

succeeded in the charge of St. Andrews by the Rev. R. Stephen, who also returned to Scotland, in May, 1887. Mr. Clyde, after five years service at Nanaimo, removed to the United States and was succeeded by the Rev. A. H. Anderson, who continued in charge until his removal in 1886 to British Guiana, the pulpit remaining vacant until the arrival of the Rev. J. Miller in 1887. Mr. McElmon remained in charge of Comox for about five years, during which time a fair congregation was gathered and a comfortable church erected. On his removal to Washington Territory, he was succeeded by the Rev. James Christie, who continued in charge until May, 1887, when he was transferred to Wellington previously associated with Nanaimo. Mr. Dunn continued in charge of Langley and associated stations for about ten years, supplying an **extensive** district, besides being largely instrumental in the erection of two comfortable churches. Mr. Lunn was received by the General Assembly, of 1886, into the Ministry of the Church in Canada. Mr. Murray, after laboring for some years over an extensive district in the Interior, with Nicola for his centre, returned to Nova Scotia where he was called to an important pastorate in New Glasgow. Mr. Nicholson, after laboring for a short time in the Victoria District and afterwards as Principal of the Victoria High School, returned to the Eastern Provinces. After the division of the Congregation in 1866, the pulpit of the First Church, Victoria,—except fortnightly supply from Mr. Jamieson for six months—continued vacant until the arrival of the Rev. J. Reid from England in 1876. During the five years of Mr. Reid's pastorate the Congregation enjoyed considerable prosperity. On Mr. Reid's return to England, the pulpit was supplied for about one year each by the Rev. Mr. Smith and Rev. D. Gamble.

In the summer of 1882 the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener of the General Assembly's H. M. C., visited British Columbia by appointment of the General Assembly. After his return a more vigorous policy was adopted in reference to work here, looking in the direction of the Committee's assuming, if not the whole responsibility, at least sharing it more largely with the Colonial Committee. In the Spring of 1884 the late Rev. J. S. Mackay was called to the pastorate of St. Andrews Church, New Westminster, where he continued to labour with much faithfulness and success until compelled by failing health, in the Autumn of 1885, to seek change of climate and rest in Southern California. After spending the Winter there he returned to his home in the County of Oxford, Ont., where his short but fruitful ministry was closed by death a few months afterwards. During Mr. Mackay's absence and the ensuing vacancy, the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. J. S. Taylor, of Moose Jaw, N. W. T., for about four months; by Mr. Jamieson and by neighbouring and visiting ministers.

On the application of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, and by the appointment of the Home Mission Committee, the Rev. Donald Fraser, M. A., of Mount Forest, Ont., was inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto to the pastoral charge of the Congregation, arriving in Victoria in August, 1884. A somewhat checkered history, including a long vacancy, frequent changes, the absence of Presbyterian oversight, together with a serious loss by fire, had the usual effect upon the Congregation. Mr. Fraser's energetic labours and other favouring conditions, however, brought the Congregation up to a self-sustaining position within eight months of his arrival. In the Spring of 1885 the H. M. C. appointed the Rev. T. G. Thomson, for a number of years minister of Brucefield, Ont., and the Rev. J. Chisholm, of Osprey, Ont., to British Columbia; the former to the charge of what was then known as Granville and North Arm, and the latter to Nicola and associated stations including Kamloops. For some years previous to Mr. Thomson's arrival, Mr. Jamieson