

QUARTER-CENTURY MEMORIAL.

1849-1874.

The following outlines of the history of the church during the past twenty-five years have been drawn up and published, in the belief that such records are always worth preserving, alike for their memories of the past and their suggestions for the future; that the facts here narrated are for the most part unknown to that four-fifths of the church and congregation who have joined us within the last ten years, but who will feel an interest in the story of the early days; and that there are many former worshippers among us, occasional visitors, kindly neighbours, and others, for whom the same items will have a certain value.

The materials for compiling full statistical tables have been found, on research, to be too defective to allow of that completeness which is essential to their being of much service. Such as could be given will be found in these pages. Let the lesson be learned, here and elsewhere, of recording such particulars, as they arise, and in a permanent form.

On Tuesday evening, February 13, 1849, ten male members of the Congregational Church, Toronto, (Rev. John Roaf, pastor,) met in the house of Mr. James Woodhouse, [now No. 241,] Yonge Street, and took the first steps towards the formation of a Second Congregational Church. They at once began to hold services at the same place, with their families.