



ROBERT FLETCHER
Elder

yet he left a very deep impression on the life of the congregation and community.

At the conclusion of Dr. McKay's pastorate there was a vacancy of nearly two years. A call was finally given to the Rev. John McNeil, of Uptergrove, in the Presbytery of Barrie. In the spring of 1894 his induction took place and he labored faithfully for about six years, when he was obliged, owing to ill-health, to seek rest. He was later restored to health and is still in the active work of the ministry in his native province of Nova Scotia.

It was at this time that an event took place which very much concerned the interests of the congregation and that was the severance by Presbytery of the connection between Chalmer's and Duff's. This arrangement was agreed to, because it seemed to be in the interests of several other congregations. After a short period of readjustment a happy settlement was effected, when Chalmer's was connected with McBride's. Since which time (1901) that connection has been maintained and the happiest relations still continue to exist.

Two new Elders were added to the Session shortly after Mr. McNeil's induction, viz., Mr. D. J. Campbell and Mr. D. A. McNab, and again during the vacancy two more were added, when Mr. Donald Thomson and Mr. John Fletcher were elected to the holy office of Elder.

In the spring of 1901 a call was given to and accepted by the Rev. S. Lawrence of Ilderton and Vanneck, in the London Presbytery, whose induction took place on the 25th day of April. The settlement was a most