

The baptisms in this book are only from Aug., 1795, to 1802, except two daughters of A. Heron, recorded in his own peculiar hand 1809 and 1814, Nov. 27th, the latter nearly a year after the burning of the church. The baptisms are performed by the regular ministers and others called visiting ministers. One in 1792 by Rev. John McDonald from Albany, U. S. The children of Ebenezer Colver, township of Louth are entered as baptised in 1781, 1783 and 1791, earlier than any in St. Mark's, but the performing clergyman is not mentioned, but shewing that in those early days this duty was not neglected. Rev. Mr. Mars, a visiting clergyman from 1st Feb. to 14th March, 1801, baptised several. Here we find the good old word "yeoman" used.

Here is a notice which seems to show friction of some sort. "Resolved that this church is under the direction and control of the majority of the trustees and not subject to the direction of the clergyman." "Resolved that the pulpit, being part of the church, is subject to the majority of the trustees." Provision, however, seems to have been made even at that early date for their share in government, of the *minority*, of which our politicians may take a note. "Resolved that in case of a division of the Society the church shall be held alternately by each party, that is one week to one party and one week to the other. The key of the church to be left at all times with the trustee residing nearest to the church in order that the majority of the trustees may know where to find it when they may see fit to admit a preacher."

In 1804 Mr. Heron presented an account for £176 8s. 3d. lawful money U. C., inspected and approved, as also account of Mr. John Young £27, also approved. Of these we shall see more as the years roll on. Resolved in 1805 that Andrew Heron be clerk. April, 1805, persons named are authorized to obtain services of a clergyman at rate of £75 and £50 to teach 13 pupils, if he be inclined, in Latin, Greek and Mathematics. In this obligation to pay, the word dollars occurs for the first time. In 1809 the Rev. John Burns gives half his time to church, the pews to be let for one-half of that in 1796. His name is also mentioned in 1805 and appears during the years 1810—11, 16, 17, 18. He, it appears taught the grammar school and gave part of his time to the congregation, as sometimes he is mentioned as preaching every third Sunday and sometimes every fourth. Different efforts seem to have been made to obtain a Presbyterian of Established Church of Scotland, in 1806 communicating with Rev. Jas. McLean of Glasgow, agreeing to pay his expenses out. He actually preached during June, July, August. the church to be open to Rev. John Burns when it did not interfere with any other engagement of Trustees. In 1809 subscriptions set on foot to finish the church.