

Rev. Archibald Geikie, then pastor of the Congregational church at Moore, near Sarnia, was invited to officiate among them for three months, and, having accepted the invitation, began his labours on Sabbath, the 11th of March.

In the meantime, a rough-cast building on Richmond Street West, south side, near Yonge Street, originally erected by the Episcopal Methodists, and more recently occupied by the United Presbyterian congregation (Rev. Dr. Jennings'), who had just removed to a new church on Bay Street, had been rented for one year, for \$100, with the option of purchase within six months for \$1200. The house contained about 200 sittings. Having been put into good condition and suitably furnished, it was opened for Congregational uses on Sabbath, the 25th of March. The services were held morning and evening, at 11 and 6 o'clock.

It had been previously agreed, "not to adopt the system of pew-rents, but voluntary subscriptions, to defray the expenses." These subscriptions were paid quarterly.

On Tuesday evening, April 19th, 1849, in this building on Richmond Street, twenty-six persons entered into covenant with each other to form a Church of Christ, "holding the views and principles as to Order, Discipline and Doctrine usually known as Independent or Congregational," and under the name of "The Second Congregational Church in Toronto," the service being conducted by Rev. A. Geikie, who gave to each member the right hand of fellowship. The names of those so constituting the church, as given in the minutes, were,—Mr. and Mrs. John F. Marling, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Taylor, Miss Margaret Taylor, Miss Susan McCord, Mr. John Lander, Mrs. Jacob Latham, Miss Jane Latham, Mr. and

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