

ordained and inducted over the congregation, to which he faithfully ministered for 24 years.

The following year a new and commodious brick edifice was erected and dedicated Nov. 17, 1861. Dedicatory sermons were preached by the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, a gifted orator, at morning and evening service, and by Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Galt, at the afternoon service. The church minutes record that the sermons were rich in thought and illustration, and peculiarly appropriate to the interesting occasion. Truth was fervently and eloquently preached that will not soon be effaced from the mind. The audiences



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were very large and many could not find entrance. The day was exceedingly pleasant, the most delightful of the season. A Soiree was held the following evening, at which the church was again filled to excess. The chair was taken by the pastor, and speeches were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Lee, Donald, Laing, Fletcher, Porteous, and Rev. Dr. Ormiston and by Rev. W. Lund, of the Methodist church and Rev. Dr. Davidson of the Baptist church. The following day the children of all the Sabbath schools were entertained. All the services were peculiarly pleasing and profitable.