

of the church and manse purchased from the Indian Department, for a few dollars. The people entered into this work with great enthusiasm, led and encouraged specially by the late ADAM PATERSON, and JAMES and THOMAS DALLAS. The small basement was ready for worship in the Autumn of 1851, and on its completion a Sabbath School was opened with the late THOMAS DALLAS as the Superintendent. The only survivor of the original band of teachers is MRS. ADAM PATERSON.

The church was completed, and opened in March, 1852, by the late DR. BURNS, who preached from the text, "Lift up a standard for the people." Soon afterwards the Communion was dispensed. Some time previously two Elders, THOMAS DALLAS and COLIN MCKINLAY, had been elected, as well as two Deacons, ADAM PATERSON and JOHN MCKENZIE. The number of communicants admitted at this first Communion was twenty-nine. Of this number only three are now on the Roll, MRS. ADAM PATERSON, MRS. THOMAS DUNN, Sr., and MR. J. P. HENDERSON. Two others who were admitted as communicants in the sister congregation,—now known as Esson Church,—MRS. ANDREW HORNE and MRS. SAMUEL COTTON, are also now members of the Orillia congregation. Five of the original members of the Orillia Church, are still alive, although not now connected with the congregation. The number of families was at that time twenty.

From 1852 till 1855 the congregation grew rapidly, until the members numbered one hundred. Meanwhile a Manse had been built, and a Cemetery secured.

The Church continued to grow, until in 1871, when separated from East Oro Church, it consisted of one hundred and twenty families, and one hundred and seventy members. During the next eleven years progress was made, and the state of the congre-