

the
parish church
of
stenhouse and
carron

1900—1975



FOREWORD

When the congregation of Stenhouse Parish Church celebrated its Jubilee in 1950, my predecessor the Rev. A. A. Fleming wrote the foreword to a book about the Church and its life written to mark the occasion. In that foreword Mr Fleming looked ahead to a day when someone would write another such book entitled "Stenhouse, 1900-2000." No-one of course could then have foreseen the changes which would prevent a book with such a title from ever being written, and which would create the need which this present booklet is intended to fill.

The first of these changes was the union with Carron Church in 1963. This not only altered the name of our church to "Stenhouse & Carron" but also added many good members and office-bearers to the United Congregation. They too had a fine history, however, and this has been briefly outlined herein. The Carron buildings may have disappeared, but the name, the history, the witness and the influence of the former Carron Church is still very much alive, within our congregation.

The second major change that has come upon us in recent years is the very obvious increase in the number of homes in our ecclesiastical Parish. Already this has resulted in a very welcome influx of new members and it is partly in the hope that they may feel more at home in our church that we decided to publish this booklet. Here briefly is where we have come from and what we have been; this is our inheritance. It falls now to every present member of Stenhouse & Carron Church to write the next chapter.

We are indebted to many people for their help in producing this booklet. Those of you who know the book "Stenhouse Parish Church 1900-1950" will however appreciate that we are particularly indebted to our treasurer Mr John S. McLachlan, whose careful and more detailed work remains an invaluable resource book for anyone interested in the history of our church.

ROBERT K. HARDIE

**MESSAGE OF GOODWILL
FROM THE MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERY**

With great readiness I write on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Stenhouse and Carron recognising your family enrichment since Stenhouse celebrated a semi-jubilee alone. On behalf of the Presbytery I extend greetings and good wishes to a congregation whose members and ministers have contributed so notably to the affairs of Church and community. Many of the good things in the interest of young and old in Larbert and Stenhousemuir have had their origin and nurture in this congregation. As minister of Larbert Old it is a particular pleasure to convey the felicitations of that congregation since my distinguished predecessor, Dr. McLaren, first gave the church its name and I am quite sure would have approved the practical and outgoing concerns followed ever since.

Since your day of semi-jubilee there have been many changes. The fields surrounding your beautiful church buildings are built upon but there is still some pleasant green left to delight the eye. The biggest changes are the intangible ones, such things as lack of faith, decayed values, and trust in material things. The people of God are being tested in this setting and there is no doubt but that the process will continue in the next twenty-five years as you progress towards your century. My prayer for you is that with honesty and with courage, with imagination and with grace, you may continue a bright and effective witness to Christ and His Gospel.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN COOKE

STENHOUSE PARISH CHURCH—THE BEGINNING

On a memorial in the centre of the bell tower there is the following inscription—"Erected by public subscription to commemorate the Jubilee of the Rev. John McLaren, D.D., as minister of the United Parishes of Larbert and Dunipace, A.D. 1897."

Originally known as the McLaren Memorial Church, the name was changed to the Church and Parish of Stenhouse in December, 1904, when the church and district were raised to the status of a Parish Church and Parish Quoad Sacra by the Court of Session.

Dr. McLaren was a native of Edinburgh, where he was educated at the Royal High School and the University. In both institutions he had a career of exceptional brilliance and at the early age of nineteen he was appointed classical master in George Watson's College, and a little later he had the offer of a professorship in India but resolved to give his talents to the Church. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Edinburgh in 1847, and after being assistant for three months to Dr. Auld in Ayr, he came to the United Parishes of Larbert and Dunipace in succession to the Rev. Francis McGill. Ordained on the 16th September, 1847, he laboured faithfully in his important charge for the long period of over fifty years until his death on 5th January, 1898.

Dr. McLaren was a faithful pastor and a preacher of distinction and he held a commanding position in the Presbytery and in the General Assembly. He was also an educationist of outstanding ability and his services in this connection to his parish and country were pre-eminent. On his appointment to the United Parishes of Larbert and Dunipace, the parish schools came under his immediate supervision and were brought by him to a very high standard of efficiency. He became a member of the School Board on its formation and for many years he filled the position of Chairman. His services to education were recognised by the Educational Institute of Scotland, of which he was elected a Fellow, and he also held for a time the position of President of the Institute.

Towards the close of Dr. McLaren's career, when his ministry reached the great length of fifty years, it was felt by his friends that something should be done to commemorate his long life and service. With Dr. McLaren's approval, it was decided that the memorial should take the form of a church to meet the needs of the large and increasing population in the East End of Stenhousemuir. The first sod of the foundation was cut on the 16th September, 1897, by Mrs Sherriff of Carronvale, and the address was given by the Very Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang. The Very Rev. Dr. Mair (Moderator of General Assembly), Rev. A. Gunn (Moderator of Stirling Presbytery) and Rev. James Steel (Interim-Moderator of Larbert Kirk Session) also took part in the Service. The building was completed on 25th October, 1899. The completion stone was laid by Mr J. J. McLaren, Chairman of Carron Company. The completed building was dedicated on Saturday, 20th January, 1900, the

Very Rev. Dr. John Pagan, Moderator of the General Assembly, preaching the sermon, assisted in the service by the Rev. Alexander Bryson, Interim Moderator of Larbert Kirk Session, and Rev. Archibald Jamieson, Moderator of the Presbytery of Stirling.

THE CHURCH, HALL AND MANSE

The Church is one of the finest in the country and is constructed of red sandstone from the South of Scotland, and roofed with red tiles. It owes its beauty not to any ornament, but to the simplicity and dignity of its form. It consists of a nave and aisle, separated by a series of bays of simple stone arches. It is oriented and at the east end is the chancel with pulpit and prayer desk, choir stalls and communion table. Continuing the aisle is an outer chancel with organ chamber. At the west end of the nave is a massive tower in which is placed the only gallery in the Church. The hall adjoins the outer chancel at a right angle, and is divided from it by a stone arch. At the end of the hall are situated the session-house and vestry, and adjoining is the manse, which was built on in 1906, seven years after the completion of the church and hall. The architect was Sir J. J. Burnett, LL.D., and the principal contractors were Messrs. J. J. & P. McLachlan, Larbert.

The cost of building the church and hall amounted to £7,389 and this was partly met by grants, subscriptions and church collections amounting to £6,116. The balance of £1,273 was more than cleared off from the proceeds of a three days bazaar held in the Falkirk Town Hall early in 1902 when £1,675 was raised.

The cost of building the manse was £1,880 and was met by subscriptions, church collections and various other fund raising activities over the period until 1912.

The original gas lighting was replaced by electric lighting during 1927, being one of the first buildings in the area to be lit by electricity.

MINISTER APPOINTED AND PARISH STATUS OBTAINED

Immediately the task of building the church was completed, the trustees had to decide upon the appointment of the first minister. During their deliberations, services were conducted in the church each Sunday by visiting ministers, the first four of these being: Rev. Macadam Muir, D.D., Glasgow Cathedral; Rev. D. Niven, Pollokshields, Glasgow; Rev. Principal W. Herbert Storey, Glasgow University, and Rev. Robert Armstrong, M.A., B.D., St. Matthew's Parish Church, Glasgow.

In a very short time the trustees fixed their choice on David Scribner Merrow, B.D., a young man thirty years of age, at that time assistant to Rev.

Dr. Donald MacLeod, Park Church, Glasgow. The choice was confirmed by the congregation, and Mr Merrow accepted the call, commencing his work in Stenhouse on Easter Sunday, 15th April, 1900. On the 28th June of that year he was ordained by the Presbytery of Stirling.

For the first four years the congregation was attached to Larbert Church and was under the jurisdiction of Larbert Kirk Session. It had, however, its own managers and trustees who were responsible for its temporal welfare. The original trustees were: Messrs. George Sherriff of Carronvale, Archibald McLellan (manager of Carron Company), John B. Cochrane, W. D. Gillies of Denovan and Major Robert Dobbie.

On the 2nd December, 1904, the Court of Session granted the Trustees' petition to raise the status of the church and district to a parish quoad sacra, when the name was changed to Stenhouse Parish Church.

The nucleus of the congregation was formed mainly by people living in the east end of the village, for whose convenience the church had been built. By 1904, when the church was disjoined from Larbert, it had a membership of 280. The development of the area surrounding the church has increased the membership to the present level of 800.

THE MEMORIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

There are four stained glass windows of great beauty and all are the work of Dr. Douglas Strachan. In the chancel is the east window consisting of three lights, and bears the signature of Dr. Strachan. It is understood that on only one other window did Dr. Strachan use his signature. The window is a representation of St. John's vision in the 4th and 5th chapters of the Book of Revelation. The bottom of each of the three lights represents the earthly scene and life; on the left, looking towards the window, is industry (Carron Works!), then a country scene; and on the right St. John shades his eyes as he looks up at the heavenly scene. Above the earthly part is the Sea of Glass. In the centre light the Lord holds the seven stars in the blue firmament in His right hand; around are the seven golden candlesticks; from His head flashes a ray of light (to reproduce "out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword" would be grotesque if directly reproduced). At His feet is the Lamb of God, around Him the four and twenty elders, and then the worshipping hosts of heaven. On the left is shown a soul rising from earth to heaven and being received by an angel in red (charity). Underneath is the following inscription "In memory of George Sherriff of Carronvale and Stenhouse 1856-1908. 'Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus'. Given by Catherine J. Sherriff, September 1914." In the small window on the north side of the chancel is a representation of the end of the walk to Emmaus, and shows our Lord breaking bread with the two disciples (St. Luke 24, verses 13-31), subscribed by the words, "their eyes were opened and they knew Him." Below is a medallion showing Cleophas and his com-

panions inviting Jesus to enter the house. The whole is surrounded by the signs of the four evangelists and surmounted by the dove of peace. This window was gifted by the widow of Mr John B. Cochrane, and carved on the stone at the side is the following inscription: "To the glory of God in memory of John Bell Cochrane, a founder and benefactor of this Church 1842-1914. J.H.C." This window was dedicated on 2nd December 1922. Next to it is the third window which was erected posthumously, not quite finished, it having been intended to have some wording on it which is missing. This window light is a representation of the angel guarding the tomb and the inscription on the stonework at the side of the window reads: "To the glory of God in memory of David Scribner Merrow, first minister of this church, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord 1871-1947." The fourth window is in the nave on the north side, and consists of two lights. It represents the Crucifixion; the west light shows Mary Cleophas, Mary and John, behind them the centurion on horseback with a background of houses. The east light continues the background and shows Our Lord on the Cross with Mary Magdelene kneeling at His feet and a Roman soldier standing by. Below is an oak board with lead letters bearing the following inscription: "To the glory of God in loving memory of Catherine Jane Sherriff, a devout member and benefactor of this Church. A friend of the poor and all good causes. This window is placed by her children. The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God. They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." This window was dedicated on 26th September, 1937.

GIFTS DEDICATED TO THE SANCTUARY

On the north side of the chancel is the pulpit which is constructed of red sandstone with a marble top, and opposite on the south side of the chancel is the reading desk which is made of oak. Beside the reading desk is the baptismal font. The font was the gift of Mr John Bell Cochrane, one of the original trustees of the Church, and is made of bronze, silvered over, and is the work of Mr Albert Hodge of London. It is of perfect design, representing four children supporting a large laver round which is inscribed "Suffer little children to come unto me." Round the base of the font is the legend "A Little Child the saviour came, the Mighty God was still His name." On the stonework below the font is inscribed "In pious memory of his son Robert and his daughter Lizzie, this font was erected by John Bell Cochrane, 1900."

The organ, which was the gift of Major Robert Dobbie of Beechmont, one of the original trustees of the church, was installed in 1902. It is the work of Messrs. J. J. Binns, of Bramley, Leeds.

The Communion vessels of the Church consist of six chalices, two patens, and one flagon, and all are of beautiful silver work. Two of the chalices were the gift of Mr Robert Webster, Session Clerk of Larbert

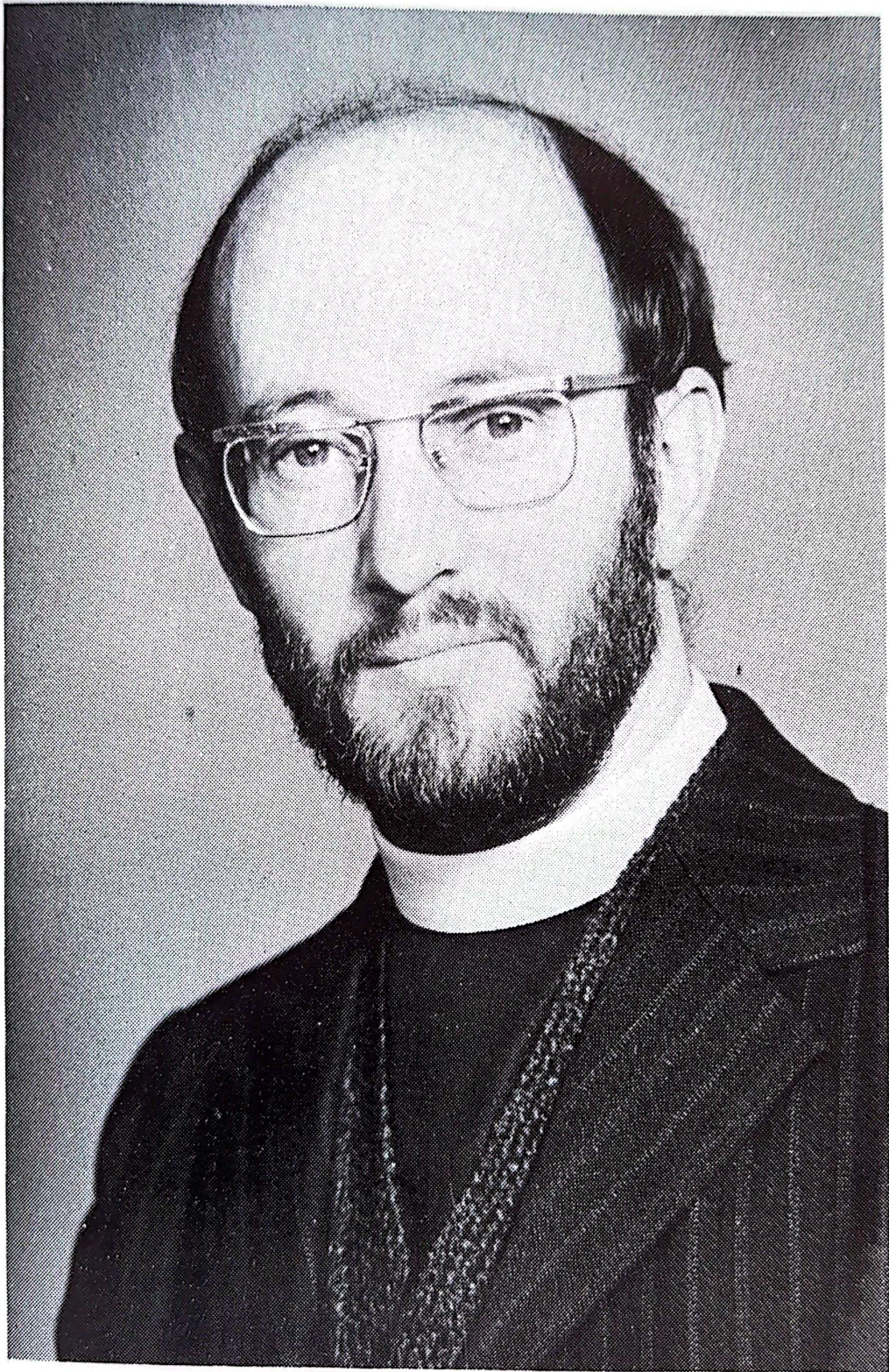
Parish Church, and bear the following inscription: "Gifted to the McLaren Memorial Church, Stenhousemuir, by Robert Webster, member of Kirk Session, and Session Clerk of Larbert Parish, in the Ministry of the Rev. David S. Merrow, B.D., December 1900." Two further chalices, the flagon, and the two patens, were added in 1904. The two chalices are inscribed: "I.H.S. Church of Stenhouse 1904." The last two chalices are inscribed: "Quid retribuam Domino Calicem Salutoris Accipiam Church of Stenhouse, January, 1925," (translation: "What shall I render to the Lord, I will take the cup of salvation"), and were dedicated as a memorial of the completion of the first twenty-five years since the church was consecrated.

In the centre of the chancel is the Communion table designed to perpetuate the memory of the thirty-four members and adherents of Stenhouse Congregation who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-18, and was placed in position on Thursday, 24th March, 1921, when it was unveiled and dedicated by Dr. MacGibbon of Glasgow Cathedral. The Memorial table of carved oak was made to design by Sir J. J. Burnett, the architect of the Church and manse. The three figures, Our Lord and His adoring Angels, and the figures of St. Andrew and St. George on the north and south corners of the table, were modelled by Mr William Vickers, sculptor, and the carving was carried out by Mr Porter, foreman carver with Messrs. Wyllie & Lochhead Ltd. The colouring was carried out by a Glasgow artist, after visiting the church and studying the colour schemes in the east window.

In July, 1948, the names of the six members and adherents of the Church who gave their lives in the World War of 1939-45 were added. It is of interest to know that the carving in this instance was also carried out by Mr Porter of Wyllie & Lochhead Ltd.

The memorial tablet in the Church on the arch to the south of the reading desk, is of bronze with a piece of Iona marble in the centre of a Celtic cross. It was erected by the congregation in memory of Miss Alice Merrow and bears the following inscription, "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Octavia Merrow, 1860-1932, a sister of the first minister of this church. The congregation of Stenhouse in gratitude for a pure life, and many good works, place this bronze, February, 1934. 'Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. Hallelujah.' "

A similar memorial tablet is positioned on the north wall of the church bearing the inscription: "To the glory of God in memory of Annie Louise Merrow, 1864-1954, a sister of the first minister of this church, organist and leader of the Helping Hands. This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. Erected by the congregation." Additional tablets include one on the right hand side wall of the chancel inscribed: "In memory of the Rev. A. E. Anderson, B.D., second minister of Carron Church, 1909-1917," and one on the left hand side the wording on which is: "In memory of the Rev. John Yellowlees, first minister of Carron Church, 1879-1920." The inscription on a small metal plaque fixed to the wall above the right hand



Rev. Robert K. Hardie, M.A., B.D.

Stenhouse & Carron Church—The Chancel



The Kirk Session in 1975

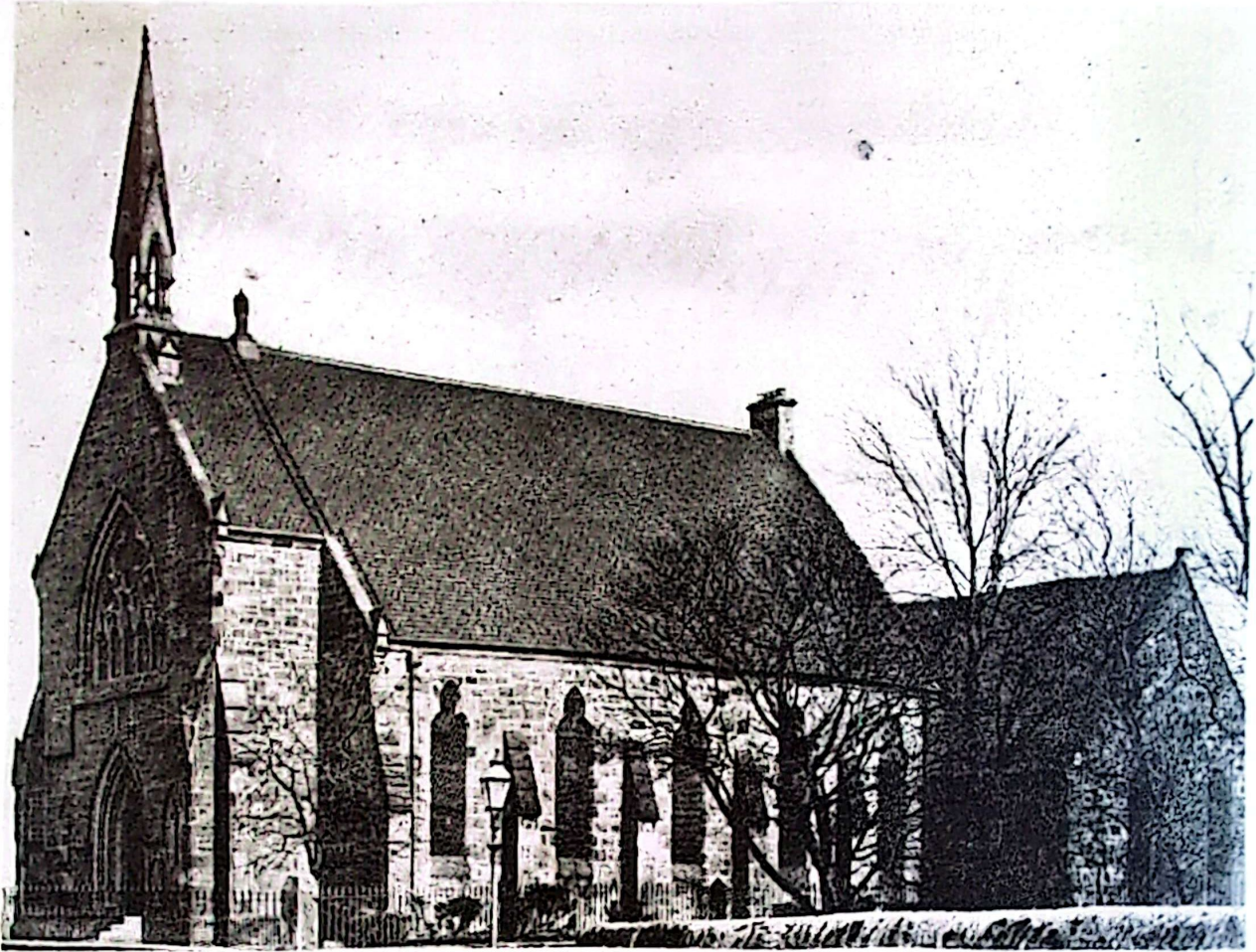


BACK ROW—Grant Stronach, John S. McLachlan, James Anderson, John S. Hay, Loggan Hadden, John Paterson, Alastair G. Neilson, John Mitchell, George Laing, John H. Laird, James B. Millar, Walter Weir.

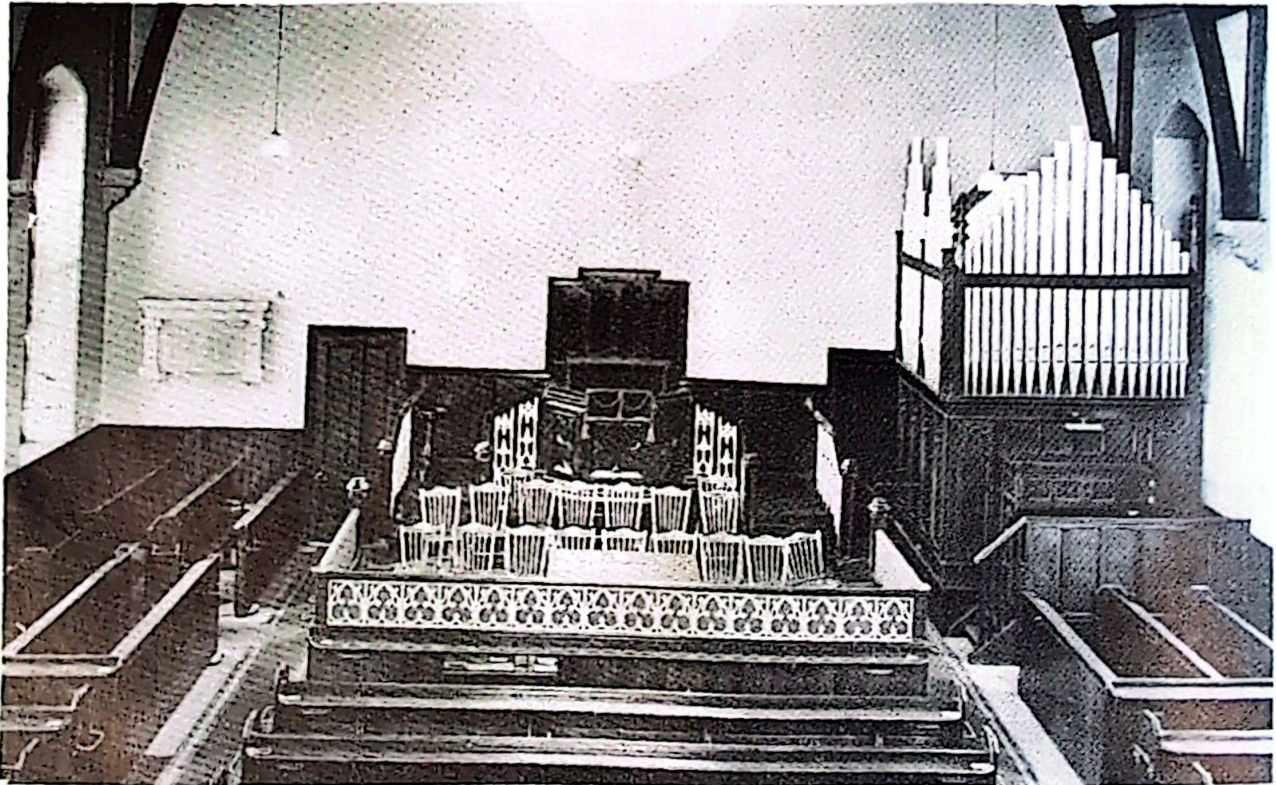
MIDDLE ROW—Andrew Shearer, John Cunningham, Edward Rycroft, Anthony Cowan, Leah F. Duncan, Elizabeth S. Cunningham, Ebenezer McArthur, Annie M. Heron, Janet M. Walker, Heather B. Binnie, Alexander Porteous, Colin C. Thomson, William R. Tait, Allan W. B. Stalker, Raymond J. T. Corbett.

FRONT ROW—Andrew McPhail, Robert P. Clark, James G. Dickson, J. A. M. McOustra, Rev. Robert K. Hardie, Thomas Burton, Alan W. Lightbody, William Robb, Charles Clark.

Carron Church—Exterior view



Carron Church—Interior view



side of the reading desk reads: "The lamp above the desk was installed to the glory of God and in memory of Miss A. L. Merrow by her relatives, August, 1955." The only other plaque is on the rear wall of the vestibule and is inscribed:

"Stenhouse



Carron

1st November, 1963

on which day these congregations were united
under the ministry of the Rev. A. A. Fleming, J.P., B.Sc."

The war memorial from Carron Church was transferred and installed in the United Church after the union of the two congregations in 1963.

Communion vessels from Carron Church were also transferred to the united congregations and are used regularly during the celebrations of the Sacrament.

Numerous other gifts from members of the congregation have also been dedicated over the years.

SOME MAIN ACTIVITIES IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

In June 1925 the celebration of the semi jubilee of the Church and Mr Merrow's ministry at Stenhouse took place. In appreciation of his services and of their respect the congregation presented him with a silver salver, a canteen of silver and a monetary gift at a special function held in the Dobbie Hall.

At this time the congregation had increased from the original 280 to 500 members and has increased steadily over the years since.

On 26th October, 1941, Mr Merrow retired after 41 years service as minister and went to live at St. Andrews.

From the beginning, the church has always been greatly assisted by the continuous activities of the lady members of the congregation. Miss Merrow had initiated and led the ladies social group known as the "Helping Hands" which eventually developed into a branch of the Womans Guild on 15th February, 1943 and has continued to be an extremely active organisation undertaking many essential tasks.

The introduction of midweek evening services during Easter week in

1907, and in 1946 the introduction of the Christmas Eve midnight service, Christmas day service and Communion on Christmas Sunday have all become an established part of our worship. In 1968 the Family service on the first Sunday of each month was introduced and is a welcome addition to the life of the congregation.

Youth work has always had a prominent place in the activities of the church in the form of Primary and Senior Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship and the affiliation of Scout, Cub, Guide and Brownie companies. Close contact has always been maintained between the respective ministers of the Church and the Royal Scottish National Institution and Bellsdyke Hospital, also with Larbert High School, formerly Larbert Central School, which is situated in the parish in close proximity to the church. Mr Fleming was also a member of the Board of Management of Callendar Park College of Education being appointed to this position in 1964.

The activities of the choir both in public worship and on numerous social occasions has been marked with success over the years. Since 1947 this success can be attributed mainly to the leadership of Miss Mary White who has been organist since then.

November 1963 saw the union of the two congregations of Stenhouse Parish Church and Carron Church after which the name of the united congregation was changed to the Parish Church of Stenhouse and Carron and the original Stenhouse Church used as the place of worship.

1967 saw the completion of 25 years ministry by Mr Fleming. This was marked by several of Mr Fleming's colleagues and personal friends conducting the services during Easter week, including Rev. W. J. Gordon, late of Larbert Old Parish Church; Rev. Roy Sanderson at that time Moderator designate to the General Assembly; Professor T. F. Torrance, New College, Edinburgh, and Rev. Ian Reid, Pilton, Edinburgh. The occasion was marked by a congregational presentation to Mr Fleming at a social function in the Dobbie Hall at which the Caledonia Choir entertained a large company of members, followed by a dinner and dance.

Mr Fleming left Stenhouse and Carron in 1969 and was inducted to the charge of Howgate, Penicuik in September of that year.

The vacancy was quickly filled by the appointment of the Rev. Robert K. Hardie, M.A., B.D., assistant Minister at St. Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen, who was inducted to the charge of Stenhouse & Carron on 3rd December, 1969.

1970 saw a further development in activities with the ordination of our first two lady elders; Miss Janet Walker and Miss Heather Binnie. In 1972 Mrs Leah Duncan and in 1974 Mrs Elizabeth Cunningham and Mrs Annie Heron were ordained to the eldership.

CARRON CHURCH—THE BEGINNING

Carron Church had its beginning among the children. It was born in the open air where the children romped, played and listened to the student Missionary, John Yellowlees, who had been sent to work among them in the area. Friendship with the children led to friendship with their parents. Outdoor meetings in summer became indoor meetings during winter. A centre of interest and activity was created and the nucleus of a congregation formed.

In April 1878 Falkirk Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church appointed a committee under the convenorship of the Rev. James Aitchison to examine the feasibility of starting mission work at Carron. 30 persons became actively interested and regular evening services and Sabbath School for 300 children were held in Carron schoolroom, which facility was granted by Carron Company.

Presbytery granted petition to form a congregation on 24th December, 1878 and the Rev. James Aitchison was appointed moderator. The first elders, who were already ordained serving elders in other Falkirk congregations, were inducted and these were: William Jardine from the West Church; Robert Baillie from Erskine Church; John Mathieson from the South Church (now Graham's Road Church) and Matthew Campbell from the West Church.

Nine managers were also appointed and these were: James Merry (clerk); John Watson (preses); James Halley (treasurer); James Aitken; Alexander Hunter; William Duncan; Robert Baillie; Andrew Peebles and William Jardine.

The first task was the appointment of a minister and the congregation asked for Mr Yellowlees whom they had known as a student missionary, now a licensed probationer, to be considered as one of the candidates. Mr Yellowlees was selected as the first minister and was ordained on 17th April, 1879, the congregation at that time numbering 71.

The next task was the provision of a Church and Hall. The memorial stone was laid by the Minister on 2nd October, 1880 and the Church was officially opened on the 10th June, 1881 by the Rev. John Cairns, D.D., Principal of the College of the United Presbyterian Church. The cost of the buildings was £2,609, all of which had been raised before the completion of the work.

1904 saw the celebration of the semi jubilee, at which time the congregation had increased to 440 members. The semi jubilee was a unique occasion in so far as it was the 25th anniversary of the church; the Rev. John Yellowlees's ministry at Carron; Robert Baillie as Session Clerk and James Merry as Clerk to the Board of Managers.

Youth activities were always in the forefront, the 1st Carron Company of the Boy's Brigade being founded in 1904.

On the 3rd November, 1963 the last services were conducted in Carron Church by the Rev. Neill Campbell, Saint Modans, Falkirk. Holy Communion was celebrated at the morning service with a special Thanksgiving Service in the evening.

The congregations of Stenhouse and Carron were united on the 17th November, 1963 when 150 members from Carron joined the united congregation.

THE CHARACTER OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE

Stenhouse and Carron Church as a building is very obviously another church, but with certain architectural features that make it one of the more outstanding church buildings in the Presbytery. In a similar way, the congregational life associated with the building is at first sight no different from what you'll find in any other church, yet it too retains a character of its own—which is hard to define.

Sunday by Sunday the congregation meets to worship God, to listen to his word, to enjoy the gospel and then to go forth and let it bear fruit in their lives. Visitors frequently remark on the very uplifting spirit that they have found in this church at worship, and as Dr. Cooke, the Moderator of Presbytery, shows in his letter, the fruits of the Gospel that have been borne from here into the community at large have been worthy of note. It is to be hoped that a Christ-like concern, an outward looking attitude, and a high degree of involvement both in the needs of the community and of the wider world will be a continuing feature of Stenhouse & Carron Parish Church.

The monthly family service has been of great benefit to the life of the congregation, in that it has helped to revive to some extent the old idea of "family worship."

Changing social patterns have in many ways weakened the status of the family as the basic social unit and anything the church can do to encourage family fellowship, be it in church or in the homes of its members, is surely a most necessary and relevant emphasis.

In a similar way ministers and members of Stenhouse & Carron have always given support to any move towards closer co-operation between the different churches and denominations in the community, in the belief that God in Christ is calling us to present a strong united front in answer to the challenge of a secular age.

These are just a few of the ideas and emphases that determine the character of this congregation's life and witness; but, as many authors say in the preface to their work—whatever of good you find is due to the inspiration and guidance of another. The failings, however, are all our own.

MINISTERS AT STENHOUSE & CARRON

1900-1941—David Scribner Merrow, M.A., B.D.

Mr Merrow was born in Glasgow in 1871. It is interesting to note that his ancestors were among those who migrated to America in the Mayflower in the seventeenth century.

Educated at Albany Academy, now Glasgow High School, he went to Glasgow University and graduated M.A., B.D. in 1894.

His first post was assistant to Rev. Dr. M. Campbell at Wallacetown Parish Church, Dundee. In 1898 he returned to Glasgow as assistant to the Rev. D. Macleod at Park Church, coming to Stenhouse in 1900.

Mr Merrow retired in October, 1941, after completing 41 years at Stenhouse. He spent the last remaining years of his retirement in St. Andrews where he died in November, 1947.

1942-1969—Alexander Arnot Fleming, B.Sc.

Mr Fleming was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Loretto. He then went to Edinburgh University where he graduated B.Sc. in 1932, thereafter studying for the ministry at New College until 1936. During this latter period he combined with his studies the post of leader at the Fettesian-Lorettonian Boy's Club in St. Giles Street.

On leaving New College he was appointed assistant at Inveresk, Musselburgh and in 1938 was appointed assistant to the Rev. H. C. Whitley, Newark Church, Port Glasgow. In 1940 he was appointed leader of Port Glasgow House in Lille; one of the first canteens to be opened by the Church of Scotland during the 1939-45 war and later undertook similar duties in the Orkneys.

Mr Fleming left Stenhouse and Carron in 1969 and now has responsibility for the charge of Howgate, Penicuik.

1969—Robert Keith Hardie, M.A., B.D.

Mr Hardie began his education at Broxburn High School. After a year in an Edinburgh Insurance Office he went on to Edinburgh University where he graduated M.A., in 1964 and B.D. in 1967. On leaving university, he went to assist in the Tron Church, Moredun, a church extension charge on the south side of Edinburgh. However, owing to the sudden death of the minister, the Rev. I. Ireland, he found himself in sole charge during a six month vacancy. He was then sent to assist the Rev. A. S. Todd, at St. Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen, where he remained until his call to Stenhouse & Carron at the end of 1969.

CARRON

1897 William Jardine
1907 Robert Baillie
John Mathieson
Matthew Copeland
James Donald
Henry W. Frost
William Shirra
Peter Tainsh
Stuart Thorpe
Philip Morrison
William Sharpe
James Halley
George McLean
David Marshall
Mungo Temple
Robert Mitchell
John Philip
John Clarke
William J. C. Tenant
John Mitchell
John Laing
James Bacon
John Stevenson
James Alexander
Joseph Duffin
Adam Cranston
John Copeland
Richard Robertson

1908 James Shearer
1921 William Reid
William Smith
1923 David Mitchell
1925 Daniel Thomson
1930 Henry McVey
Joseph Sharp
Henry Wright
1937 Andrew McLachlan
David Scobbie
1947 Thomas Burton
Archibald Galbraith
James McDonald
Alexander Mackie
1950 Peter Cowan
James Dickson
George Mitchell
James Paton
Thomas Huskie
1954 Alexander Beattie
Charles Grierson
Alexander Morrison
Edward Penman
John Wilkinson
Ebenezer McArthur

STENHOUSE & CARRON

1965 Andrew Shearer
William D. Watters
John Mitchell
1966 David Weir
William Robb
William McCrudden
1967 John Adams
Samuel D. Benson
Mark H. Mitchell
William R. Tait
1968 Kenneth Deans
1970 Thomas Campbell
Alan W. Lightbody
George McNab
Janet M. Walker
Alexander F. Barber
Heather B. Binnie
John H. Laird
Colin C. Thomson
Andrew McQueen

1971 Logan Hadden
Allan W. B. Stalker
Alexander Porteous
Alastair G. Neilson
1972 Leah F. Duncan
James B. Millar
John Paterson
1974 Elizabeth S. Cunningham
Annie M. Heron
Walter Weir