

# MORSE PLACE CHURCH MARKS ANNIVERSARY

Special services conducted in Morse Place United church Sunday, Nov. 26, marked the 24th anniversary of the congregation. The special preachers for the day were Dr. E. G. Perry, of the United Colleges, and Principal John MacKay, of Manitoba College.

The beginnings of Morse Place church reach back to 1909 when pioneers of the community organized to hold religious services, and to secure the erection of a church edifice. The first service was held in the home of Mr. Christie in the fall of 1908. It was conducted by Rev. R. O. Armstrong, minister of Gordon Methodist church. At this service a committee was appointed.

For a time services were held in various homes in the community. Later, Mr. H. M. Millman loaned a cottage in which services were held. An offer by Mr. Millman to donate a site for a church building to the first denomination ready to erect a building spurred the people to greater efforts. An intensive campaign for funds was organized and carried through and in 1909 a church was built.

The work developed rapidly, and a growing congregation and extension of auxiliaries made more accommodation necessary. This was provided by an enlargement of the building at a cost of \$7,000, the building being completed in 1928 during the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Atchison.

The first regular minister of the church, appointed in 1911, was Rev. T. Hoskins. He was followed by a group of student supplies, including Arthur Rose, W. L. F. Patterson, John Clark, W. H. Pankhurst, Rev. W. S. Atchison, Rev. L. Stinson, Rev. John Bowering and Rev. L. Bouchard.

The present minister, who took charge of the congregation in June of this year, is Rev. N. R. Wright. Under his leadership the work of the church is making steady progress, and the various organizations are carrying on with vigor and enthusiasm.

The Women's Club of John Black United church will hold the quarterly luncheon meeting on Wednesday next at 1.15, in the church. Mrs. P. Mitchell's group have charge of the arrangements. At this meeting the report of the past year's work will

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