

retiring in May, 1881. During Mr. Gilchrist's oversight of the work the church took on new strength. At frequent intervals showers of blessing descended from the Lord. Signal favor attended the preaching of the pastor, and the brethren were faithful in the discharge of their duty. Mr. Gilchrist had the joy of receiving into the church 114 by baptism and 25 by letter and experience. Thus was the church greatly comforted and increased in numbers.

Mr. Gilchrist was succeeded by Bro. D. M. Mihell, a young man, and at the time of assuming the pastorate, unordained. On September 27th, 1881, in pursuance with the call of the church, a council convened for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Mihell, who was accordingly set apart to the work of the ministry. This was also a fruitful pastorate, many being added to the church, and the spiritual life of the membership greatly strengthened and developed. Pastor Mihell was highly esteemed both for his worth and work's sake, and held a large place not only in the affection of his own people, but also in the respect of the community at large. He resigned in August, 1885, and in November, 1885 the Rev. F. Rae was inducted and remained with the church until April, 1887. On his leaving, the services of the Rev. J. Turnbull were secured for the summer months, or until a permanent pastor could be secured. In September, 1887, the Rev. Jesse Gibson was called and assumed the pastoral charge which he held until January, 1890. During Mr. Gibson's pastorate the church experienced a gracious revival season and a number of those who are to-day among the most active of our members were received into her fellowship by baptism.

Dr. Andrew Murdock was the next choice of the church. He followed Mr. Gibson as pastor in February, 1890, and remained for two years, resigning in April, 1892. He was succeeded by the Rev. James Hollinshead, during whose pastorate extensive renova-