

As a further and substantial token of good will the mother church presented to the new congregation, the lot in the southwest corner of Wellington and Metcalfe Streets, which is now the property of the Rideau Club.

The first regular meeting for public worship of the new, and as yet unnamed congregation was held in the Hall over the Mechanic's Institute, 58 Sparks Street, on Sunday, August 27th, 1865, the Rev. William McKenzie, of Ramsay, being by appointment of Presbytery, the preacher for the day.

On Monday evening, August 28th, a Congregational Meeting was held in the same place, Mr. McKenzie in the chair. The whole membership, at this time, numbered only nineteen. The only business transacted was the appointment of a Committee of management, to take charge of the temporal affairs of the congregation. The gentlemen elected were: Donald Kennedy, Wm. Taylor, Wm. Hutchison, Geo. Cocker, Nathaniel Robertson, Wm. Porter, Thos. McKay and Robert Whyte.

Immediately at the close of the general meeting, the members of the newly elected committee met for organization. The following officers were thus chosen, namely: Wm. Porter, chairman; Wm. Hutchison, treasurer; George Cocker, secretary.

The Secretary and Treasurer were named a Committee to provide a desk or pulpit for the Hall; to procure the necessary books for the Secretary and Treasurer, together with a supply of "wrappers" for the weekly contributions and to engage a doorkeeper.

Pending the election of elders, the managers exercised the functions of a Session and at a meeting held on the 4th October, gave directions for the opening of a Sabbath School and appointed Mr. Taylor, Superintendent. After one Sabbath's public notice, the Sabbath School met for the first time at 2:30 o'clock, in the afternoon of the third Sunday of October, being the 15th day of the month. Present, twenty-five pupils and six teachers.

In September, on the request of the congregation, the Presbytery appointed the Rev. James Whyte of Osgoode to preside in the election of elders. He reported to the November meeting that the necessary steps had been taken and that Messrs. Wm. Hutchison, Wm. Taylor, Donald Kennedy, Robert Whyte and Wm. Porter had been elected, of whom the first named four were already ordained and had served elsewhere.