

Corners) came to an untimely end as a fruit of said traffic. Poor Jamie was found dead one morning by the side of the road, just west of the bridge at Blair's creek, with his whisky jug by his side, a ghastly spectacle to passers by, and sad commentary on a system of things that still unhappily exists.

Rev. J. T. Byrne followed Rev Mr. Geikie in the pastoral charge of the church, and commenced his ministry in Oct., 1851. His first efforts were directed to the removal of discordant feelings and the restoration of harmony and good will among the membership, in which laudable effort he was very successful. His pastorate covered a period of about twelve years of earnest and faithful labour, marked by much self-sacrifice, and by the accomplishment of much good. The Sabbath school received his special attention, and being at that time conducted to a great extent on union principles, was large and prosperous. Quite a number of those who are now heads of families in our town and neighbourhood had their early training either as scholars or young teachers in said school. Mr. Byrne's pastorate closed in June, 1863. Owing in a great measure to the gradual withdrawal of the adherents of different denominations as they found themselves strong enough to commence operations, and to "arise and build," the Congregational church made little if any numerical progress during those years.

In the fall of 1863 Rev. H. H. Budge, became pastor of the church, and so continued until May, 1867. He was a man of good ability, but of very unhappy temperament. *How is your own?*

After an interval of a year, Rev. S. T. Gibbs, whose memory is yet fragrant in the hearts of his late flock, was invited to the pastoral charge of the church, and accepting the invitation, commenced his ministerial duties on 1st. August, 1868. His pastorate continued to Oct. 1875, when he resigned his charge. His preaching was talented, rich, spiritual and earnest, and his resignation was a great loss both to the church and the community, as, like Mr. Byrne, he was ever ready to give the helping hand to every Christian effort or enterprise for the general good. The church, under his oversight, took fresh courage. Several improvements in church property were undertaken and successfully carried into execution. A neat and commodious parsonage was erected, and many members were received into fellowship.

Changes now intensified, removals from the town took place. others died, among whom I may mention the senior deacon, Samuel Hill, Esq., and Mrs. Hill also the late Mr. and Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. Eggleston, Mrs. Sonley, Joseph Harper, and our former highly esteemed Mayor, James H. Gerrie, who, although by persuasion a Baptist, was for many years—almost

from its commencement—a supporter of said church.

These and other losses and difficulties were severely felt by the little church. In the summer of 1876 Rev. H. T. Miller, from Liverpool, England occupied the pulpit for some time, and on invitation assumed pastoral oversight, but withdrew the following spring and was succeeded by Mr. J. F. Malcolm, then a promising student of the Congregational College, Montreal. In June, 1877, he received and accepted a call to the pastorate, and was afterwards duly ordained. His charge of the church continued (with a short interruption) for about three years, and was marked by earnest effort and some progress, but owing to long continued feeble health, indicating a necessity of a change, his resignation was given and accepted.

He was succeeded (in July, 1880) by Rev. R. Wrench, just arrived from London, England, highly recommended, and sporting somewhat jauntily the plume of *Professor*. The Prof. was a man of fine talent as a speaker, but in other respects just as unsuited to the position as the position was unsuited to him. The little church needed the careful and prudent oversight of a pastor familiar with the ways and wants of the country and the people. Suffice it to say that a great mistake was made by both parties which the resignation of the Professor in June, 1881, came too late to remedy. Since then there have been occasional services, but no settled pastorate. Perhaps it is all for the best. The officers of the Salvation Army are at present in possession of the building under leasehold, and are apparently doing a good work, and, however much we may differ from them in some respects, we cannot but wish them God-speed in every proper effort for the benefit of fallen humanity. Thus endeth, for the present, the history of the Whitby Congregational Church, but we have written over its history this word *Resurgam*.

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MOURNING after an absent God is an evidence of love as strong as is rejoicing in a present one.—*F. W. Robertson.*

ONE great cause of our insensibility to the goodness of our Creator is the very extensiveness of His bounty.—*Paley.*

A NOBLE and attractive every-day bearing comes of goodness, of sincerity, of refinement; and these are bred in years, not in moments.—*F. D. Huntington.*

TO grow old is quite natural; being natural it is beautiful; and if we grumble at it, we miss the lesson, and lose all the beauty.—*Friswell.*

THE more a diamond is cut, the brighter it sparkles, and in what seems hard dealing God has no end in view but to perfect His people's graces.—*Dr. Guthrie.*