

very opportune for building a commodious House of Prayer. A site having been finally agreed upon, the erection of the present stone edifice was heartily engaged in by the people. With zeal and much personal sacrifice the substantial structure was completed. Mr. Henderson, writing recently of the congregation's praiseworthy energy at that time, goes on to say, that while "No one member shirked his duty and many did magnificently the names of Eyndman and Clark might well be inscribed upon many of the stones which form the walls of the place of worship."

The new church was opened on the second Sunday of July, 1880. Special services were conducted by Dr. Smith, then of Kingston. A considerable debt still rested upon the church which was now actually dedicated to the worship of God. After the delivery of an inspiring sermon by the visiting Divine, the Pastor felt called to appeal to the congregation in the name of the God who is ever true, to wipe out this debt, giving upon this occasion to God as He had given in the past to every man. The response to the appeal was immediate and generous. In less than fifteen minutes more money was subscribed than was necessary to liquidate the congregation's entire liability. Mr. Henderson relates that one son said to his father afterwards, "Father how do you intend to pay that hundred dollars?" referring to the father's generous donation. The father, pointing to a wheatfield, answered, "That field will pay for it!" The well-remembered words, "Give and it shall be given unto you," come at once to the mind. And looking back over the life of the community it is to observe that these congregations, which made sacrifices years ago to build fitting houses, in which to worship God, are not in consequence poorer, but richer by far, both materially and morally.

At this same time Mr. Henderson was organizing the people of South Mountain, and, together with them, busily engaged in building the present brick church in that village. On the completion of this church, in the fall of 1881, the pastor feeling the need of an extended period of rest, decided to resign the active work of the ministry and to take a sea voyage and holiday at home in Ireland.