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ance that he might bring others with him, and finally that gave place to a still larger one, that none who were willing might be deprived of the privileges of the sanctuary. Mr. Gordon was for a number of years leader of the service of praise.

In 1866, on the 22nd of March, the congregation decided to build a manse for the minister. Land must first be secured and it was decided to buy one-half acre of land from Mr. Angus Murray (across the road from the church), on condition that Mr. Murray give another half-acre free. Estimates were soon prepared and it was not long before a comfortable dwelling was provided.

In a short time the need for more Elders was recognized and the following were ordained to that office in 1868: Robert Fletcher, Robert Thomson and Thomas Gordon. In the same year, however, the Session sustained a serious loss in the death of Mr. Robert Brodie. The following year, however, the congregation elected to the office of Elder, Robert B. Campbell and David Crosson. In the autumn of that year, 1870, the pastoral tie which had continued for five years, was severed. This was in accord with Rev. Mr. Stewart's wish, who, because of family bereavement, desired to be released.

The Rev. Geo. Sutherland, of Fingal, was then asked to become their Moderator. It was about this time that Mr. Gilbert Hyndman, then an Elder of the congregation on Longwoods Road, presented his certificate as member and he was prevailed upon to take the office of Elder.

In the following winter a call was extended to the Rev. Malcolm