

united with Balaklava and McIntosh congregations. The petition was granted, and Clifford was placed by the Presbytery of Durham under the pastoral charge of Mr. Hay. Soon after this Mr. Hay gave up his pastoral charge.

The annual meeting of the Clifford congregation was held on the 3rd Feb., 1871, with Mr. D. McEachern as chairman and A. S. Allan, secretary. The following were appointed the first managers: Donald Campbell, chairman; A. S. Allan, secretary; Alex. McIntosh, Richard Milligan, Wm. Elmslie, Thos. Frood, George Mathewson.

At this meeting, Messrs. T. Frood, D. Campbell and D. McEachern were appointed to wait on Mr. John Gray and request him to lead the congregational

singing. The congregation also agreed to pay \$175 per annum for the support of a resident minister.

The managers and building committee on June 27, 1871, arranged to put in a pulpit and pew the church, and on Sept. 24, 1871, the church was formally opened by the Rev. John Straith.

On Nov. 22, 1871, the congregation authorized Mr. Elmslie to obtain deed of church lot. Messrs. Donald Campbell, Alex. McIntosh and Wm. Elmslie were appointed the Trustees of church property, and they have ever since been and are still the Trustees.

On Feb. 7, 1872, the Rev. Wm. Blain was inducted in Clifford church as pastor of Balaklava, McIntosh and Clifford congregations. The stipend promised