrs. Tanner's term of office. Upon Mrs. Siversns leaving for Manitoba with her husband in June 1961, Mrs. Albert Holman became President of the W. A. Following her term of office Mrs. Fred Curtis became President then Mrs. Victor Potter. Mrs. Fred Curis became President again for 1967.

ST ANDREW'S W. M. S. ---KING CITY

On January 5, 1959, a meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, King City to organize a Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Donald McCallum was elected President and Mrs. Charles Gordon, Secfetary. There were thirty-two members and the meetings were held at night in the church.

A life membership certificate and pin were presented to Mrs. Bruce Will, the former minister's wife before her departure to the charge in the west.

A friendship tea was held in August 1959 to help raise funds to organize the children's groups in the church.

PRESIDENTS--

Mrs. D. McCallum	1959--1963
Mrs. H. Clegg	1963--1966
Mrs. R. A. Arbuckle	1966--

In 1959 when the Church School began in St. Andrew's new church there were twenty-eight pupils enrolled. Mr. L. E. Siversns was the Church School Superintendent and Mrs. Fred Curtis the secretary. In the years following the number of pupils doubled in attendance making it necessary for the occupation of St. Andrew's Church House in 1963. Mr. John Tanner was the church school superintendent in 1967.

SIGMA - C---St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Boys
(12--13--14)

The purpose of the Sigma - C, is to help boys discover that the full scope and goal of their life ^{is} found in Jesus Christ. The activities they do are all related to the teachings of the Bible and the Christian Faith.

The first meeting of the group was held November 2, 1959. Mr. Victor Potter was the Christian Guide (C.G.) of the group. The first members were Russel Arbuckle, Ron Clegg, Larry Graham and Brian Forsythe.

Upon completing four successive meetings and learning the meaning of Sigma - C, the personal aim Philippians 3-14 and making a personal octagon the boys passed their new members vow and recieved their family initial. On January 18, 1960 these boys passed their halfway mark consisting of the sports and church areas.

The Sigma - C Group was held until 1964 when as the average age of boys in the 1964 group were below the Sigm - C requirements made it necessary to discontinue the meetings for that year.

ST. ANDREWS C. G. I. T.

The opening meeting of St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. was held on October 27, 1959. Membership included six girls and the two leaders Mrs. Howard Clegg and Miss Betty Arbuckle.

Bible pictures were prepared for missionaries in Africa. Church calendars were sold. Each girl made a towel while learning huck weaving and also learned to make a fancy Christmas candle. A candlelight vesper service was held in December, 1959.

The C.G.I.T. was carried on under the capable leadership of Mrs. Clegg until 1963. Cash on hand at that time was sent to the Treasurer of Toronto West Presbyterial W.M.S. to be used to help train and pay the salary of Miss Hsin-mei Cheng

who was to teach at the Hsin-chu Bible School in Formosa.

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

On November 5, 1959 a mid-week group for children aged 6-8 was commenced under the leadership of Mrs. John Tanner and Mrs. William Willoughby with eight children enrolled. This group was disbanded in 1962 because of the lack of children for the age group. All monies were sent to Toronto West Presbyterial.