
FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW.

After the union was consummated, the Rev. Donald Strachan was called to the pastorate at Rockwood, where he was inducted March 28th, 1876.



HENRY MELDRUM,
Clerk of Session.

The Clerk of Session and Superintendent of Sabbath School prior to the Union was Henry Meldrum, and he retained these offices in the congregation that entered the Union Church.

Mr. Meldrum was an Englishman, who came to Hillsburg and stayed for about eight years. These years he gave to the service of the church without stint. Mrs. Meldrum was a woman of refinement and culture, and had the power to impart her fine spiritual character to the children of her Sabbath School class. For she also was with her husband foremost in work for

the children, and there are those whose lives were directed into the beauties of holiness, and who acknowledge the benefits given them by the cultured English woman who served her brief years in Hillsburg for Christ, His Church, and the children.

The two congregations of Price's Corners and St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg, worshipped in separate buildings, but on the Roll of the Presbytery of Guelph they were entered as one charge, and till April 10th, 1884, had a united session.

At the first Session meeting held at Price's Corners, Henry Meldrum was elected Session Clerk to the Joint Session, and Mr. Robert Ferguson, "a faithful, active, Christian elder," was elected the first Representative Elder of the new church.

The congregation began its career amidst great difficulties, which time and faithfulness enabled them to overcome.

They presented a petition to the Presbytery of Guelph asking for aid to enable them to call a settled pastor. In that petition they say:—"At the consummation of union, the congregation of St. Andrew's Church became weakened, numerically and financially, to the extent of nearly half its former strength, by the withdrawal of a large minority of the congregation, who were opposed to union, and who in a great measure still maintain their opposition. The