

settled. His ministry was not successful and he only remained two years. At this time there was quite an addition to the congregation from those who had been connected with the Free church, among whom were Messrs. R. Struthers, A. Henderson, William McGhie, A. Mitchell and others, all of whom took an active interest in the church work. They procured a supply of sermons, alternating Free Church and U. P. discourses. It was then agreed that if a Mr. Archibald Cross was called the Free Church supply should be stopped. Through some bungling in the Presbytery Mr. Cross had accepted another call. Great dissatisfaction arose, out of which grew the union accomplished in 1854. (Here Mr. Lawrie read from the old records giving the particulars of this union and establishing the right of continuity in the present church.) A constitution was drawn up and is still the constitution of the present church. The union was perfected on Feb. 1, 1855 and failing to get Mr. Cross a call was extended to Rev. R. F. Burns, of Kingston, on July 11. 1855, and he remained for 12 years doing a grand work, smoothing out the little differences and disagreements existing. No better man could have been selected to unite the discordant elements