



long. One remembers these old sermons, divided carefully into their several heads with, at the close, the practical application, when the Minister solemnly closing the Book, and bending over the pulpit, in his loving fatherly way, seemed to pat us on the head and say: "My dear children, you have heard the truth, now go home and carry it out in your daily life and behaviour." The service, like the building, was without much ornament, but it took more than a sunshower to keep us away on Sunday. Many of the members had long distances to come, but their places were seldom vacant. There were others, doubtless, who might be mentioned besides Mr. Thomas Casement, one of the early Elders, who regularly walked the ten miles from Lakefield every Sabbath.

The Sabbath School was begun in 1836, under the Superintendence of Mr. James Hall, one of the Elders. The service here, too, was of the simplest character. There were no uniform lessons, no lesson helps, no hymn books, no organ, but the scholars got as a rule a fair knowledge of the Bible and the Shorter Catechism, and probably knew more of both than the average scholar of to-day. Nearly all the Teachers at the beginning were men.

In 1843 occurred the disruption of the Church in Scotland, and in the following year a number of Ministers and Elders in Canada decided to loose themselves from the Church of Scotland and organize a Canadian Church under the name of the "Presbyterian Church of Canada." Amongst the number were Mr. Roger and the representative Elder from Peterborough. The Session, consisting at that time, of Alex. Robertson,