

is shown by the fact that after all debts were paid the sum of sixty-one dollars was in the hands of the Treasurer. Here, also, should be mentioned the fact that the site on which the church was erected was kindly and freely given by George Leask.

In this year (1864) another event of importance took place. By the action of Presbytery Uxbridge and Leaskdale were united into one charge. This proved to be a happy union. The two congregations worked very harmoniously together for a period of sixteen years.

It was not, however, till 1866 that regular weekly service began. In that year Rev. James Thorn preached in Leaskdale and Uxbridge for three months. Next year Mr. R. H. Warden was student in charge. But even this did not satisfy the people. They wanted a settled pastor. This was granted them by the ordination and induction of the Rev. James Douglas on the 25th of January, 1868. Prosperous times followed. Under Mr. Douglas' ministry the congregation made great progress. During his pastorate the Sunday School room was erected and the Sunday School was organized. Unfortunately Mr. Douglas' pastorate was of short duration. After four years he resigned. In March, 1873, Rev. Edward Cockburn, graduate of Knox College, succeeded, and for seven years did very faithful work. It was a time when pastor and people worked very harmoniously together. If the cords were not lengthened to any great extent, the stakes were certainly strengthened. Pastor and people rejoiced together.

But these bright conditions soon suffered an eclipse. In March of the year 1880, after a period of sixteen years of happy union, Leaskdale was separated from Uxbridge. The following years were a trying time for Leaskdale. But the faithful band did not become unduly discouraged.