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mously to join the Free church.

The result was that the people here again found themselves without a church home. The church here was vested in the "Old Kirk," synod, and as the feeling was very bitter between the two sections of the church at that time, the "Old Kirk" authorities refused to allow the Free church people to have the church. The people were without a regular pastor for a few years after the disruption, but it was finally decided to again go to work and build another church which was done in 1854, when the history of the present church begins. It may be noticed that the old church, after being disused, rapidly went to ruin, and a few years ago disappeared from view and nothing now remains to mark the spot, a historic spot in the history of New Glasgow Presbyterianism. For a time it filled its place and did its work, and then passed away. Like the men and women who struggled and toiled to build it, its history now belongs to the past.

By 1854 several sections of the original congregation had formed themselves into separate congregations. New Glasgow, at this time, was in