

Mr. Lewis was received, certain overtures were made to Mr. Burns, which, however, had no result.

The Deputy in the summer of 1850 was Mr. Fairbairn, of Allanton, a man of great singleness of purpose. It was in September of this year, that I first ventured to officiate in this pulpit, and a proposal was made to me, to accept a call so soon as my studies at Edinburgh would be completed.

Mr. Fairbairn was succeeded by Mr. Coupar, of Burntisland.

1851.

The ministry of Mr. Coupar carries the narrative into 1851. Under his care, the present financial system was successfully introduced, and the congregation was well sustained in every department. Mr. Coupar returned to Scotland in the spring of the year, the last of *thirteen* valuable men deputed successively to the care of this congregation by the Colonial Committee.

It is fitting here to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Redpath, one of our Elders, in entertaining nine of these Deputies at his own Residence, free of expense to the congregation, and this in addition to the hospitality shown by him to many other Free Church Ministers deputed to visit the Province at large.

The congregation suffered a loss in the year of which I now speak, in the removal to Canada West of one of the Elders, Mr. Brown, a man very inobtrusive, but of sterling Christian qualities.

On the 20th July, 1851, being then a licentiate, I preached here. The usual forms having been complied with, I was ordained by the Presbytery on the evening of the 8th August, and preached my first sermon as your minister on the 10th August, from 2. Corint, iv. 5. I need not say how trying