

Fifty Years of Presbyterianism

in Mount Forest

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

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There is an interest in tracing a stream to its source, and discovering the rills which combine to produce its volume and flow.

Somewhat like this is the interest with which on this occasion attention is directed to the beginnings of Westminster Church.

Shortly after the settlement of this district, Rev. John McMillan, then a student missionary at Durham, having learned that there were some Presbyterian families in the neighborhood of Mount Forest and Arthur, gave these places occasional supply. The services in Mount Forest were first held in the house now occupied by Dr. Meikle.

Near the close of the year (1856), at a meeting of the Presbyterians it was decided, on the motion of Mr. John Shepherd, to petition the Presbytery of Hamilton for organization.

Then the genius of Presbyterianism for subdivision was exhibited in