

have joined the general assembly of the Church of the first born. In 1844 the Rev. Mr. Cruikshank was settled as pastor, and remained only a few months when he was called to Niagara. Up to this time the congregation had no regular place of worship. The meetings were held first in the Court House, and then for a time in a building belonging to a Mr. Mair, but in 1844 the congregation went back to the Court House, and in that year took steps to build a Church.

In July, 1844, at a meeting of the congregation the following were appointed a building committee—Messrs. Malloch, Hume, Reid, Smith, Bland, J. Morris and Robert Watson, and on May 4th, 1847, Norman MacDonald, Robert Peden, Alexander Morris and Andrew McKie were added to the committee.

From 1842 to 1855 were trying years to the congregation. The greater part of that time there was no settled pastor, though it was in these years the Church was built.

Mr. Cruikshank's successor was Rev. Thos. Haigh, a licentiate sent out by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. Mr. Haigh only remained two or three years, though from the records it is very difficult to ascertain the particular facts as to ministers, Church or congregation.

Some interesting items are recorded however, as to the personnel of the membership, and it is worthy of note that the Church at large has been strengthened over and over again by the men and women who have gone forth from St. John's.

At the September Communion of 1849, Mr. John McKerras,



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