



Rev. Robert Stewart

The pastorate thus begun was harmonious and successful throughout. It was not marked by as many changes as the longer pastorate of Dr. Hamilton, but, the pastor and people in their work kept well abreast of their times. The pioneers were passing away. Many retired to the comforts of the town or city. Large families of young people had grown up and scattered. The lure of the West drew many away till the numbers, as in most country charges, were greatly reduced. But the work went on led by Mr. Stewart and a strong staff of leaders, for over fourteen years.

All branches of the work have been maintained and loyally supported. Discouraging times came but the fidelity of the people and pastor overcame. During Mr. Stewart's pastorate 120 members were added to the roll in Motherwell, one-half of whom made profession of faith. There were 67 baptisms.

The Sabbath School work was led by the late Charles Baird and later by Wm. Brown and George Thompson, who is still the efficient and progressive superintendent. While many teachers have done their part in turn, mention should be made of the long and faithful service in the Bible Class of the late William Sterritt and of William Brown. The Sabbath School continues to emphasize the claims of missions. It still supports a pupil in Pointe-aux-Trembles School in Quebec and gives freely to other needy causes.