

July the first managers were elected : Andrew Fleming, Sen. (Chairman), John B. Smith (Treasurer), John Cameron (Secretary), John Plenderleith and George P. Ure. The first mention of a Sabbath-school seems to have been at a meeting on the 7th of May, but probably no active steps were taken in this connection pending the appeal which had been taken to the Synod, and it does not seem to have been until Sabbath, 21st August, that those willing to act as teachers, or to become scholars, were invited, by intimation from the pulpit, to meet in the afternoon. There is no record of who the first teachers were, or of the number of scholars, the sole reference to the school during the first year and a half of its existence, being in the financial statement presented by the managers at the annual meeting in January, 1855, which contains an item, "Books for Sabbath-school, \$9.00". It is known, however, that Mr. Cameron acted as superintendent until some time in 1855.

The ordinance of baptism was first administered 21st August, 1853, when two infants, Amelia, daughter of Alexander and Janet Gemmell, and Margaret, daughter of John B. and Janet Smith, were baptized.

The first election of elders took place in the month of August, when Rev. William Ormiston, M.A., Rev. Charles Fletcher, Alexander Gemmell and John Plenderleith were chosen. The last-named declined to accept office; the others, having all already been ordained, were inducted on Sabbath, 6th November. The Rev. William Ormiston was born in the parish of Symington, Lanarkshire, Scotland, in 1821; came to Canada with his parents when thirteen years of age, and was educated at Victoria College, where he took the degree of M.A. After completing his theological studies he was, in 1848, ordained minister of Newton and Newcastle, in the township of Clarke, and in May, 1853, resigned his charge and removed to Toronto on becoming a Master in the Normal School. His connection with the congregation continued about three years, and until he became minister of the congregation in Hamilton now known as Central church.