

ber her all through life with feelings of affection and patriotic pride. In the year 1848, the family immigrated to Canada, and found their first home in the New World in the city of Toronto. Here John, their only child, became a pupil of the Model School, and applied himself so diligently to his lessons and so pleased his teachers by his intelligence and progress that, on his leaving the school, they awarded him as a prize the privilege of free tuition in the City Grammar School, a privilege of which he was not, however, able to take advantage.

After a residence of three or four years in Toronto, the family moved to the Township of Reach, Ontario County, where they lived for the next three years, during which period young Torrance was sent for some months to the school in Borillia, near Port Perry. They now removed to a farm near Fenelon Falls, Victoria. Here in the Township of Verulum, about five miles from the Falls, John Torrance, now seventeen years of age, began to teach in a Public School, in which occupation he continued until circumstances led him to devote his life to the work of preaching the gospel.

Some time before this, the late Robert Graham of Fenelon had moved from Smith Township, Peterborough, to what is known as the "Blythe Farm," in Fenelon. Mr. Graham had been brought to Christ under the preaching of the saintly John Gilmour, was one of the earliest Baptists in that section, and one whose own heart yearned to see his fellowmen brought to the knowledge of the truth. Soon after coming to Fenelon, he started a weekly prayer meeting at which John Torrance became a regular and earnest attendant, and before long found the Saviour. As he soon showed some ability in speaking, Bro. Graham encouraged him to take frequent part in the meetings. The result was that Mr. Torrance acquired considerable ease and even fluency in public speaking, and was often found on the Sabbath day preaching the gospel to pastorless churches in the vicinity. But Bro. Graham's influence did not stop here. He had many long and serious talks with the young school-teacher on the doctrines of Scripture, and among other important matters, directed his thoughts to that of believer's baptism and discussed with him fully the teaching of the New Testament on this question. From what we know of Bro. Torrance's honesty