

stituent members has been preserved in the Church books, so that it is doubtful whether any one now knows with certainty, who were the real constituent members of this church. The only persons now living whose names appear on the early records, are Robert Yorston of this city, and William Hewitt, of Vittoria, the father of one of the present deacons of the Church. The name of Wm. Hewitt, appears in the minutes of the third Church meeting whose records have been preserved, but we learn from other sources that he was not a constituent member. A few names appear frequently on the minutes. The Rev. A. Stewart was the first "president" or pastor of the little Church, and Peter Patterson, the founder of the house, still bearing his name on King Street, was the first deacon. At the second meeting, William Mitchel, (long after, pastor at York Mills) and Joseph Wenham, were chosen deacons, "to assist him in his work." If we add to these names, those of Mr. Orr, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Chadwick, we have all or nearly all, the males who agreed first to walk together in Church fellowship and order. Though we do not find in the minutes the names of any females, either as constituent members or as attending the earlier meetings, yet we know there were, at least eight women, and some of them very mothers in Israel, like Mrs. Carter, and Mrs. Stewart, who were enrolled at the first organization of the Church. Mrs. Stewart, the wife of the first pastor, I well remember as one of the Saints of the Lord, chastened and mellowed by suffering, and