



ANGUS FLETCHER  
First Elder

2. "That it was to be 42 feet in length and 30 feet in width," etc.
3. "That it was to be a Presbyterian church, in connection with the Free Presbyterian Church in Canada."

It was a great day when the building was ready to be used for Gospel services. The building was a credit to the times and answered its purpose well for many years. It still stands in a good state of repair, but now as a barn. Those who had the building operation under their supervision were Messrs. Robert Brodie, Angus Fletcher, Robert Fletcher, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, John McTavish and Hugh McBride. Mr. Angus Fletcher was treasurer, and Mr. Hugh McBride, secretary. The first subscription list was drawn up and the sums were named in pounds, shillings and pence. It was not until the year 1856 that the dedication services took place, the Rev. Mr. Scott, then minister in St. Andrew's, London, being present for the occasion. It is therefore sixty years since the congregation was formally recognized as a part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The elders who constituted the first session were James Graham, Thomas Campbell, Robert Brodie and Angus Fletcher, and those who formed the first Deacon's court were Hugh Brodie, Robert Fletcher, Hugh McBride and Archibald McNab. Their duty was to look after the material affairs of the congregation and they corresponded to our present Board of Managers. In February, 1868, it was unanimously agreed that the temporal affairs of the congregation be managed by a Financial Committee, to be chosen by the congregation at the annual meeting.