

Sir John's first recollection of a Methodist Church in London was the little roughcast meeting house, already mentioned, where he heard the late Dr. Evans preach his first sermon, in the year 1842. This little meeting house soon proved too small and the growing congregation erected a church on the corner of King and Talbot streets, where a frame hotel now stands, and we are told that what the church lacked in numbers, was amply made up for in enthusiasm. The same spirit of Christianity existed then that exists now and to that progressive and aggressive spirit, Methodism owes the grand position it holds in the world to-day. From that little rough-cast meeting house of long ago, the history of the Methodist Church in London is a history to be proud and thankful for. We doubt if any city of its size, either at home or abroad, can point to finer temples of the Living God.

As it is our purpose however, to try and tell of the progress made by Methodism in London in detail, we will return to the corner of King and Talbot streets, where for a number of years, the new church was ample enough for all purposes. The time arrived however when more space was found necessary and a church was built on Richmond street, nearly opposite where the city hall now stands. It was in the primitive pulpit of this church in 1849, that the Rev. John Carrol, whose name is a household word, among the older Methodists, laid the foundation of the cause, which soon fixed itself permanently upon North street, now Queen's Avenue, corner of Park Avenue, under the Rev. Wm. Pollard, the North Street Church came into existence. The lot was bought on January 13th, 1852, for \$700. On March 9th of the same year, a trustee board meeting was held, consisting of Messrs. Sam. Glass, Geo. Tyas, John Elson, S. Peters, S. McBride and S. Scream, Rev. Bro. Pollard presiding, when it was decided to erect a church on the site purchased. In