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To keep alive the memory of men whose lives have been a benediction to the world, is not an unnecessary nor unimportant service to succeeding generations. Their mistakes, if mistakes they have made, may fortify those who follow them in the service of the same Master, against similar blunders; while their efforts and successes under circumstances of difficulty, of which, except on the outskirts of settlement, ministers of the present day are blissfully ignorant, may be an inspiration to weary discouraged toilers, who may find refreshed vigor in contemplation of what God has done through them. They have labored, and their successors have entered into their labors. They laid the foundations in prayers, tears, and toil, on which their followers are building.

Among the early fathers of the Baptist denomination in Ontario and Quebec, the man whose name heads this paper holds a conspicuous and honorable place. His life and labors are interwoven with the rise, growth and prosperity of a number of the churches. William Fraser was born in Straspay, Invernessshire, Scotland, on the 29th of November, 1801. His early youth was passed on a farm among the rugged and imposing scenery of the Highlands, where many who have left their mark on the activities of the world acquired the physical strength and intellectual energy, which fitted them to cope successfully with the difficulties of business and professional life. The educational