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as to permit a re-arrangement of the whole district.

On September 19th, 1860, Rev. S. Young was ordained and inducted as pastor of Hullett and Manchester, and on Nov. 6th, 1862, Rev. A. McLean was ordained and inducted as pastor of Blyth and Belgrave. There were 66 members of Blyth congregation at the time of Dr. McLean's induction, but only 9 of them are members of the congregation to-day, viz: Mr. Walter McGowan, Mrs. George McGowan, Mr. Lachlan McQuarrie, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McQuarrie, Mrs. James Logan, Mrs. James Dodds, Mrs. J. B. Taylor and Mrs. Gregor McGowan. Mr. McLean began his pastorate with 66 members and closed it 40 years later with 38 members.

and the Lord's Supper were administered on the same day.

On October 19, 1850, a call was extended to Rev. Alex. Currie, and Mr. Currie was settled as the first regular pastor of Blyth, Hullett and Manchester early in 1860, hence our Jubilee services this year (1910.)

On September 29th, 1861, the first Elder of the Blyth congregation was ordained, viz., Wm. McKenzie.

Mr. Currie's pastorate continued until 1862 when he was succeeded by Rev. John Stewart, who resigned in 1865 so

The first Baptism after Dr. McLean's settlement was Charles K. Taylor, who is a member of our congregation now, serving on the Board of Management for several years and a member of the Jubilee Committee.

On February 29th, 1877, Blyth and Belgrave were formally separated by decision of Presbytery. In the same year the present church was erected and dedicated in January, 1878, the late Rev. Dr. McVicar, of Montreal, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

Dr. McLean's long pastorate witnessed a steady growth. Many names might be mentioned, such as that of the late James Barr, sr., Malcolm McKellar, James McGowan (Chair-

man of Board for several years), D. B. McKinnon (for 30 years Chairman of Board of Management), and Lachlan McQuarrie (for 9 years Treasurer of Church.) The last named is still living at the advanced age of 87 years and able to work every day at his occupation as a builder.

Other church workers are mentioned in the historical sketches of Sabbath School and Missionary Societies. Many other workers also could be referred to but space will not permit us to mention all. The Lord will reward all His faithful ones.



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