

two women were at the communion, of whom Mr. Alexander Wilson, who is still in the congregation, and chairman of the Board of Management, is the only one now in the city.

A meeting was held on the 3rd February, 1862, to organize a Presbyterian Congregation, when the following were present:—Hon. David Cameron, Chief Justice, Rev. John Hall, Messrs. John Wright, Robert Carter, John Bastedo, George H. Sanders, Alexander Wilson, John Martin, Charles Cochrane, Joseph Kilgour, Thomas Mann, George Reid, Simon Anderson and Alexander Loury. The Hon. Chief Justice Cameron was elected chairman, and the following resolution was passed, which brought Presbyterianism into visibility in British Columbia:

“Moved by Alex. Loury and seconded by Alex. Wilson that this meeting do organize itself into a congregation to be called the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Vancouver Island, and that the Rev. John Hall be requested to act in the meantime as our minister.”

At the same meeting a committee was appointed to secure a site on which to build a church, the Hon. Chief Justice Cameron with Messrs. Martin and Wright being named as the trustees of the Church property. A lot was purchased for \$1100, at the corner of Blanchard and Pandora Streets, on which the present church was erected, the corner stone being laid by Chief Justice Cameron in March, 1863, to whom was presented a silver trowel with the inscription:—“To the Hon. Chief Justice Cameron on his laying the corner stone of