

CENTENNIAL WAS A TWO-DAY CELEBRATION

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Centennial Services Feb. 24-25, 1915

The West Henrietta Baptist Church having been organized Feb. 25, 1815 celebrated its One Hundredth Anniversary on Feb. 24-25, 1915 in the church. Wednesday evening services were held consisting of organ prelude, doxology, invocation by Rev. Alex Mackenzie, hymn by congregation, responsive reading, anthem by choir, scripture by Rev. D.B. MacQueen of Batavia and prayer followed by singing. Address by Rev. Harry Greensmith, a former pastor. Closed by singing and the benediction.

Anniversary Day Feb. 15, 1915

Afternoon service at Two-Thirty. Praise service led by Rev. D.B. MacQueen. Prayer and scripture reading followed by a very inspiring and helpful address by Rev. J.C. MacFarlane of Newark, N.Y., a former pastor.

Followed by a testimonial meeting which was a splendid meeting and very much enjoyed by those present. Many of the former members of the church were present and enjoyed the meeting.

At Six o'clock, The Ladies' Aid served supper to nearly three hundred in the Sunday School Room.

At Seven Thirty, the meeting was called to order by Rev. J.C.

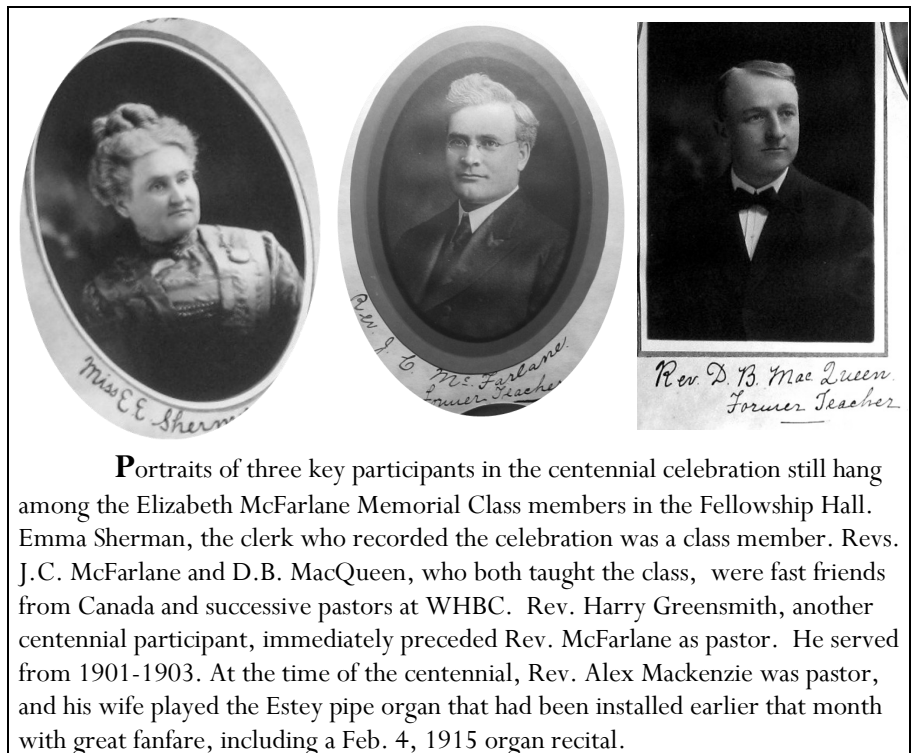
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Scripture for Feb. 25, 1915 came from Paul's letter to the Philippians

...THIS ONE THING I DO, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND, AND REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. PHILIPPIANS 3:13B-14 (KJV)



Portraits of three key participants in the centennial celebration still hang among the Elizabeth McFarlane Memorial Class members in the Fellowship Hall. Emma Sherman, the clerk who recorded the celebration was a class member. Revs. J.C. MacFarlane and D.B. MacQueen, who both taught the class, were fast friends from Canada and successive pastors at WHBC. Rev. Harry Greensmith, another centennial participant, immediately preceded Rev. MacFarlane as pastor. He served from 1901-1903. At the time of the centennial, Rev. Alex Mackenzie was pastor, and his wife played the Estey pipe organ that had been installed earlier that month with great fanfare, including a Feb. 4, 1915 organ recital.

MacFarlane. Opened by singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," "In the Hour of Trial." Organ prelude Mrs. Alex Mackenzie organist, followed by congregational singing, "Crown Him Lord of All." Scripture reading by Rev. J.C. MacFarlane, Philipians 3rd. Vocal solo, Rev. Donald B. MacQueen, "I've found a Friend to Guide Me, So May You." Prayer by Rev. H. Greensmith of Hilton. Anthem by choir—"Praise Ye the Father," Announcements and offering. Vocal solo Arlene Markham. Reading of church history by Rev. Alex. Mackenzie which was very interesting, followed by singing "Faith of Our Fathers." An address by

Rev. Donald B. MacQueen of Batavia, his subject was "Moral Leadership."

He said there was a Revival of Religion abroad in the land. Church should lead in Moral Leadership. Church should take the lead because of power, more strength, history and organization. The church is the purest democracy on earth. Man needs physical, intellectual and spiritual help. The church must sacrifice and serve. Men should render service instead of hold services.

Meeting was closed by singing and benediction.

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