

their soul's salvation, to the faithful preaching of these lay preachers. Among these men I might recall the sacred memory of James McLeod, John Cameron, John McLeod, (Ban Saor), who afterwards became one of the ruling elders. Murdoch McLennan, (Ruadh) Roderick Gillis, Brookfield, John McLinnis; (Iean Mac Eoghan) Alexander McLennan, Malcolm McLeod, (Callum Ruadh), elder, the late Angus Matheson, of fragrant and pious memory, Allen McLean, John and Donald Matheson, Malcolm, Murdoch, and Donald Gillis, Roderick McLeod, (Roireadh Mor) and Donald Nicholson. Of the heads of families of those who arrived in 1839-40-41, only the following are yet alive, Donald Nicholson, John McLeod and wife, Mrs Allen McSwain, Alexander McPherson and wife, Donald McDonald, Ross Valley; Mrs Murdoch McKinley, Malcolm Gillis, West Linn, and John Geo McLeod, Bradalbyn; Mrs John Matheson and Mrs Murdoch Gillis, Rose Valley; and John McKay, Hartsville.

About the year 1843, the year of the disruption of the Free Church from the church of Scotland, the Quarterly question meetings, which, I understand, have been kept up in the congregation to the present time, were established. These meetings continued some days and were made the occasion for many years afterwards, of scores of pious men and women to assemble together from Cardigan, Dundas, Brown's Creek, Wood Islands, West River and New London. Among those dear fathers, from the different places referred to, who were wont to take part in discussing "the question" at these meetings, you will pardon me (as the religious history of the congregation would be incomplete without them) if I mention the name of Mackay Campbell (Caie), Hector Falconer, William McIntosh, Alexander Sutherland, Angus McKenzie, William Ross, George McKay, James Henderson, James Morrison, and Donald McLeod, New London. The last three octogenarian elders are still alive: Alexander Munroe, Dundas; Martin McPherson (Malcolm Beag), Donald Bruce (Sern), William Martin, Donald Montgomery (Ruadh), Donald Macbeth, Malcolm Bruce, Malcolm Matheson, Malcolm Campbell,

Donald McKee and Sween-Campbell (Swaine), Brown's Creek; the last of whom was mighty in the Scriptures (in his native tongue, and greatly beloved by all.) Angus Macleod, Kinross; Jas. Munn, Wood Islands; Allan McSwain (Allain Eaghan), Long Creek; Donald McLeod (Domnhal Mac a Phrior) and John McLeod (Ian Muller), Bonshaw; Alexander Macdonald (Alister Mac-Ullihann), Alexander McKinnon and Malcolm McDonald (elder), New Glasgow Road; the last of whom is still alive; Alex Campbell and Murdoch Bethune, Brookfield; Donald McKinnon (Torburn); the Hon. Dr. Kenneth Henderson, Union Road; and Mungo MacFarlane, St. Peter's Road; and Donald Henderson, North Wiltshire. This practice was more closely attended to afterwards during communion seasons.

In those early days instead of what is now, alas, the too common practice, even among professing Christians, of reading newspapers or other light literature on the Lord's day, their reading consisted on that sacred day of the Shorter Catechism, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Boston's Fourfold State, Dodridge, The Scotch Worthier, Baxter's Saints' Rest, Dyer's Believer's Golden Chain, the Spiritual Hymns of James McGregor, Dougald Buchanan and Peter Grant, etc.

At the time of the disruption the people here were generally so well posted on the questions agitating the mother church that they without hesitation decided to throw in their lot with the Free Church party.

In the summer of 1844 a public meeting was held at which it was unanimously agreed to commence the building of a church forthwith, and within a short time the contract was let to John McKenzie (Saor Mor, a native of Pictou, N. S., for a handsome amount, considering the scarcity of money, at that early stage in their history. He prepared the building material during the fall and winter and commenced building early in the spring of 1845 and towards the first of July had so rapidly progressed with the work that the outside of the building was finished in that month, fifty years ago. Before the floor was laid in it a Mr. McMillan from Scotland preached a sermon therein, the people he.