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No wonder with this band of noble workers, Presbyterianism got off to a good start.

The Presbytery of London, at a meeting held in St. Andrew's church, London, on February 2nd, 1868, sanctioned the organization of the Congregation and appointed Rev. Peter Goodfellow Interim Moderator, and Rev. Robert Scott and James Moffat as assessors, until such time as a session should be elected.

The first meeting of the newly organized congregation was held on Aug. 12th, 1868, Rev. Mr. Goodfellow presiding, when William Scott and Archibald Jamieson were elected Elders. On the 4th day of September and within the Anglican Church they were ordained to the Eldership. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Robert Scott. On the following Sunday, Sept. 6th, the newly elected Session met and dispensed the first Communion.

After worshipping in the Union Church for a brief period, the Presbyterians worshipped for a longer period in the Anglican Church the proper spirit of Christian unity being exhibited by both denominations.

But the plucky little band yearned for a Mount Zion of their own and in the fall of 1869, 50 years ago, they built and moved into their new Church Home, the church on main street now used by the Brethren.

The opening day was a glad day for the little band of worshippers. With deep gratitude to God for past mercies, and full of hope for the future, they joined together

in the Splendid Psalm of Praise:—

All people that on earth do dwell
 Sing to the Lord with cheerfull voice.

Him serve with mirth, His
 praise forth tell,
 Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. John Thompson, of Sarnia, and was a beautiful and stimulating exposition of Psalm 81-11. "The Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

The church cost about \$1,800 and its erection in those days when money was a scarce commodity was a serious matter, and involved no small degree of self-denial.

In Dec., 1869, the congregation petitioned the Presbytery to authorize Rev. Mr. Goodfellow to moderate in a call, promising to raise the sum of \$390, as their share of the stipend. About a year later a call was extended to Rev. J. B. Duncan, and was sustained by the Presbytery. Mr. Duncan accepted the call and was inducted into the pastoral charge of Forest, and MacKay settlement, by the Presbytery of London. Mr. Duncan was a man of strong personality and of intense vigor and an able preacher. He was a successful pastor and served the young congregation faithfully for a period of thirteen years, and is now gone to his reward.

The increasing prosperity of the congregation created the need of a larger Session. Accordingly on January 21th, 1872, William Harris, and Benjamin Scoular were elected and ordained to the Eldership. A further addition to the Session was made on February 8th, 1878, when Angus McPherson, Donald Fraser and Peter McGill were elected by a vote of the congregation, and again on April 28, 1881, when James Laird was elected. Mr. Laird was elected Session