
There was still a note of \$80 against the Building Committee, and Mr. Strachan held a \$90 note against the Managers for his stipend, and the whole debt of the congregation was \$250. After earnest effort, assisted by "adherents and others" not connected with the church, the Managers were able to say they "owed no man anything, but love and good works."

There were sufficient reasons for debt in those early days, when money was scarce, but in these days of abundance there may be excuses, but there cannot be reasons.

The New Testament prescribes the true method of finance: "On the first day of the week, as the Lord hath prospered you, lay by in store, that there be no gatherings."

THE UNION.

The question of Union of the scattered remnants of Presbyterianism in Canada became a burning question, and in the good providence of God Hillsburg was not passed by.

In due time, the vote on Union had to be taken. By a majority the congregation of St. Andrew's resolved to cast in its lot with the Unionists, while a minority retained their connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Rev. Donald Strachan cast in his lot with the majority.

The Union of the negotiating Churches was formed in Victoria Hall, Montreal, on the 15th day of June, A.D. 1875.

By Act of Parliament those who entered the newly formed Presbyterian Church in Canada held the property, and thus St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg, became the property of the people who entered the Union Church.

Those who remained connected with the "Congregation of Erin" went back to worship in the old Union Church, and for several years the Rev. A. J. Campbell, M.D., came from Collingwood to minister to their spiritual wants.

The congregation was transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Hamilton, and on May 26th, 1878, had a Communion Roll numbering twenty-five.

The last Communion was held August 16th, 1885, when the Rev. David Watson, of Beaverton, was the officiating minister, and Angus McMurchy, Junior, was the Clerk of Session.

As we write in the closing month of 1919, we are reminded that the Church of Scotland has withdrawn from Canada, and there is not in the whole Dominion a congregation in connection with that Church.