

REV. S. POLSON, EARLY DAY MISSIONARY, DIES

Born in Kildonan 80 Years Ago, Had Served in Ministry Since 1871

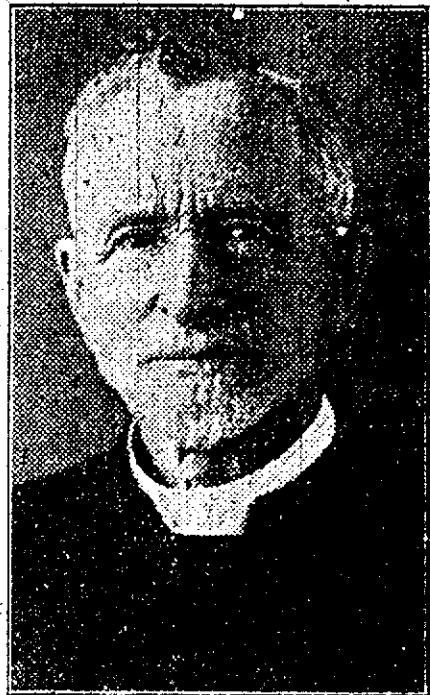
Rev. Samuel Polson, pioneer Presbyterian and United church minister, passed away at 1.30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, "Lochlea," East Kildonan road, in his 80th year. He was born on the original Selkirk grant in West Kildonan, Sept. 25, 1847. He was the eldest son of Angus Polson and Anne Henderson. He spent his youth on his father's farm, where his late residence now stands. Father and son were the cabinet and spinning-wheel makers for the Lord Selkirk settlement. One of his earliest recollections is that of standing near Little Stony Mountain during the flood-exodus in the spring of 1852, watching his father and uncle carve the inscription on the "John Black memorial stone," which will be the corner stone of the new John Black Memorial church.

Mr. Polson was for many years precentor of Kildonan church, ending his term in that office by organizing and conducting the first choir of that congregation; he was also the first precentor of Knox church, Winnipeg.

In First Manitoba college Class At the opening of Manitoba college in 1874, he sat in the first class and was one of the first group of its graduates. He served in mission fields of eastern Manitoba during his college years, and after taking post-graduate work in Knox college, Toronto, was ordained and inducted into regular ministry at Millbrook, Man., from which point he ministered to all the members of his faith resident in Manitoba, east of what is now Transcona.

Mr. Polson was born of pioneer stock and preferred to remain a pioneer in his ministry, building up scattered missions into thriving congregations and then moving on to new

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REV. SAMUEL POLSON,

born in West Kildonan in 1847, graduate of Manitoba college in the 70's, who died yesterday morning.

areas to find more development work. This he did at Nelsonville, where he was the only missionary of his church between Morden and Carman. He went into Hartney ahead of the railroad and preached at five scattered points covering an area which later supported seven towns. Moving on to Swan Lake in 1898 he had charge of territory between Miami and Greenway.

He retired from regular service in 1906, building a home on the river front of the old homestead, where he had since lived.

He enjoyed a well-earned rest by continuing work at his chosen profession. Besides organization and council work for the church, there were always numerous calls from families to whom he had ministered in the earlier days, who wanted him to share their special seasons of joy or days of trouble and sorrow.

Moderator in 1917

In 1917 Mr. Polson was called from retirement to become moderator of the synod of Manitoba, carrying on that work through a double term.

Mrs. Polson survives, with two sons, James J. of Winnipeg, and Hugh Gladstone, of East Kildonan. A brother, Angus Polson, lives in Victoria, B.C., and his sisters are Mrs. John Mackay, Murrayville, B.C.; Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Miss Minnie Polson, and Mrs. R. Murray Simpson, all of Winnipeg.

The funeral services will be held at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday, at King Memorial United church. Burial will be made in the family plot at Old Kildonan cemetery. Rev. E. G. Freeman, assisted by Rev. Hugh Robertson, will officiate. Funeral arrangements are in care of the A. B. Gardner & Co.'s funeral home.

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