

P. Wastell. Our next Pastor, Rev. Elisha Martin, visited Garafraxa, accompanied by Mr. Mickle, and preached in Mr. Gerrie's house the first sermon, we believe, delivered by a Congregational Minister in the Township. After Mr. Martin's decease we united with the Eramosa Church, then under the charge of Rev. H. Denny who occasionally visited us, preaching at the same place, as did also his successor, Rev. R. J. Williams, who assumed the pastorate of said Church in 1850, and who preached afterwards at two other places in Garafraxa, namely Douglas, and the school-house in the Gerrie settlement, and likewise occasionally in the Village of Fergus. He was succeeded by the Rev. E. Barker. We had sometime previously been joined by several families of our order who had settled in the locality, and we unitedly resolved to possess our extensive field which was then in a deplorably destitute condition. Having no building of our own, we were favoured with the use of the nearest place of worship, the Presbyterian Church, Douglas, to hold our meeting for organization, February 24th, 1856, when 22 by letter, and 1 by profession were enrolled as members of the first Congregational Church. Rev. E. Barker, who was present, received a unanimous call which he then accepted. On February 27th, 1857, a special Church meeting was held at Mr. J. Newman's, the Revs. E. Barker and H. Denny present. The former resigned the pastorate, stating that his duties in Eramosa required all his time, and as Mr. Denny had just then been providentially sent amongst us, a unanimous call was tendered him which he accepted. Mr. Newman having kindly offered a site for a Church on his farm, it was gratefully accepted. The said site being considered the centre of our field, steps were immediately taken for the erection of a chapel, which was finished and occupied in the course of that year. Rev. H. Denny remained one year. We then received at intervals short supplies of the means of grace from Mr. J. V. Bryning, student; and Rev. Messrs. Pattison and Noble, then of Caledon. Rev. R. Brown became our Pastor in 1861. He for a short period took charge of the Erin Church; it was given up on account of its distance, and Luther taken in its stead receiving Sabbath afternoon services alternately with Douglas. Luther was afterwards abandoned, and the Green Settlement station commenced.

Believing that such road alterations were soon to be made as would cut off public access to our Meeting House, on December 29th, 1865, at a church meeting previously given notice of for that purpose, it was decided to build our new church at Simpson's Corners, the most central position, and a committee was also appointed to obtain a site from Mr. J. Simpson which that gentleman kindly granted. We commenced our active arrangements for its erection on January 3rd, 1868. As it would occupy too much space to enumerate the hinderances that delayed so long its completion, it will be sufficient to state that on Sabbath, March 29th, 1868, 18 members applied for letters of dismissal, which were instantly granted: 6 more afterwards followed the same course, leaving our membership 41.

We invited an advisory council (open to all the members) to meet with us. They did so May 20th, 21st, and concurred unanimously in our choice of site. One Rev. gentleman advised us to add 6 feet more to its length than we had decided upon, (making it 30 x 46,) kindly