

son, who had supplied the pulpit of St. Andrew's during Mr. McGregor's absence, joined him in organizing the Presbytery of British Columbia. He also had secured from the mother church a pledge of £1,000 per year towards the support of the work of the new presbytery.

In 1881 Mr. McGregor withdrew from the work and returned to Scotland, where he became minister of the parish of Appin. In 1904 he retired from active service and made his home in Edinburgh, where he died in 1906.

His successor was the Rev. Robert Stephen—a man of scholarly attainments, refined sentiments and unostentatious piety and retiring disposition. His pastorate continued until 1887.

That year was marked by another important event in the history of St. Andrew's—the withdrawal of the congregation from the benign care of the Church of Scotland and its union with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Five years earlier a deputy from the Canadian Church—the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, Moderator of the General Assembly—had visited the Coast with the object of learning what might be the disposition of the Scottish Presbyterians here towards such a change. The time for such action did seem ripe, and when, in 1887, the transfer actually took place, the mother church gave her cordial benediction.

In the new relation a call was extended to the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of Toronto, who was inducted on March 7th, 1888. During Mr. McLeod's pastorate the present edifice was erected—the cornerstone being laid by the Hon. John Robson, elder, Premier and benefactor of every worthy cause, on March 7th, 1889, and the formal opening taking place on January 11th, 1890. The preachers on that occasion were the Rev. D. J. MacDonell, of Toronto, and the Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver. Mr. McLeod retired from the pastorate of the church in 1893 and went to England, where in Tooting, South London, he served with distinction until his death.