

among the adherents of the Free Church and the U. P's and his genial, happy nature won all their hearts. The union then affected was the forerunner of the union of the two bodies in 1861 and the still greater union of the whole body of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1875. The old brick church was soon found to be too small and the present church was built and opened on July 20, 1860. Mr. Burns and his devoted wife labored earnestly and faithfully, the latter organizing the Ladies' Aid Society and the choir, which used to be furnished with the key note by his old friend, Mr. Struthers, from his tuning fork. Great regret was felt when Mr. Burns severed his connection in February, 1867, after twelve years ministry, and left for Chicago. There was a vacancy for a few months, until Oct. 22, 1867, when a unanimous call was extended to the present pastor, Rev. George Burson, who was then supplying the Central Church in Hamilton. After the service of introduction was over the officers and pastor repaired to the vestry, where Mr. Burson was paid his first quarter's salary in advance. Of those who were then present three of the managers, one of the elders and one of the ministers were dead, just half of the original number. They all