

cacy of any sort in reference to the subject of debate, &c. He is the creature of convention and has his place merely as a matter of convenience. He ought neither to allow infringement of the rules, nor infringe them himself." Of course, members can agree to give him more latitude, but it must be remembered that upon his knowledge of facilitating business, and restricting his own remarks to as few words as possible, depends much of the success of the meetings.

Visits from pastor, deacons, and members of the church generally ought to be invited. Finally if the Society is ever found to degenerate into one of mutual admiration, "let it be excommunicated!"

MATERIALS FOR OUR CHURCH HISTORY, NO. XIX.

PIONEERING IN ONTARIO, 1836 TO 1872.

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I commenced my missionary work in GUELPH, the first Sabbath in October, 1836. Here I found a small Congregational Church. I engaged to supply them for one year. God was pleased to bless his work, and twenty were added to the Church. We held our meetings in the school-house. I visited the township of Eramosa, in what was then known as the "Kribs Settlement", now called "EDEN MILLS." God answered prayer and blessed the preached Gospel, and a church was organized.

The minister who succeeded me in Guelph took this station, built a commodious meeting house, and continued preaching for a number of years. At the end of the year, according to promise, I left and went back into the wilderness and took possession of four adjoining townships. At Swackhammer's, ESQUESING, now known as "Church Hill", my efforts were owned and blessed to the salvation of many souls. In July 1838, I organized a church of thirty members; a chapel was built, and on the 6th January, 1839, it was opened for divine service. Revds. Messrs Roaf, Lillie, Baker, Nall, Wastell, and other ministers, took part in the services. On the following day religious meetings were held. Many friends from Guelph, Eramosa and other places were present, the day was a happy one. Our Home Missionary Society had its origin there. I lived and worked over 17 years; about one hundred were added to the church, all by profession. In 1853, I resigned my pastorate, and the Rev. J. Unsworth succeeded me.

I had not been long in Esquesing when I commenced missionary efforts in CALEDON, which I found almost destitute of the means of Grace. In a part of this township, now known as ALTON, I commenced in 1837 preaching once in two weeks and visiting the settlers from house to house. Souls were brought to a knowledge of the truth. I laboured among them for about three years and organized a church, beginning with 14 members. The church has been supplied for a number of years since I left, first by Rev. S. King and afterwards by others. In 1861 I again accepted the invitation of the church to the pastorate, and worked among them 8 years during which time 36 were added to the church. Driving-sheds were put up and other improvements made. Age and infirmities led me to resign my pastorate.

In 1839 by special invitation from a number of the early settlers in Speed-Side, ERAMOSA, I visited and preached to them, went to their houses and held prayer-meetings, and formed a Sabbath School. The means were blessed to the salvation of many. I organized a church of thirty three members, and after working with them over five years, having more places on my hands than I could attend to, I introduced to them Rev. R. J. Williams. They have been for a length of time a