

1837. He is still remembered as a man of great pulpit ability and of genial manners.

For four years there seems to have been a vacancy, the congregation receiving such occasional supplies as the Rev. John McLennan, of Belfast, P. E. I., or some minister from Nova Scotia could afford.

In 1841, the Rev. Angus McIntyre arrived from Scotland, and took charge till 1844, when he returned to his native land, and was settled in Kinloch Spelvie, where he still ministers. During this period the services were equally in English and Gaelic.

The Rev. Wm. McBean followed, and remained but a few months, returning to Scotland and thence to Australia. He was a man of much eloquence. In 1847, the congregation received the services of the Rev. Mr. Brown, a minister of the Irish Presbyterian Church. He remained during the winter, and left early in 1848. It will thus be seen that during the period of at least twenty years the services were with short exceptions, very irregular.

In 1849, the Rev. Robert McNair, son of the Rev. Dr. McNair, of Paisley, Scotland, arrived. He laboured with great acceptance till 1852, gathering around him the scattered adherents of the church, and reviving the hopes of her desponding but faithful followers. But having adopted the opinions of the Rev. Mr. Wishart, which varied considerably from those laid down in the standards of our church, Mr. McNair felt it his duty to leave. He returned to Scotland, and after a time, resigned the ministry and entered the medical profession.

The Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, till recently the Very Rev. Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, and now Minister of Canobie, Scotland, arrived in 1852, and did invaluable service in consolidating and organizing the congregation then gathering. During his ministry it was, that they were able to do without the aid of the Colonial Committee's grant. In 1856, Dr. Snodgrass left for Montreal, much esteemed by his people.

In 1856, the Rev. Thomas Duncan arrived just as his predecessor was leaving, and being elected to the ministerial charge of the people has continued without interruption till this time. During his ministry the congregation has undergone several changes. In three sections of it, new churches have been built. Two of these have been able for several years, with a small assistance from the Colonial Committee to support a minister of their own. The third, in anticipation of the Union, has united with a section of the sister church, and they now form a flourishing congregation. During the same period, two new Presbyterian congregations have been formed in Charlottetown—one of the Free, and the other of the U. P. Church. These have now, since the Union of the branches of the church in 1860, joined in one, under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. McLeod. The number of adherents of St. James' Church in 1871, was 1,100. The number of communicants is 260. During the first months of 1874, the congregation was much encouraged and refreshed with a revival of religion, when over eighty were added to the Roll on a profession of faith.

The accommodation in the old building proving insufficient, it was resolved with the divine blessing to proceed with the erection of a new building, which was opened for divine service last year.