

Tenth Anniversary
Presbyterian Church
East Bentleigh

1957 — 1967



This special edition of the Shuttle for August
covers a decade in the life of our Church.

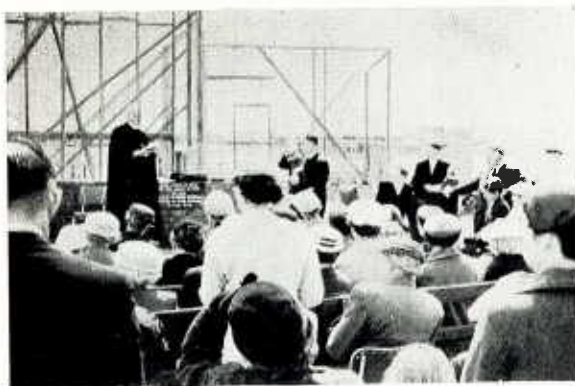
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REV. JOHN HAYSEY, of Altona, who as a student minister, was once our Home Missionary.



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DEDICATION OF BUILDING by Rev. E. H. McLean Shugg, February 1, 1958.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE held at St. Christopher's Church of England, August, 1957.



MISS J. C. METHERALL came to East Bentleigh as Deaconess in February, 1958, and remained with us until we became a full charge.

During recent years a number of Victorian Presbyterian Churches have celebrated their one-hundreth anniversaries. In recording events over a century Church historians met one great difficulty. Early records had either been destroyed or lost. The Session of East Bentleigh Presbyterian Church has wisely decided that all completed records of this Church and other relevant material will be placed in safe custody at a bank. It has also been suggested that at the end of each decade a brief history of that period be recorded. Here then is a short account of our first decade.

F O R E W O R D

I have just seen two middle-aged ladies nearly add themselves to the pedestrian casualty list for this week. They looked one way - and proceeded regardless! Luckily the driver of the van coming from the other direction saw them in time to brake hard and they scuttled the last few yards to the footpath.

At Church anniversaries there is a general tendency to do rather what those ladies did: Look only one way and press on regardless! The illustration doesn't run any further because for us the temptation is just to look BACK - and then press on into the future at which we have hardly looked.

I would not in any way want to limit the pleasure (particularly of those who have been here for most or all of these ten years) in looking back on past struggles and successes, and in having happy re-unions with returning friends. But - perhaps sadly in some ways - these ten years are now really past: they are fixed, and we can even have their history written, as has been done on the following pages. But, in contrast, the next ten years waits for its history - not at first to be written in so many words, but by thoughts, words and actions it is to be etched into the hearts and lives of people, both ourselves and others.

To write a good history in words is hard enough (ask Noel Allen!) but to face up to the challenge of actually making it in action is far more frightening. Perhaps that is why we tend to make history without admitting that we are. Perhaps that is why we tend to build up the life of our church in a certain way, without ever facing up to WHY we think it right to do it that way.

Let us therefore be prepared to look on into the NEXT ten years as readily as, at this Anniversary, we look back over the last ten - and so not risk the life of our church in the way some of us careless pedestrians risk our necks by looking only "one way".

- DAVID McKECHNIE.

SOME GOODWILL MESSAGES

I join with you all in giving thanks for the 10 years of witness in East Benthleigh. It must be exciting to reach double figures and as a church so much has happened over these years.

I remember vividly that day in November 1957 when I drove around East Benthleigh looking for the Presbyterian Church site, street after street of new homes with gardens being established and St. Christophers, where fortnightly services were held from August 1957 to April 1958.

Then came the laying of the Foundation Stone by Rev. E. McL. Shugg on February 1st and the commencement of my work at East Benthleigh. Foundation Stones are always individual and significant.

Very soon I knew I had come among people who were anxious to share with me their enthusiasm for the building of the Body of Christ. The first meeting I attended was of the Board of Management - in my 1958 diary, I wrote - "these men and women know where they are going - enthusiastic - debt of £7,000 but a challenge to be met - gifts of experience and service being offered anew in His Cause".

Such was the beginning - one of the Foundation Stones - others included Student Ministers each with their own gifts as pastor and leader. Some have seen our church as a fellowship of concerned people and let's face it, others have been disappointed. But always there has been Enthusiasm. This word comes from two Greek words - "en" and "theos" meaning "God within". Can we honestly say God has been at work within our lives? Has there been joy in our worshipping and working together and in our outreach?

I am reminded of the caption still retained on the church paper "weaving the congregation together with its message". What wonderful threads God has given for the weaving. Each one has been called to build a community of faith through which families may find the way to tackle their responsibilities. Your enthusiasm - the Spirit of God within you - can lead others to know the joy of responsible living.

Some of you shared in digging the foundations of the first building - you found the job tough but worthwhile. So we have built during these ten years knowing that firmly beneath is the Foundation, the actual Foundation Stone Jesus Christ Himself. "In Him each separate piece (or thread) properly fitting into its neighbour grows together to God".

Some may remember the service on May 4th, 1958, when we were challenged to "Launch out into the deep". Go forward then, knowing that at all times the Holy Spirit guides and directs those who with faith and enthusiasm Launch out into the deep ... go out into the world and witness, this is our responsibility.

— JESS. C. METHERALL

SOME GOODWILL MESSAGES

So the Baby at East Bentlyigh is ten happy birthday! It doesn't seem that long ago when I received my first Home Mission appointment as a Student for the Ministry to that newly formed Parish, then only eight months old, on what was previously a market garden.

That initial experience is still vivid - perspiring more from nervousness than the January heat, Orm. Swan, the then Session Clerk, wanting to do all he could to put me at ease, invited me to take off my coat which presented the problem of exposed braces. Not to be put off in his friendly approach, he suggested I take these off too! I did, began the Service, got through without any satorial mishaps anyhow, and my family and I began friendships which we still cherish today.

Normally, we go through stages of religious development in our thoughts which change at different levels of maturity. At about the age of ten we pass from 'sub-religious' thoughts to those of a deeply personal nature. It seems to me that at East Bentlyigh you have well and truly beaten the gun on that point. Forging ahead right from the start with an energetic Session and Board, inspired by Jess Metherall, (or should I say goaded?) that Deaconess of untiring effort and spirit, and aided and abetted by a bustling Ladies' Guild, I was privileged to share in those early years of development which soon resulted in your becoming a Full Charge in your own right.

I would pray for you at this time, asking God to continue to enrich your personal efforts so that you might be able to express your faith in terms which become important to the lives of those committed to you in your ministry. I would pray for you at this time, asking God to aid you in the reality of participating in service to others in the community as well as to yourselves, because today, even more than ten years ago, the world needs to hear and see the relevance of the Gospel expressed in the way we all live for Christ.

You have been equipped for the next ten years by those just completed. I know you will use them well, go to it in Christ's name.

.. JOHN HAYSEY.

What does one say to a Church when it enters its teens? There is a special congratulation and very special wishes to a child on its tenth birthday. Is it not also an especial occasion for a Church? I certainly send my congratulations and best wishes to the Church at East Bentlyigh, for it is made up of some of my best friends and fellow-workers with Jesus Christ. And now it is in its teens! "Ten struck the Church clock, straight to bed went he," said Browning but certainly not of the Church at East Bentlyigh. Now it is facing its finest years. It is awake, alert, and ready for the adventure and service of adult life. John Keats speaks for it:

"O for ten years, that I may overwhelm
Myself in poesy; so I may do the deed
That my own soul has to itself decreed."

--- ARTHUR H. MICHELL

St. Philip's College,
Alice Springs.

The 10th Anniversary. This conjures up a host of memories of the past. Indeed it would be impossible to come to such a time without reflecting on the past.

We are immediately taken back to the humble beginning, the scattered houses and scattered families, the meetings in private homes and garages, digging foundations, the first building, the additions, becoming a Parish in full standing. Then there are the faces that have come and gone and those who have toiled right through. Those who have helped when they could and as they were able. Such reflections will inevitably be tinged with joy and sadness, with hopes realised and hopes that have faded.

The past can be attractive, so attractive that it lures us to it. But we have all learned something from the past. Indeed many have gained rich fruits of understanding and insight from the experiences of the past, even the experiences which are most bitterly regretted.

This anniversary, like all such anniversaries is not the end of the road but an observation point - one from which in one direction the road that has been travelled can be seen, while in the other the road stretches away beyond to infinity. The road that has still to be travelled until some other observation point is reached.

It was St. Paul who in writing to the Christians at Philippi said, "I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal - my reward the honour of being called by God in Christ."

May the past serve to build a greater future to the Glory of God.

With best wishes for your Anniversary from my wife and myself.

BERT BELL.

How I remember "The Shuttle" and the news it carried to all who read it. The opening of a newspaper is interesting and a new Church is exciting, and so I am honoured to be asked to contribute a message to your celebrations.

Mrs. Marshall, Jan and myself had a lovely time at East Bentleigh and wasn't I raw when I first came to you? Nevertheless, you were all very kind to me and made my introduction to Presbyterian Ministry ever so much easier.

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Of course I remember the digging of holes to put the stumps in, the Umbrella Fete that brought a lot of colour and money to the Church, the untiring work and help I received from Miss Metherall, the plays put on by the ladies of the Church, "To bus or not to bus, that is the Question", and Val Swan, the undignified bus driver who became a dignified Deaconess. So many memories, wonderful, but here is my message, because I have 200 words only,

I give my heart, I play my part to make
This Church a Church of our dreams,
A Church of the warm heart,
of the open mind, A Church that cares
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people,
That challenges youth,
That knows no division of culture or class,
No frontiers, geographical or social,
A Church that looks forward as well as backward,
The Church of the Master,
A Church of the people,
A high Church, a broad Church, a low Church,
High as the ideals of Jesus, low as the humblest man,
A working Church, a Worshipping Church,
The Church of all good men,
The Church of the living God.

Greetings and best wishes from one of your early co-workers.

C.B. MARSHALL.

One of the problems which is bothering a lot of men going into the ministry these days is the feeling that ultimately they could probably do a more effective and better job as a layman.

Until recently, on the other hand, the layman has often been generally encouraged to "leave it to the minister". (Indeed the talents of many laymen lie dormant because they are not brought out). This has often meant that the lay person has been left out in the cold - his specific and valuable contribution to the Christian faith has been ignored. He has also in many cases gathered the impression that he doesn't need to be as "holy" as the minister.

This leads to the surely crazy situation that the minister feels he can only do his best job as a layman, and the layman often believes that the only truly religious people are those who represent God to them - i.e. the ministers!

This is your (I am tempted to say our!) 10th Anniversary. You have come a long way in 10 years. Yet a big future lies in front of you - a future which indeed largely depends upon you. A future in which you may go forward or backward. A future in which you may go forward if you are able to truly make that vital contribution which only you as lay men and women can make.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM M. SERVICE.

OUR FIRST DECADE.

BEGINNINGS.

Presbyterianism officially came to East Benthleigh in November, 1956, when the Metropolitan Church Extension Board purchased three blocks of land in Cecil Street. The board had recognised the growth of the district from a rich market-gardening area to a popular residential area.

Early the following year informal meetings were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Butler, where a survey of the district was organised. As a result a number of interested Presbyterians were invited to attend a meeting in Ted Butler's garage on the 14th of June, 1957.

This historic meeting was attended by 39 people, who included the Rev. E.H. McLean Shugg, Rev. G. Bucknall, Rev. J.C. Foyster, Rev. A.H. Michell and Rev. R.G. Butler (chairman). The result of the survey was read and indicated there were 250 Presbyterian families in the district.

A provisional committee was then formed with the following members:- Mesdames A. Douglas and A. Condie, Messrs. E. Butler, A. Amery, E. Reid, E. Swan, P. Barr and A. Colquhan.

This committee arranged with the vestry of St. Christopher's Church of England to hold afternoon services fortnightly at St. Christophers. The first Presbyterian service was held there on the 18th of August.

Two loans, amounting to £4,250, enabled the commencement of building in December, 1957, under the capable management of Mr. E. Butler. The first building, the main hall and kitchen, was designed by Mr. R. Murray Forster.

The foundation stone was laid by the Rev. E.H. McLean Shugg on Saturday, the 1st of February, 1958, and the hall was officially opened and dedicated on Saturday, the 3rd of May, with the Moderator of Assembly, Right Rev. S.A. Goddard giving the occasional address.

Among the many donations to furnish the new church were a communion table given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Reid in memory of their daughter Margaret, and a font by Mr. and Mrs. A. Douglas.

Deaconess J.C. Metherall had commenced work in our parish on the first of February, 1958, and this appointment was followed by that of Mr. C.B. Marshall on 6th April. He was stationed with us until the end of 1958. Miss Metherall was to serve the parish for five years.

The following descriptions of the dedication of the hall on 3rd May, and the opening of the Sunday School on the 4th May are taken from the first issue of "The Shuttle".

Report on Dedication: Our Hall is Dedicated!

East Benthleigh Presbyterians have a home.

On Saturday May 3rd, at 3 p.m. over 300 people came to our new Hall for the Dedication Service.

At the appointed hour the Moderator of Melbourne South Presbytery (Rev. A. Boag) knocked at the door of the Church and was admitted by Mr. E.C. Butler (our builder) to proceed with the Service.

The Moderator was assisted by the Rev. K.G. Butler (the Moderator of our Mission Station) and Rev. W. Harrison. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria - (Rt. Rev. S.A. Goddard, M.A., B.D.) - gave the occasional sermon, speaking on the place our Church should have in our lives.

At the conclusion of the Service, Rev. R.G. Butler and Mr. Peter Barr (Secretary of our Board of Management) thanked all those whose efforts had made possible the building of the Hall.

By some wonderful catering and organising the Ladies Guild served all present with afternoon tea.

It really was a magnificent day.

Sunday School

We were happy to welcome the children on May 4th, and have enrolled about 130 scholars. Of these 50 are in the Kindergarten age group. Because of accommodation problems we are unable, at present, to take children under accepted Kindergarten age.

Mrs. Dexter, the leader, has helpers - Mrs. Taylor and Miss Swan. More teachers are needed immediately.

Primary Department with Mrs. McDonald, as leader, and Mrs. Marshall, Miss Furier and Mr. L. McGeehan as teachers is at present meeting with the older children for worship.

Teachers for the Junior and Intermediate Departments, at present, are - Mr. Butler, Mr. Cutler and Deaconess J. Metherall, Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Swan.

The first "Shuttle" also records that the first two baptisms were conducted on the 4th of May. They were Kathryn Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Butler and Sandra Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Barcham.

Towards the end of 1958 Mr. and Mrs. Butler left to take up missionary appointments at Mornington Island.

FIRST STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN.

When Mr. C.B. Marshall left he was succeeded by another student minister, Mr. A.J. Haysey of Dandenong, who came in early 1959. In September of this year, under the direction of the Stewardship and Promotion Department, a successful stewardship campaign was conducted. The following message of the campaign chairman, Mr. A.W. Barcham, clearly indicates the aim of the campaign.

"It is now two years since the first call to fellowship was made to Presbyterians in East Bentleigh, and since that first meeting we have gradually made the acquaintance of and friendships with our fellow-members of the Church - particularly since our Hall was built about seventeen months ago. Now we have had to consider plans for the future, because even in this short space of time our fine Hall is too small for our many activities.

Our Sunday School particularly is handicapped; the kinders, of whom about 80 are on the roll, occupy the kitchen, which is most unsatisfactory. As you will have seen in this brochure, we plan additional rooms, and confidently look for the necessary support of every Presbyterian family - an active Church is an essential in our rapidly growing family life. Come and join in the regular fellowship at Church - help with some organisation, and your regular weekly givings will make a notable contribution to the life of your Church at East Bentleigh."

OUR FIRST MINISTER

Development of the church was so rapid that in 1960 it was necessary to build additional rooms. In that same year, the Presbytery of Melbourne South raised East Bentleigh from a Progressive Home Mission Station to a Parish in full standing. As a consequence a Manse was purchased in Veronica Street. Early in 1961 the Reverend Albert Ernest Bell, of Poowong, accepted a call to minister in the Parish.

On Friday, the 7th of April, 1961 Rev. A.E. Bell was inducted into the Pastoral Charge and Parish of East Bentleigh at the hands of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, the Moderator, the Rev. J.C. Foyster, presiding. The occasional sermon was preached by the Rev. A.C. Eadie.

After the service a welcome social to Mr. and Mrs. Bell was held in the church hall.

SECOND STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The year 1962 began sadly for our Church, when our first session clerk, Mr. Orm Swan, died on the 11th of January.

During this year 103 new communicant members were welcomed, 58 by profession of faith and 45 transferred from other congregations,

making a total of 233 communicants on the roll at the end of the year.

In 1962 another stewardship campaign was conducted. The original church hall had been built at a cost of £4,850 with the aid of loans from the church. The response to the first stewardship campaign enabled us to purchase a Manse for £6,250 and to build extensions to the hall at a cost of £5,000. The aim now was to increase the income of £3,000 per year to £6,000.

With the thoughtful co-operation of Rev. Father W. Casey, the campaign was launched with a concert in the hall of St. Peter's Catholic Church, with the ladies of St. Peter's catering for the supper. Again the campaign was wonderfully supported by parishioners, and further progress was possible.

Toward the end of the year Mr. Ted Butler who had returned for a period, was commissioned as a Technical assistant missionary at Weipa at a service conducted by Mr. Bell, with the authority of the Moderator, Rev. Dr. A.C. Watson.

At the end of the year Deaconess Metherall was appointed to Frankston. She was farewelled at the Christmas social and a presentation was made to her from the congregation whom she had served so faithfully for five years.

The Deaconess Council appointed Miss J. Brown to succeed Miss Metherall. Earlier in the year at an impressive service Miss Valerie Swan was commissioned. She was the first Deaconess to come from this Parish.

DEPARTURE OF REV. A.E. BELL.

After a ministry of nearly four years Mr. Bell was appointed Principal of St. Philip's College, Alice Springs. On Sunday, the 9th of January, 1966, he was commissioned at the hands of a Commission of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, the Moderator, the Rev. J.V. Mills, presiding. The occasional sermon was preached by the Rev. C.T.F. Goy. The Rev. Fred McKay, of the Australian Inland Mission, flew from Sydney to attend this service.

After the service Mr. and Mrs. Bell were farewelled by the congregation. Other local clergymen present at the farewell were Rev. R.G. Butler (Bentleigh), Rev. Father W. Casey (St. Peter's), and Rev. B.W. Brooker (St. Christopher's).

PRESENT AND FUTURE.

For twelve months we were without a minister, but the Church was fortunate to have the services of Rev. A.H. Michell, of Cheltenham, for most of that period. Finally, the Rev. David McKechnie, of Edenhope accepted a call to East Bentleigh.

On Wednesday, the 15th of February, Mr. McKechnie was inducted at a service led by the layman moderator of the Melbourne East Presbytery, Mr. A.J. Kilgour. Rev. A. Hokin preached the occasional sermon.

After his marriage to Miss Joy Cameron of Edenhope in April, Rev. David McKechnie occupied the splendid new manse which had been built in Cecil Street near the Church.

The erection of this manse was yet another indication of the progress that the East Bentleigh Presbyterian Church had made in only ten years. But there still remains the major project of all the building of a Church. God willing, this may well happen in the next decade.

THE LATE. ERNEST THOMAS ORMOND SWAN.

No-one played a more active part in the establishment of the East Bentleigh Presbyterian Church than the late Orm Swan. He was ordained and inducted as an elder on the 2nd of November, 1958, and became our first session clerk. He held this position until his untimely death on the 11th of January, 1962.

Orm, who was a son of the Rev. E. Ashby Swan, of Caulfield, had always been closely connected with his Church. As a school teacher he had lived in various parishes of the State. When teaching at Creighton, he married Miss Eunice Bowden, of Euroa.

As a young man he was a brilliant footballer. When in Melbourne he played in the Amateur League and played one game with St. Kilda in the V.F.L. He also played with Euroa, Beaufort, and Mirboo North. Later he successfully coached junior clubs and took an active interest in the Church basketball teams.

His daughter, Valerie, became a deaconess and is now married to the Rev. Peter Aumann of North Dandenong.

The late Mr. Swan will always be remembered by those parishioners for whom he so faithfully worked.

THE LATE FREDERICK WILLIAM PEARCE.

On the 18th of March, 1967, the East Bentleigh Presbyterian Church learned of the death of one of its elders, Fred Pearce, who had lived in East Bentleigh since 1962. Fred had been ordained an elder at Hartwell, and was inducted at East Bentleigh on the 21st of April, 1963.

His experience as an elder proved an asset to our session, and the manner in which he carried out his duties was an example to his younger colleagues. Most parishioners will recall his kindly welcome to young and old at the church door every Sunday morning.

Before he retired, he was the engineer in charge of the Electricity Sales Division of State Electricity Commission. All his life he was fond of sport, being specially keen on football and tennis. At the time of his death he was a member of Coatesville Bowling Club.

He is survived by his widow and their daughter, Mrs. M.L. Keys, of Keysborough.

OFFICE BEARERS, PAST AND PRESENT

MEMBERS OF SESSION

1958	E.T.O. Swan E. Reid A.E. Amery P. Barr	1963	F. Pearce J. Gleeson W.M. Service T.C. Smith J. Shepherd F. Hunt
1960	C.D. Cutler A.W. Barcham	1964	N.D. Allen E. Lloyd L. Worland
1961	D. Fisher E.C. Butler J.N. Barcham M.O. Jager	1967	W. Cook K. Andrews K. McLeam
1962	R. Miller		

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

1957	Mrs. A. Condie Mrs. A. Douglas A.E. Amery P. Barr E.C. Butler C.D. Cutler M. Graham J. McGeehan E. Reid E.T.O. Swan	1961	L. Alexander D. DeJersey R. Huggins R. Miller
1958	A. Barcham J. Barcham D.J.S. Freeman M.O. Jager M. Wood	1962	Mrs. E. Swan V. De Sair L. McDonald K. McLean G. McLeod A. Robinson T. Smith
1959	Mrs. A. Robertson J. Gleeson I. Jones J. Shephard	1963	N. Allen R. Campbell I. Ritchie L. Worland
1960	D. Fisher J. Hunter R. Corbett	1964	R. McEwan A. Fraser W. Cook G. Philp J. Tyack
		1965	R. Wilcock W. Witton
		1966	K. Andrews

SECRETARIES

1957	P. Barr
1965	E. Lloyd
1967	W. Witton

TREASURERS

1957	E. Reid
1960	J. Barcham
1963	L. Alexander

CLERKS OF SESSION

1959	E.T.O. Swan
1962	A.E. Amery
1965	J.N. Barcham

TRUSTEES.

Graeme K.C. Abbott
Douglas J.S. Freeman
Ian Jones

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

LADIES' ORGANIZATIONS

The first meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at the home of Mrs. A. Condie on the 19th June, 1957. The twelve ladies present were Mesdames Condie, Butler, Fey, Alexander, Loveridge, Reid, Grierson, Vertigan, Amery, Colquhoun, Taylor and Gordon. The following office bearers were elected:-

President	Mrs. E. Reid	Secretary	Mrs. F. Gordon
Vice-President	Mrs. A. Condie	Treasurer	Mrs. A. Amery

Membership of the Guild increased rapidly and many successful functions were held. Their first effort held in Ted Butler's garage raised £12.16.4. Nine street stalls, a garden fete, and a concert were conducted by these energetic ladies. Finally, a fete raised £330.

At the close of a Ladies Guild meeting held on 10th December, 1963 a branch of the P.W.M.U. was formed. Office bearers were:-

President	Mrs. O. Swan	Secretary	Mrs. A. Barcham
Vice Presidents	(Mrs. E. Reid, M. Ring J. Haysey	Treasurer Chronicle Secretary	Mrs. L. Robertso Mrs. P. Barr

At a meeting held on the 21st November, 1963, the P.W.M.U. and the Ladies' Guild joined together to form a branch of the Presbyterian Women's Association with the following officials :-

President	Mrs. P. Barr	Secretary	Mrs. A. Amery
Vice Presidents	(Mrs. D. Lampard Mrs. D. Freeman Mrs. A.E. Bell	Treasurer	Miss J. Forbes

Later the branch was divided into two groups - afternoon and evening, each with its own office-bearers.

Since that first meeting in 1957, the ladies of our church have been most enthusiastic workers in raising funds, not only for their own church, but for the wider work of the Presbyterian Church. They are to be heartily congratulated on their efforts.

P. F. A.

On the 18th June, 1958, the inaugural meeting of the P.F.A. was held, and the first office-bearers were:-

President	Mr. C.D. Cutler	Secretary	Miss V.E. Swan
Vice President	Mr. A.D. Ferrier	Asst. "	Miss S.E. Ferrier
Treasurer	Mr. D. Mitchell		

P. G. A. AND P. B. A.

A branch of the P.G.A. was formed on 27th May, 1958, when Ethel Gordon was elected secretary. The P.B.A. was established about the middle of 1958, with Messrs. E. Butler, K. Graham and Bishop as lea

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Other organizations that have functioned successfully during our first decade include the Sunday School Parents' Fellowship, the Pathfinders (Mission Band), Men's Club, Table Tennis, Cricket and Basketball Clubs, and the Girl's Gymnasium.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new;
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world"

If you are reading this booklet right through, then you have come to the end - and you will soon close it and go on to other things. . . So with this history written within it: it is completed, we close it with happy memories and warm gratitude to the workers of the past - and now we must go on and write our future by word and deed.

No doubt these ten years have been difficult in many ways - but the next ten will be harder. . . Christ Himself goes on before us, lest we become too settled and well contented with what we have done and what we are. . . To build as the Church used to build last century - or even 10 years ago - would be much easier, but God Himself denies us that easy way out.

Let us close this book with thankful hearts - and go out together into the harder, yet perhaps even sweeter, years that stretch ahead of us. . . Let us go on, together with Christ



Some of the present day members of Session.



REV. D. G. McKECHNIE inducted in February, 1967.



The recently completed Manse, 7 Cecil Street.



Sunday School, 1963.

