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Elder.

McKenzie, of Doon and Hespeler. The call was accepted and on the 25th day of April his induction took place. It is interesting to note that previous to this time Gaelic appears to have been the language most commonly used in divine service, as we find a resolution passed: "That an English sermon be preached in Chalmer's Church every Sabbath forenoon and also at 3:30 p.m. in Brodie's school house and Melbourne alternately." Gaelic, however, continued to be used for many years, gradually, however, becoming less recognized as necessary. It always had a prominent place at the communion sessions, both at the pre-communion services and at the communion service itself. It thus occupied a place with more or less regularity in the church services till the beginning of the present century.

It was about this time that a strong feeling was manifesting itself on the north side of the river for more definite recognition as a congregation separate from Dunwich. There were serious difficulties in the way of their worshipping on the south side. The distances were great. The majority of the congregation was on the north side, the river was unbridged and a scow had to be used, which, to say the best, was inconvenient and expensive. Circumstances seemed now to make the time opportune to move definitely towards separation as their beloved and devoted pastor had received and accepted a call from Wardsville. Thus it was that in 1873 that part of the congregation on the Ekfrid side of the river was separated from the Dunwich part and found new connection with Cooke's church, Caradoc.

Thus Chalmers was very materially weakened, but they were not disheartened. It required time to adjust things and for a few years they