

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

St. Paul's is the second venture attempted by the Extension Committee of Knox Church Session; the first being the opening of the South School in the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church.

The present site was purchased from the City of Oshawa by the Board of Missions, the Deed to the property being received on Feb. 4th, 1949. On Feb. 9th, Dr. Cameron, Secretary of the Board of Missions was asked what could be done to provide a building. He asked "What can the Presbyterians in Oshawa offer as tangible evidence of local interest?" On March 11th at a Men's Banquet in Knox Church, the men present approved the Session's proposal: "That, if money was provided to purchase the materials, the men of Knox Church would supply the labour to construct a building."

This decision, which was later approved by Presbytery, satisfied the Board of Missions which, at its Annual Meeting on March 23, 1949, allocated \$12,000.00 from its share of the Peace Thankoffering for the construction of this building.

On May 14, 1949, the building permit was secured and the work was started. From then till now the men of Knox Church have been faithful, (some more than others), and the building in its present state is ready to be turned over for further work to those who will be using it. At present a Committee of Management appointed by the Session of Knox Church is in charge.

In April, 1950, Presbytery authorized the name "St. Paul's" and on May 19th the cornerstone was laid - the Moderator and Clerk of Presbytery and Dr. W.A. Cameron officiating. On September 17th, the first Sunday School was held, 78 adults and children being present. Present enrollment is well over 100. Budget givings to date - \$15.00.

DEDICATION SERVICE

OF

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
OSHAWA.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOURTH, 1950

8:00 p.m.

Conducted by

THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST TORONTO

The Rev. Alexander McLean, B.D., Moderator

The Rev. W.T. McCree, M.A., D.D., Clerk

The Presbytery will convene in the basement of St. Paul's
at 7:45 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Ceremony:

At 7:58 p.m. the doors will be locked; the Clerk of Session of Knox Church stands within the door with the keys.

At 8:00 p.m. the Moderator, attended by the other officiating ministers, knocks at the door saying:

“Open to me the gates of righteousness. I will go into them and I will praise the Lord.”

The door is then opened from within by the Clerk, who shall deliver the keys to the Moderator, saying:

“In token that this building has been erected for the Presbyterian Church in Canada I deliver to you the keys thereof, and pray you now to dedicate it to the worship of Almighty God.”

To which the Moderator answers:

“In the name of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and by virtue of my office as Moderator of the Presbytery of East Toronto within that church, we now accept the keys in token of the trust committed to us.”

“We are now ready to proceed with the Dedication.”

Pausing as he enters the Hall itself, the Moderator shall say:

“Peace be to this house and to all who worship therein.
Peace be to those that enter, and to those that go out therefrom.

Peace be to those that love it, and that love the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.”

Then, as the congregation sings Psalm Sel. 86, the Moderator and attending ministers take their places.

Call To Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Lessons - Psalm 84: Matthew 21:12-16

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn 295 - “The Church's One Foundation”

Moderator: “Dearly beloved brethren, forasmuch as it pleased Almighty God to put into the hearts of His servants to build this House for His worship, let us now fulfil the godly purpose for which we are assembled, of dedicating it to the honour of God's most Holy Name.

(Then, the congregation standing, the Moderator will say the words of dedication, concluding each paragraph with the words: “We dedicate this House”, and the people will respond by saying “Amen”)

Prayer - Rev. David Marshall, Whitby

Moderator

Hymn 316 - “Great Shepherd of the People, Hear”

Offering

Sermon - The Rev. J. Alan Munro, M.C., B.A., Secretary for Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Hymn 597 - “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”

Benediction - The Rev. W.T. McCree, Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and Clerk of Presbytery.