

twelve members and a number of adherents. Rev. Thomas Christie, whose headquarters were at Flamboro, and Rev. Wm. Proudfoot, father of Rev. Dr. Proudfoot and of Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot, of Toronto, who had located at London, ministered to these until 1838.

In that year the Rev. James Roy became the first Pastor of St. George church. Educated in Scotland, a man of strong physique, abundant energy and a kind heart, he not only ministered to the needs of his scattered congregation by faithful preaching and attention to pastoral work, but took a keen interest in education, occupying for several years the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Among those who came under his influence was his frequent visitor and a member of his congregation, the late Principal Caven of Knox College, one of the leaders of the Church in Canada, who was at that time teacher at what is now known as McLean's School.

In 1843 there were but three Presbyteries in Canada, those of Toronto, Flamboro and London, and St. George belonged to Flamboro.

Mr. Roy's work was not confined to St. George. The "Records" state that in 1845, the members of the congregation of the United Associate Presbyterian church St. George in and around Brantford, who occasionally had services in a school house which stood in what is now the Market Square, Brantford, petitioned the Flamboro Presbytery to be formed into a congregation in Brantford, under the inspection of the pastor of St. George, Rev. James Roy. Mr. Roy was appointed to take the necessary steps to organize the congregation and form of session. In 1847 Rev. James Roy resigned the oversight of this congregation, having thus had charge of the first Presbyterian church in Brantford for two years as well as being honored by its organization.

Mr. Roy, being taken ill on one of his many horseback journeys through his extensive parish, fell from his horse and was killed, 1852.

Services were maintained without a pastor for eight years, and in 1860, the Rev. Robert Hume, M. A., was