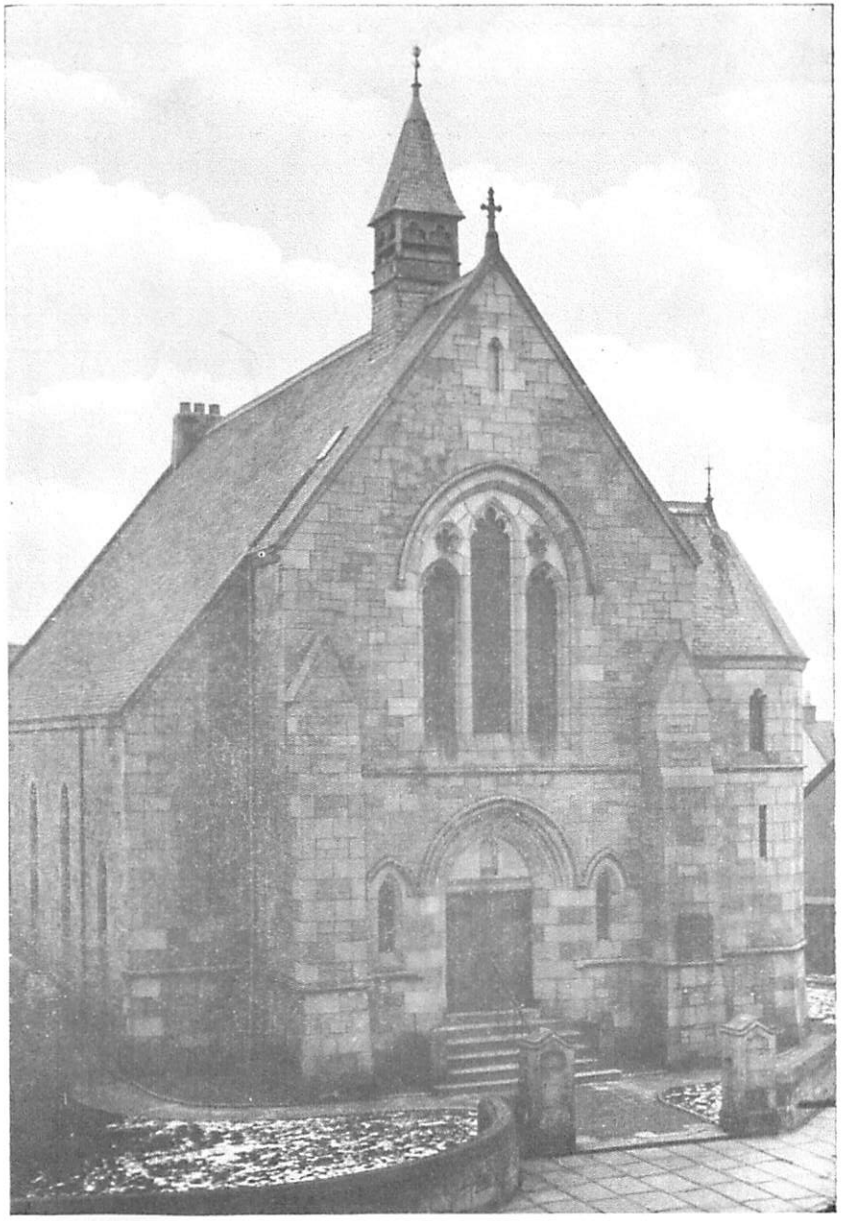


STONEHOUSE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

FOREWORD.

1954 heralds an epic juncture in the life and work of our Church. We celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Church which was formed in April, 1894. With grateful hearts we recall the efforts of those who built it to the glory of God, together with all His faithful servants who through the past sixty years, have worshipped here, and who have handed on to us this priceless heritage for the faithful continuance of its worship and work.

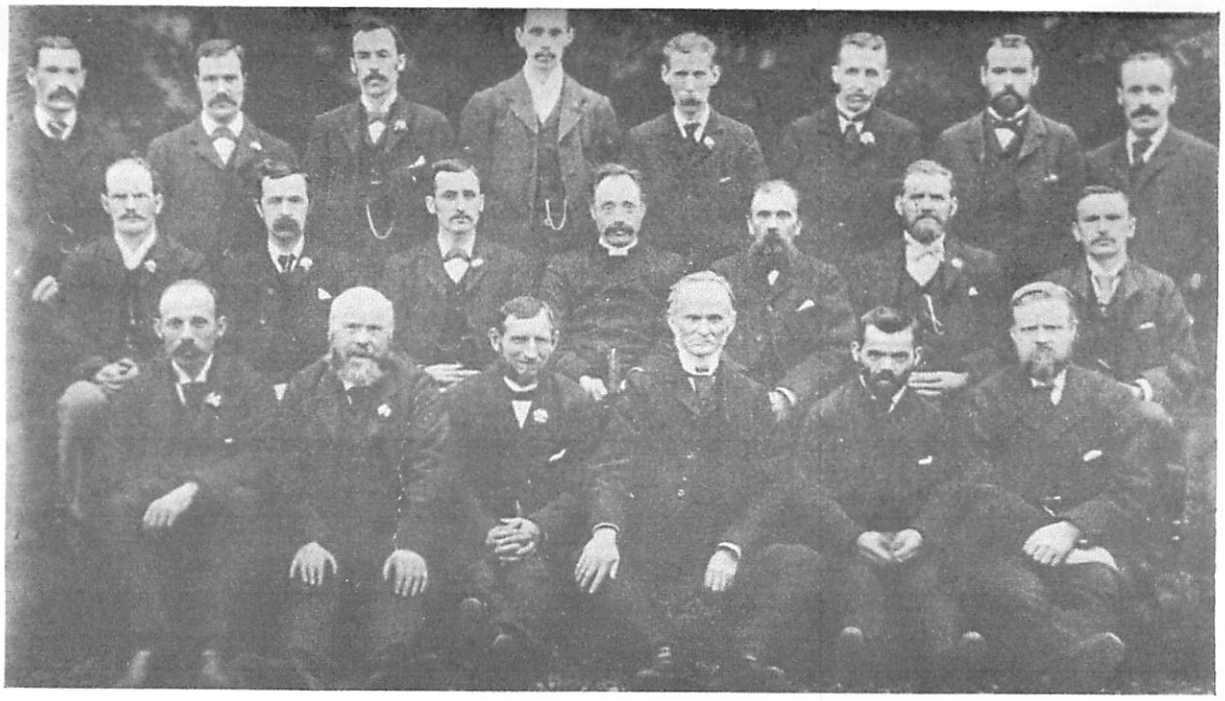
We are deeply indebted to our secretary, Mr. Thomas Millar, who kindly undertook to write this brochure, and has been at such pains to gather material from the Church records, together with cognate publications and personal reminiscences of members, to enrich the narrative.

In the limited space, it has not been possible to mention all who have rendered loyal service. There has been an immense amount of love and labour in the course of the years that remains unrecorded, but Mr. Millar has endeavoured to give a clear and balanced picture and generally to allow the records to speak for themselves.

It is inevitable that a work of this nature should have a limited sphere of interest, but we trust that from those for whom it is intended, it will receive a kindly welcome. In the spirit of gratitude for all that is good in the heritage on which we have entered, and with the desire that the Church may be enabled to hand on to future generations the torch of a pure faith and a noble life, this booklet is released. May the blessing of God attend its mission and that of the Church, part of whose story it enshrines.

ROBERT M. LAWSON.

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1894.



Back Row—G. Todd, G. Barr, W. Ferguson, T. Millar, J. Thomson, G. Hutchison, J. Todd, J. Hamilton.
Middle Row—R. Cuthbertson, A. Hamilton, R. Ferguson, Rev. P. Smith, J. Crow, T. Millar, R. Todd.
Front Row—A. Borland, T. Brown, A. Pithie, R. Millar, T. Sorbie, R. Thomson.

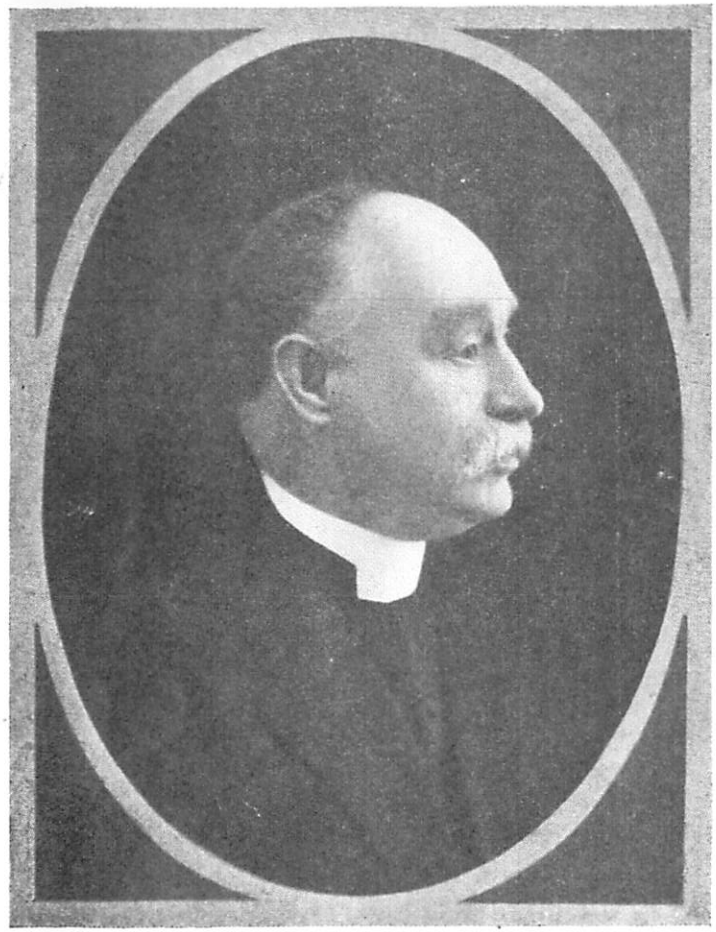
PREFACE

Many who have been reared in the atmosphere of our Church and reached spiritual maturity in the fellowship there, have often expressed the need for some concise story of its life. The approach of the Church's Diamond Jubilee seemed an opportune time, and while I have always considered it a privilege to serve as an Office-Bearer, the production of this booklet has been a further privilege which has given me great pleasure. It has also afforded me an opportunity to record the work of friends and forebears who have greatly influenced my life.

The history is factual, mostly from the written records left, but some items not on record have been inserted after contemporary confirmation. It is a meagre story and I regret that I was unable to include much which would have enriched the telling of it.

I am particularly indebted to the Rev. Robert M. Lawson, Mr. Andrew Riddell, Mr. James Fairley, and Mr. James Thomson, Session Clerk, for their help in the compilation of this book, also to Ministers and Friends who loaned photos for their inclusion. I am also very grateful to Miss Lilias Margaret Small who typed the script.

THOMAS MILLAR.



Rev. PETER SMITH.

THESE SIXTY YEARS
THE HISTORY OF STONEHOUSE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

This is the story of a country church whose membership, drawn from a small community of ordinary people, and fluctuating from 142 at its conception to approximately 285 at its peak, has borne a faithful and fruitful witness during its 60 years of life.

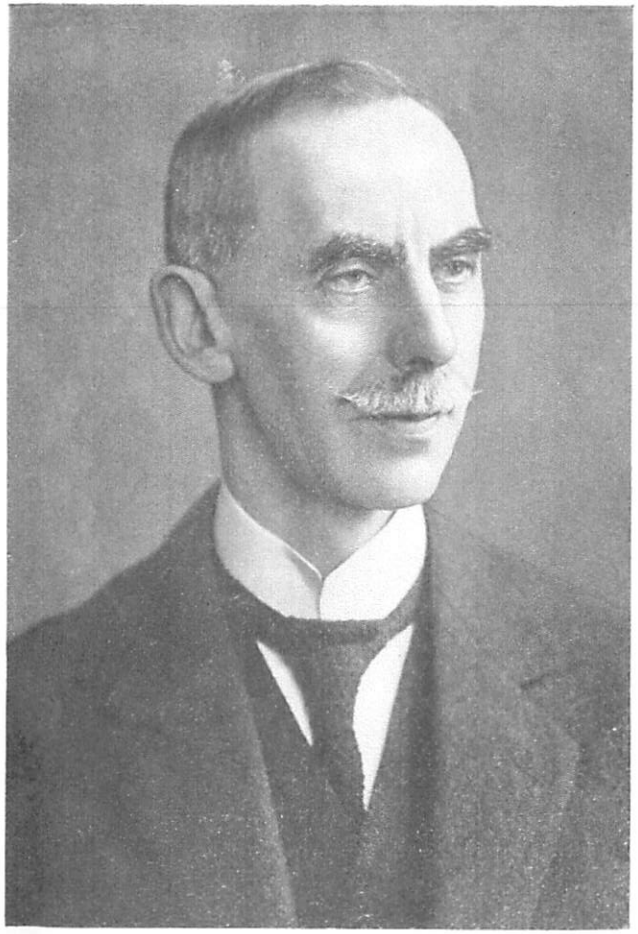
In 1893 the Hamilton Memorial Free Church was vacant, and disagreeing with the procedure of the Session and Presbytery in the election of a minister, one hundred and forty-two members separated themselves in November 1893. These members formed a new Congregation and held services regularly in the Public Hall before calling the Rev. Peter Smith to be their minister. Of the 142 foundation members we are proud to record that we still have with us the following:—

Miss Susan Walker who has had an unbroken record of membership throughout the Church's history.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leggate, also Mrs. Janet Millar who had for some time left the district, but on returning have renewed their membership and are still with us.

By June, 1894, the membership had risen to 221 and to-day stands at 285.

As a point of interest, at the formation of the Church the main industry of the village was handloom weaving, and out of the 221 members over 100 of these were employed as weavers. To-day this industry is no longer in existence, although there are several old weavers still alive in the village.



Rev. JAMES WALLACE

REV. PETER SMITH, 1894-1906

Mr. Smith commenced his ministry on January 19th, 1894, and for a few months the congregation remained without denominational connection, but as the members were strongly inclined towards independency in Church government, application was made for admission into the Congregational Union of Scotland. The application was favourably received, and on April 19th, 1894, the Church was formally constituted, and Mr. Smith was ordained as Pastor, the Rev. Eynon Davies, Elgin Place, Glasgow, and several others taking part in the services.

Although the congregation continued to worship in the Public Hall they made strenuous efforts to raise funds to enable them to build a place of worship. By their own earnest endeavours and the generous help of friends they were soon able to erect a handsome edifice in Angle Street, costing approximately £1,800 with seating accommodation for 450 people. The new Church was opened on June 21st, 1894, by the Rev. Principal Hodgson, D.D., Edinburgh, and the Rev. Eynon Davies, Glasgow. The Rev. Peter Smith was a forthright preacher and with Mrs. Smith laboured zealously and devotedly among a growing membership, during the early days of its life, and it was with feelings of mutual regret that after twelve years of faithful and fruitful ministry, Mr. Smith accepted a call to Elder Park Street, Church, Govan.

He was called to a Higher Service in 1934 at the age of 82.

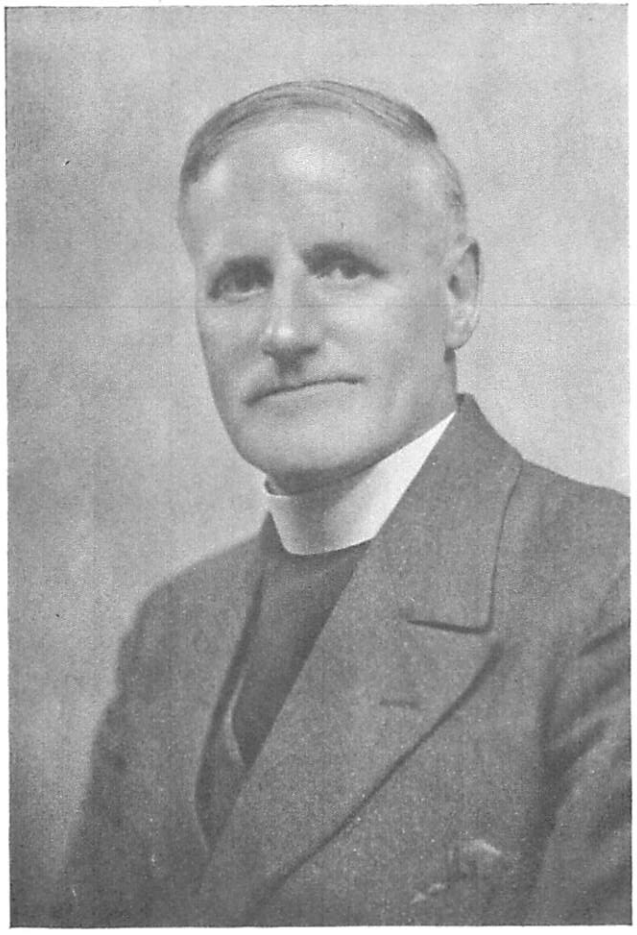
As no Manse was available, New field House was leased as such, but on August 22nd, 1904, the congregation decided to purchase Westlea, Vicars Road, at a cost of £900.

REV. JAMES WALLACE, 1906-1917

The Rev. James Wallace of Ebenezer Congregational Church, Glasgow, received a cordial and unanimous call to the vacant pastorate, and was inducted by the Rev. Professor McNair, M.A., Kilmarnock, on October 7th, 1906. Thus began an influential ministry of eleven years, during which Mr. Wallace served with a quiet dignity and friendliness which endeared him to the congregation and indeed to his many friends throughout his sixty years of ministry in the Union.

The Constitution of the Church was drafted by Mr. Wallace and the Office-Bearers, and was adopted by the Congregation on December 5th, 1906.

As the house adjoining the Church was offered for sale the congregation unanimously agreed on January 15th, 1908, to purchase that at a cost of £150 for the Church Officer.



Rev. WALTER GERRARD.

The advent of War in 1914 made itself felt upon the congregation and yet the membership continued faithfully in attendance and service while Mr. Wallace laboured lovingly and assiduously to serve the congregation until accepting a call to become minister of New Street E.U. Church, Paisley, on May 20th, 1917, where he served for a further 28 years before retiring from the active ministry in 1945. It was with regret that we learned of his passing last year.

REV. WALTER GERRARD, 1917-1922

Walter Gerrard, Minister of the Dunfermline Church, was inducted Minister on October 28th, 1917, by the Rev. Mr. Dickson, Kirkcaldy, and quickly endeared himself to the congregation by his frank and friendly nature.

Feeling that there was now no further need for a Church Officer's house it was decided on April 9th, 1918, to sell it and eventually it was sold for the sum paid for it.

On January 21st, 1920, the congregation decided to introduce individual communion cups at a cost of £50 10s. 10½d. and these were eventually dedicated as a memorial to those who made the supreme sacrifice—George McLellan and Robert Brownlie and to all the young men who had served in the forces during 1914-1919.

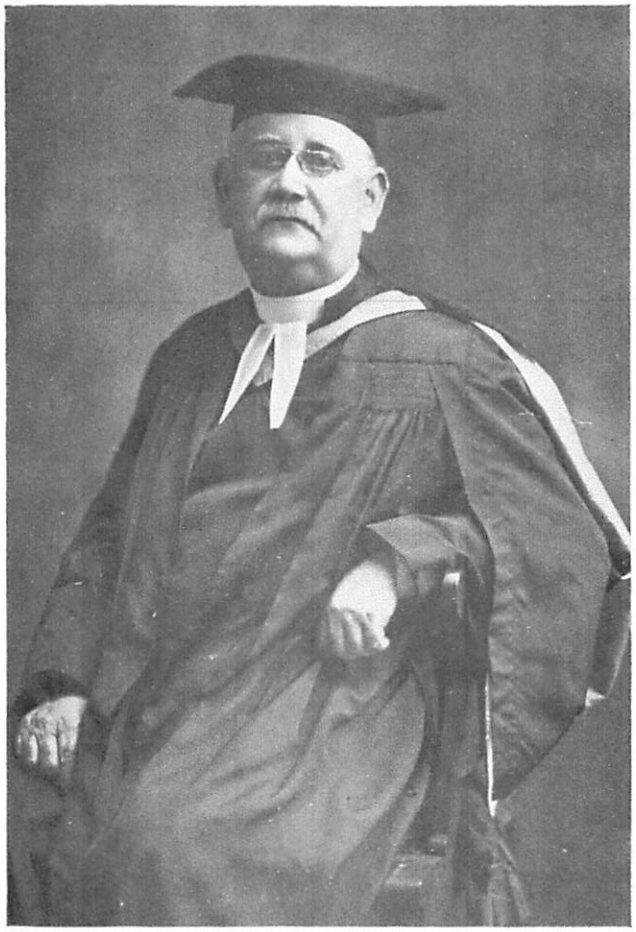
In 1921 with other ministers in the village, visitation was made in all homes as it was apparent that many homes were without Church connection, and as a result, while services became better attended, the membership of the Church increased to 253 with the finances of various funds in sound condition.

After a short but effective ministry, Mr. Gerrard accepted a call to the Morrison Memorial Church, Clydebank, in January, 1922. He passed to a Higher Service in 1946.

During the period in which the Church was vacant, opportunity was taken to have the Church re-decorated at a cost of £75 14s. 6d. in aid of which a Sale of Work realised £140.

REV. ROBERT K. McKINLAY, M.A., Ph.D., 1922-1933

The induction of the Rev. Robert K. McKinlay who was previously minister of the Galston Church, took place on June 25th, 1922. Mr. McKinlay was a quiet scholarly gentleman who made a profound impression on the congregation and the village itself. Destined in the mind of his father for Oxford University, and a career as a classical scholar, his choice of the ministry was a strong personal one.



Rev. ROBERT K. McKINLAY, M.A., Ph.D.

Mr. McKinlay laboured earnestly and successfully, not always in opportune times, as the strike of 1926 had a very adverse effect upon attendance, and in the finances of the church.

After submitting a classical thesis to Glasgow University, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon him in May, 1927, and the congregation presented him with a hood and robes to mark this honour.

Further honour awaited him as he was elected President of the Congregational Union of Scotland for the year 1930-31.

As a minister, Dr. McKinlay was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, and was loved by his congregation, which he saw increase in membership to 274 in 1927, consequently it was with regret that his imtimation of retiral, after over 40 years of active ministry, was received on April 16th, 1933. As a mark of esteem both Dr. McKinlay and his sister, Miss Margaret McKinlay, who had worked so faithfully with him in his ministry, were presented with a wallet of notes at this time.

His retiral was not a long one as he passed on to a Higher Service towards the end of 1933.

REV. DAVID C. McARTHUR, M.B.E., 1933-1944

On Friday, September 8th, 1933, Mr. McArthur was ordained to the ministry in the church by Dr. Charles Richardson, Secretary of the Congregational Union, and was inducted the following Sunday. A young man in his first charge, it was possible that his might be a quiet influence for a time, but Mr. McArthur's was a forceful ministry from the start, and he quickly endeared himself to the members while his forthright preaching drew large congregations. In 1935 Mr. McArthur was married and Mrs. McArthur quickly took up an active part in his ministry. From the Treasurer's records, 1935, was up to that time, the best financial year since the first year of the formation of the Church.

The Church was in good heart when World War II broke out and once again the youth were absorbed in the Forces with steady regularity. Mr. McArthur's services were accepted in connection with work by the Y.M.C.A. for three months, but he was subsequently commissioned as a Chaplain to the Forces on October 29th, 1941. He was not to return to the congregation as their minister, resigning his charge on March, 1944.

For services rendered under very trying circumstances in Burma, Mr. McArthur was awarded the M.B.E. and was later inducted minister of George Square Congregational Church, Greenock. On February 18th of this year he was inducted minister of Giffnock Congregational Church.

Rev D. C. McARTHUR, M.B.E.

REV. J. G. R. STRACHAN, INTERIM MINISTER, 1941-1943

As the Rev. D. C. McArthur was in the Forces the congregation felt that it would be best to have an interim pastor, and their choice was Mr. J. G. R. Strachan, a student at the Congregational College. Mr. Strachan was ordained on Friday, December 19th, 1941, and inducted the following Sunday by the Rev. T. Carlyle Murphy, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.

The effect of wartime conditions and the necessity for production being kept at the highest level, made its mark on attendances, but Mr. Strachan laboured faithfully and well until being called to the Church at Rhynie, Aberdeenshire on November 25th, 1943.

The 50th Anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, December 26th, 1943, when the services were conducted by the Rev. G. Forbes Morgan. Owing to the many wartime restrictions no further anniversary celebrations were held.

REV. J. K. SMITH, M.A., 1944-1948

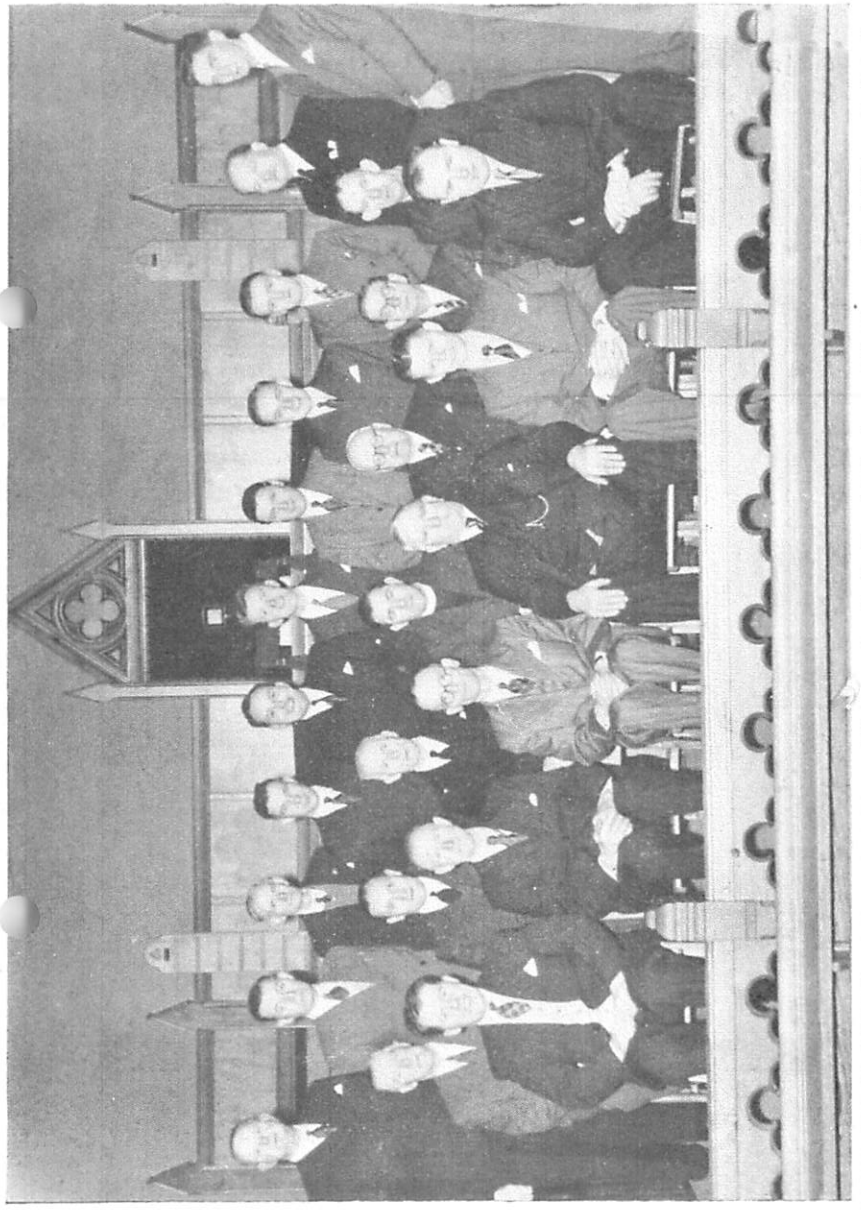
As the Rev. D. C. McArthur had resigned his charge here, being still on Active Service, the congregation called the Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., to be their minister, the induction taking place on April 23rd, 1944.

Educated at Edinburgh University and the Scottish Congregational College, Mr. Smith was ordained in 1925 as minister of the Bellshill Church. He served there for five years before accepting a call to Trinity Congregational Church, Aberdeen, in 1930. In 1935 Mr. Smith became the minister of the Partick Church until 1941.

On coming to Stonehouse the Rev. J. K. Smith soon endeared himself to the congregation and although he came to the Church at a difficult period he very soon adapted himself to the conditions which prevailed. He was a quiet but sincere preacher and during his four years of ministry, the Church made good progress.

The terminations of hostilities in 1945 brought home the young people who had served in the Forces and Mr. Smith worked diligently and with a good measure of success, through the medium of the Youth Fellowship, to bring them back to service in the Church. Jack Ashley, a young man of promise did not return.

A friendly man, Mr. Smith's parting with the congregation was accepted with much regret, when he accepted a call in 1948 to Cambuslang Congregational Church.



MANAGERS' COURT, 1954. **Back Row**—W. Brownlie, R. Burke, J. Wardrope, W. Simmonds, J. Millar, G. McLellen, F. McDermid, T. Millar, J. Watts, A. McLuckie, J. Leggate, Jr.
Middle Row—W. Henderson, A. Russell, A. Riddell, Rev. R. M. Lawson, J. Thomson, J. Leggate, W. Bryson.
Front Row—D. Brown, W. Wilson, J. Fairley, J. Golder, D. Mair, D. Kirkwood.

REV. G. RENTON BROWN, 1948-1951

The Rev. G. Renton Brown, a young man of promise, had served in Newburgh and Greenock East Churches before being specially trained in England and U.S.A. for work among the youth. After being appointed as the first Youth Organiser of the Congregational Union, ill-health soon forced him to resign from his position. Having undergone a serious operation and having had a lengthy recuperative period he accepted our call to the vacant pastorate in Stonehouse. His induction by the Rev. Principal Charles S. Duthie, D.D., took place on Sunday, 31st May, 1938, and although his ministry was to be a short one he did not spare himself, particularly in his work among the youth and the patients at the local hospital, where he was greatly loved. Opportunity was taken in the Spring of 1950 to have the church re-decorated, and after worshipping for several weeks on Sunday afternoons in the Paterson United Free Church, the return to the newly decorated church was made on Sunday, 28th May, when Anniversary Services were conducted by the Rev. Harry Andrews, President of the Congregational Union 1950-1951. Mr. Brown was unfortunately taken ill at the morning service and thereafter was frequently unable to conduct the services. He was called to a Higher Service on 17th August, 1951, at the age of 40. His passing left us very humble and poorer for the loss of "Rikki" Brown who "would not die rusty."

During his period of illness the congregation were blessed with gracious friends who gave of their services freely whenever possible. We were grateful to the Mid-Lanark District Committee of the Congregational Union of Scotland, Mr. John C. Gillanders, Glasgow, and Mr. George Blatch, Eaglesham.

REV. ROBERT M. LAWSON, 1952

In December, 1951, the congregation presented a unanimous call to the Rev. Robert M. Lawson of Partick Congregational Church, to become their pastor. Mr. Lawson was minister of the Church at Cruden Bay from 1938 to 1946, when he became minister of the Partick Church. In 1940 he was commissioned as officiating Chaplain to the Forces, and served until 1945.

Mr. Lawson was inducted to Stonehouse by the Rev. James M. Calder, Secretary of the Scottish Congregational Union, on the first Sunday of January, 1952.

In the short time in which he has been minister, he has shown to the congregation and community a sincerity of purpose in his proclamation of the gospel in pulpit and home, so much so, that he has quickly been accepted into that fellowship of friendliness which endureth for all time.

Rev. J. G. R. STRACHAN.

Under his leadership the church has prospered, both spiritually and financially, all the services being well attended. Sales of Work in December, 1952, and 1953, realised £725.

During the past two years sixty-nine members have joined the Church, bringing the total membership to 285.

We look forward to a future bright with opportunity of furthering the cause of Christ's Kingdom here with a sincere faith that under the guidance and leadership of Mr. Lawson, much will be done for the Master.

From the beginning the membership has always been drawn from ordinary working class people, and yet the Church has always been self-supporting. Being formed from a country community the names of founder members are still to be found to-day among the members, many of whom are descendants of original members, and so while each church should be a family, this could rightly be termed a family church.

Many stories of their tenacity of purpose have been handed down from 1894 in connection with the founding of the congregation since the founder members were people of strong character and could not lightly turn aside, having made their decision to worship as they thought right. It is no surprise, therefore, to learn that a church costing £1,800 had been built by 1896, nor that a manse costing £900 had been purchased by 1904. Loans were obtained from the Ferguson Bequest and the Congregational Chapel Building Fund, but these were quickly refunded to leave the Congregation free from debt. In the process of raising funds it is interesting to note that the members held a two days' Sale of Work in Glasgow.

The spiritual side of the congregation has been no less lacking in enthusiasm ; down through the years the membership has been formed from people of high integrity ; outstanding in the community in which they lived. Unfortunately their names are too numerous to mention here although the names of many who gave yeoman service can be read in the list of office-bearers, but passing mention must be made of Mr. Walter Borland who acted as Chairman from November, 1893, until the coming of the Rev. Peter Smith ; Robert Millar, an original office-bearer who became leader of the Bethany Hall Glasgow and eventually Carubber's Close Mission, Edinburgh ; Robert Jackson, who came as organist for 14 years to continue as Treasurer and Elder for a further 21 years. dying in office ; John Todd, who in his early membership walked 18 miles each Sunday to worship—a manager for many years and eventually senior elder until his death. The rest are the congregation sustaining the church by their faith and loyalty.

Rev. J. K. SMITH, M.A.

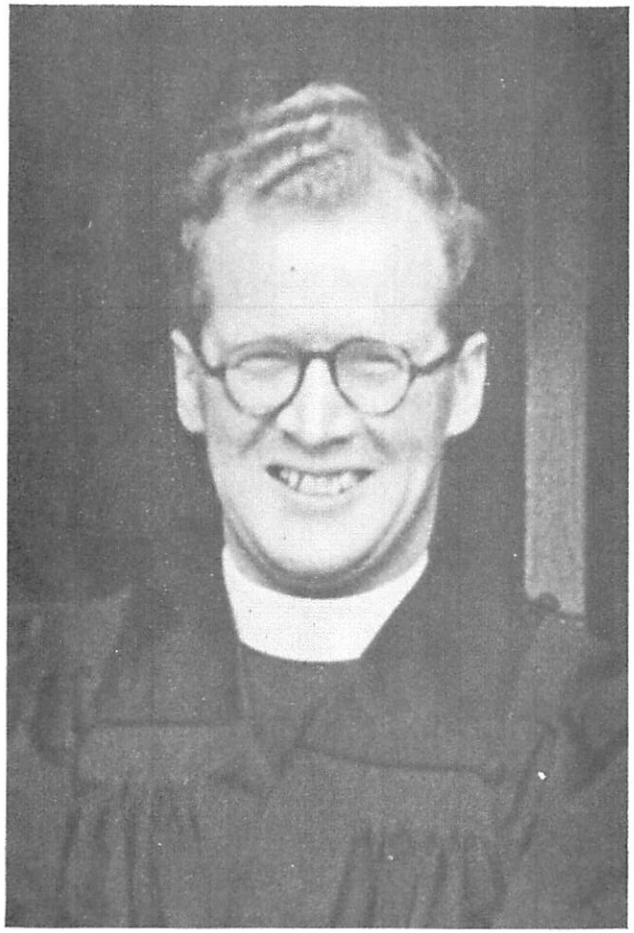
While many organisations have been attached to the Church, the Women's Union has given the longest service, with, of course, the Sunday School and Bible Class. Served always by an enthusiastic committee the Women's Union has carried out a much needed function in the sphere of the church and the community, holding a meeting for women on the first Monday of each month during the Autumn and Winter months, and on the first Sunday, 1953, and 1954, it has conducted the morning service in the church itself, under the leadership of Mrs. Lawson, both services of very high standard. The Women's Union was the first organisation in the village to hold meetings entirely for women.

During two periods a Band of Hope has been in existence, but the Sunday School and Bible Class have continued through the years to render a useful and valuable service among the young.

About 1927 a branch of the Girls' Auxiliary was instituted by Miss McKinlay and Mrs. J. Borland, and it was a very active organisation until it was dissolved in 1933 when a Youth Fellowship, embracing all the young from Bible Class age onwards was formed. This also carried on with success almost until the advent of war in 1939, and was instrumental in having the late Mrs. A. Burnett Smith (Annie S. Swan) address a week-night meeting when the Church was filled to capacity. The late Right Honourable James Brown, M.P., Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly on two occasions, and the late Earl Home also conducted Sunday evening services. The Youth Fellowship was resuscitated towards the end of 1944 and is now merged with those of the other two local churches in a Joint Youth Fellowship.

The church has always been considered "a guid singing congregation" and has always been led in praise by choirs of varying numerical strength, large enough in 1934 and 1935 to give renderings of the "Messiah," although augmented by members and friends on both occasions. Praise has always been sung from the Congregational Hymn Book, compiled by Doctor Barrett, and while well loved by all who knew and used it, it had become by 1953 obsolete, no printings having been made for many years. A new publication had therefore to be found and it was with regret that we laid aside this much loved hymnal and adopted the Revised Church Hymnary at our Communion Service on Sunday, 1st November, 1953, when a smooth change-over was effected. The evening praise is however still taken from Sankey's Hymn Book.

The church building which seats 450, has stood unaltered since built and has been internally redecorated on two occasions, 1922 and 1950. In October, 1935, the President and his wife Mr. and Mrs. T. Miller, Tinto View, gifted a beautiful Compton pipe-organ in memory of Mrs. Millar's parents, Mr. and Mrs.



Rev. G. RENTON BROWN.

Samuel Hamilton, former members. This gift replaced the old double manuel harmonium which had served the church since 1901, and was now gifted to Lesmahagow Gospel Mission.

Opportunity was also taken at this time to instal electric lighting throughout the church, and in March, 1936, the Accousticon hearing aid was installed at six points.

Other gifts have also been received by the Church. In March, 1941, two brass flower vases were gifted by Mr. Thomas Brownlie in memory of his wife, who had for so many years been responsible for the flowers at each service. In the same year Mrs. Summers presented a lectern in memory of her husband, Mr. John Summers, who had faithfully served for many years as a member of the Manager's Court, and ultimately as an Elder. After the re-opening of the newly decorated church, the following presentations were made in 1950 :—

A Communion Table was gifted anonymously in memory of the Rev. Walter Gerrard and Rev. Robert K. McKinlay, M.A., Ph.D., and the Rev. G. Renton Brown's name was added after his death. The minister's communion chair was gifted by the President, Mr. Andrew Riddell and his sisters in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Riddell, founder members. Mrs. Barbara Brownlie of Canada gifted a chair in memory of her husband, Mr. Archibald Brownlie and his brothers, Thomas, Gavin, Robert, Alexander and John, all former members. The treasurer, Mr. William M. Brownlie, his brother and sisters gifted a chair in memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Brownlie, founder members. Mr. William Meikle and family gifted hymn boards in memory of his wife (and mother), Mrs. Jane Watt Meikle. In March, 1952, Miss Minnie Thomson, of Bellshill, a former Matron of the local Hospital and member of the church gifted a framed casting, depicting Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper," and this now hangs prominently in the Church Vestibule.

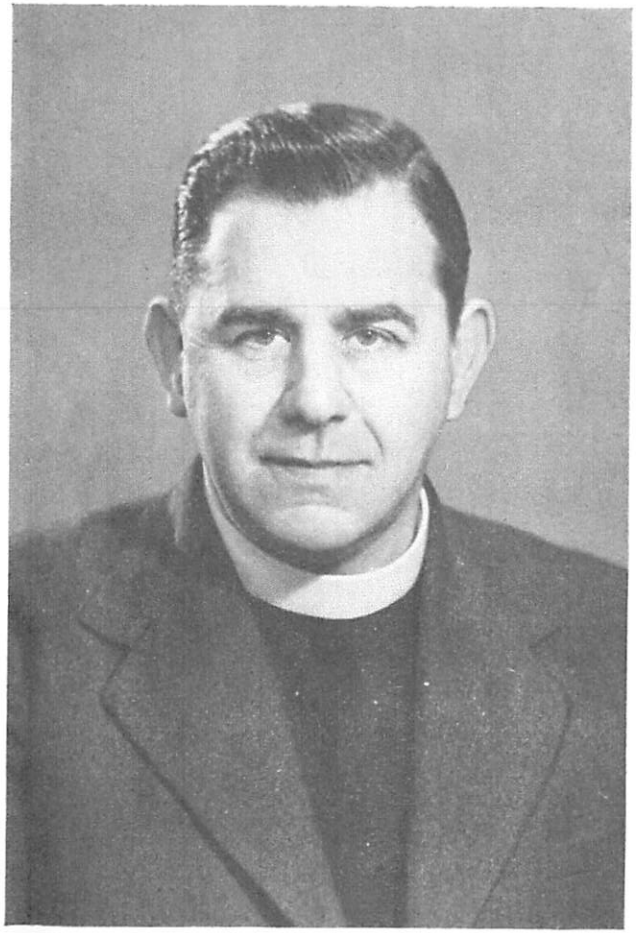
The former Communion Table was gifted by the Church to our sister Church, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

In 1931 the Girls' Auxiliary presented a Pulpit Bible together with books of praise for use by the Minister.

In November, 1953, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. M. Brownlie of U.S.A., former members of the Church and choir, presented hymn books for the use of the Minister, Organist and Choir.

On Sunday, 7th February of this year, four silver plates, for use in the Communion Service were presented by the Church Officer, Mr. Alex. McLuckie and his wife.

On Sunday, February 14th, a handsome carpet and matching rug were gifted by the Women's Union for the Minister's Vestry.



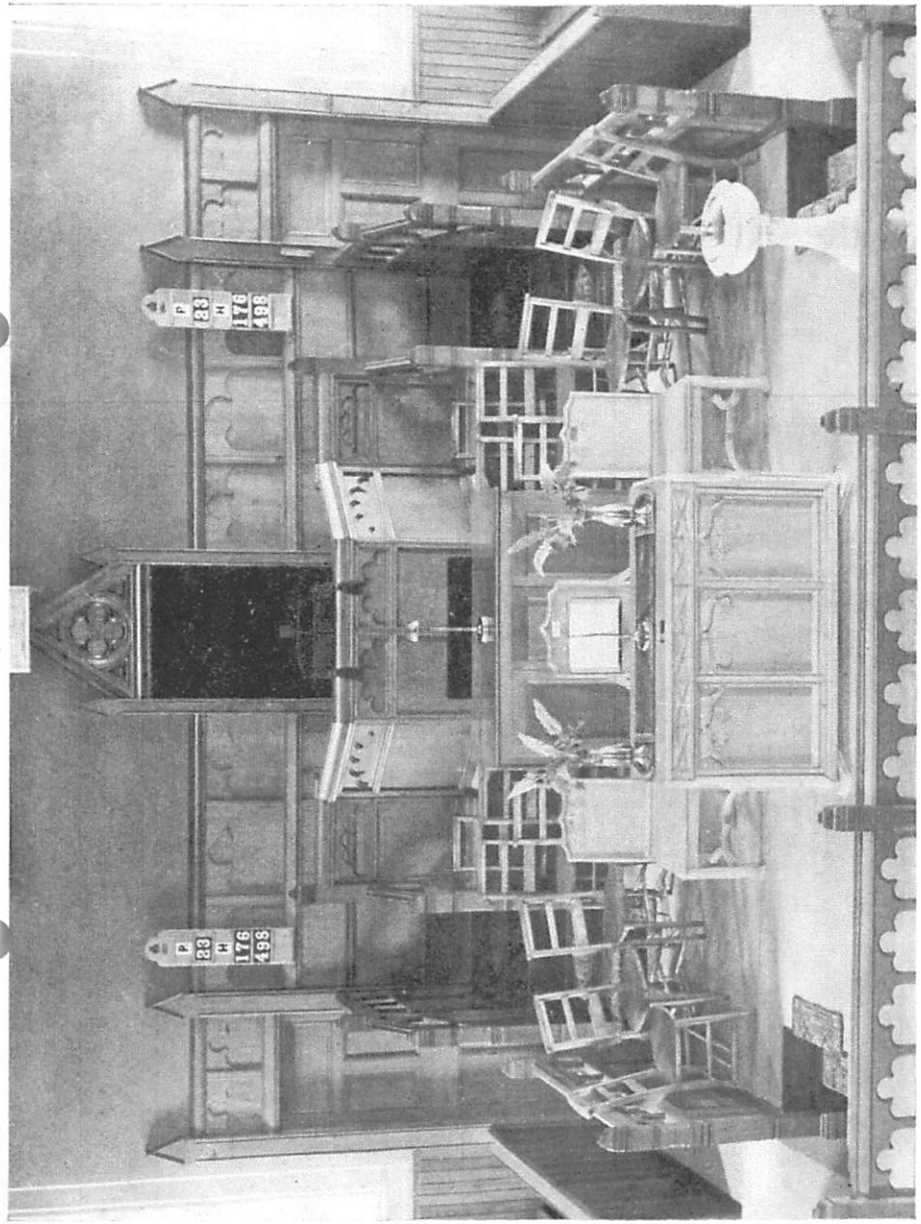
Rev. R. M. LAWSON.

These gifts while serving a useful function have also made beautiful the holiness of the Sanctuary.

It is interesting to note that while the common custom of the Congregational Church is to have one governing court, normally known as the Diaconate, composed of Deacons, the Stonehouse Church naturally followed the organisation of the United Free Church. Thus we find two governing bodies, the Session under the chairmanship of the Pastor, dealing with the spiritual side of the Church and the Managers' Court with the President as Chairman, responsible for the temporal affairs. A happy liaison between these two bodies has contributed to efficient administration. After much deliberation the FreeWill Offering Scheme was introduced on the first Sunday of January, 1954, replacing the offering taken at the Church door at each service, and also a monthly contribution uplifted by the Church Managers each month.

The wisdom of this change cannot yet be assessed truly, but if the members give freely and willingly as the Lord has prospered them, then the manner of their giving will be of little import.

The brief history from 1893 is of necessity lacking in much detail, since so much has happened, and so many noble characters have helped to make it during those 60 years that it would not be possible to relate everything in such a concise form. However, this short narrative may serve to ensure that the past is not entirely forgotten, to establish that those who have blazed the trail and passed on, have built on a sure foundation, to instil in those who carry on the story, a stronger desire to serve God and His Kingdom here.



Stonehouse Congregational Church.

MINISTERS

1894–1906	Rev. Peter Smith
1906–1917	Rev. James Wallace
1917–1922	Rev. Walter Gerrard
1922–1932	Rev. Robert McKinlay, M.A., Ph.D.
1933–1944	Rev. David C. McArthur, M.B.E.
1941–1943	Rev. J. G. R. Strachan (Interim)
1944–1948	Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A.
1948–1951	Rev. G. Renton Brown
1952–	Rev. R. M. Lawson

SECRETARIES

1896–1905	Mr. Alexander Borland
1905–1915	Mr. John Borland
1915–1915	Mr. Hugh Lambie
1916–1920	Mr. John Borland
1920–1924	Mr. Alex. Kidd
1924–1928	Mr. Hugh Walker
1928–1936	Mr. Walter Borland
1936–1939	Mr. Thomas Millar (Hill Road)
1939–1946	Mr. Hugh Lambie
1946–	Mr. Thomas Millar (Hill Road)

TREASURERS

1896–1906	Mr. Thomas Millar, Boghall Street
1906–1909	Mr. James Wilson
1909–1921	Mr. Thomas Millar (Boghall)
1921–1942	Mr. Robert Jackson (until his passing in 1942)
1942–1943	Mr. Walter Bryson
1943–1946	Mr. Thomas Millar (King Street)
1946–1952	Mr. William Brownlie
1952–1952	Mr. James Naismith Hamilton
1953–	Mr. James Fairley

PRESIDENTS

1906–1921	Mr. Robert Thomson
1921–1928	Mr. Thomas Millar (Hill Road)
1928–1941	Mr. Thomas Millar (Boghall Street)
1941–	Mr. Andrew Riddell

TRUSTEES 1896

Mr. Alex. Borland
Mr. Thomas Millar (Boghall Street)
Mr. Archibald Hamilton
Mr. Thomas Millar (Hill Road)
Mr. Robert Sommerville
Mr. Thomas Brown
Mr. Andrew Riddell (Senior)

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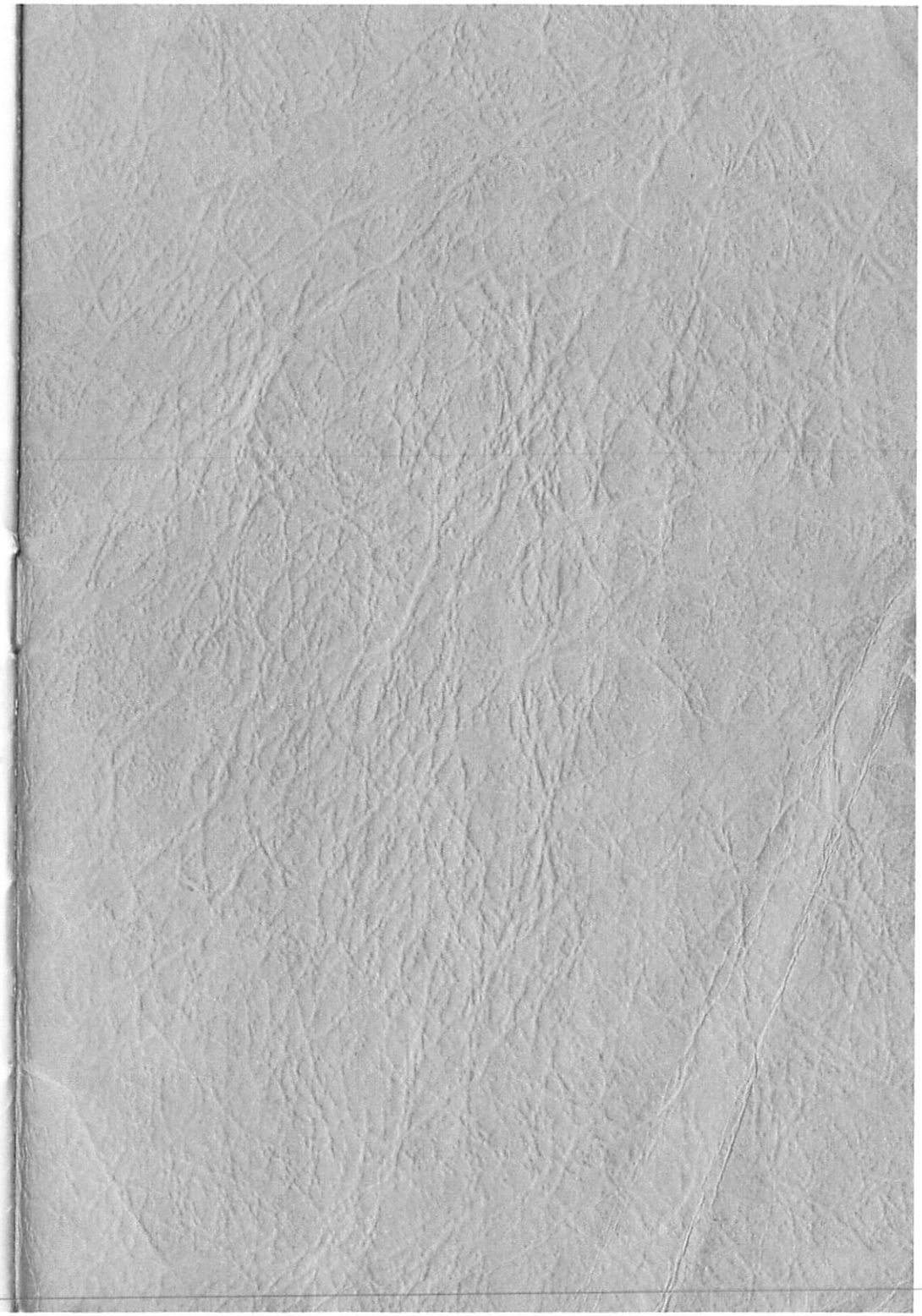
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