

They resolved at once to obtain the services of a student until they were in a position to call a minister. Rev. Mr. Cockburn, whose services as pastor ceased at the separation, continued his interest in the congregation and organized Zephyr as a preaching station in connection with Leaskdale in November of the same year. With the aid of Zephyr Leaskdale was able two years after the separation from Uxbridge to call a settled pastor. In December, 1882, Rev. A. G. McLachlin began his work as Minister of Leaskdale.

The ministry of Mr. McLachlin was very successful. During his pastorate the present manse was erected, the Women's Foreign Mission Auxiliary was organized, instrumental music and the Book of Praise were introduced into the church. During his pastorate, also, the Leaskdale congregation was greatly strengthened by additions from a branch of the Methodist church. At this time the union of the Bible Christians and the Wesleyans took place. Many of the former declined to enter the union, and became members of the Presbyterian Church of Leaskdale instead. They proved to be loyal and faithful workers.

After eight years of faithful and successful work Mr. McLachlin resigned and the congregation again became vacant, and remained vacant for two years. During this time Mr. W. H. Johnston, now minister of Chesterfield, Ontario, labored as a student during the summer months. The people became dissatisfied with irregular services, and called Rev. Hugh Currie to be their pastor, in January, 1893. Owing to various causes the congregation became rather weak in those days. Mr. Currie resigned in December, 1895, and in July, 1896, Rev. William M. Reid became pastor. During his ministry, which covered nine and a half years, forty members were added to the communion roll.

Mr. Reid's pastorate ceased in January, 1905, and the