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cumstances eventually led him to seek a home and field of labor on this continent, and he landed at Quebec in the year 1827.

His first employment in the new world was that of Tutor to the family of the Commanding Officer of the 79th Highland Regiment, and he was subsequently appointed to the position of Regimental Schoolmaster. In this capacity he accompanied the regiment to Montreal, Kingston and Toronto. In the last named city, he opened a private school, in a brick building near the present site of Knox Church, Queen Street, where several who afterwards rose to considerable eminence in the city and province. received a part of their early training. In all the Canadian towns in which he was successively located, Mr. Caldicott joined himself to the people of God, and preached the gospel as opportunity presented. A minute in the first Church record of the March Street Baptist Church, Toronto, then under the pastoral care of Rev. Alexander Stewart, states that he was received into membership, May 22nd, 1831. by dismission from the church in Kingston; another minute notes his appointment as deacon, July 3rd, 1832; and a third, dated Oct. 2nd of the same year, records the fact that he was unanimously invited to occupy the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. He seems to have given up his school and opened a book-store, for in the "Landmarks of Toronto," recently published, we find the name of T. F. Caldicott as a book-seller and stationer on the south side of King Street. a few doors east of Yonge Street. Still he could not get rid of his burning desire to devote himself wholly to the work of the Christian ministry, and in the year 1834, the way was opened This took place in the township of Chinguafor his ordination cousy, north of Brampton; and among the ministers who took part in the services of the occasion, were the Revs. John Harris, William Cook, and William Rees. who were all useful and devoted pioneer Baptist preachers, and the two first of whom have been succeeded by grandsons in the sacred office Not a few of the early settlers in Chinguacousy retained for many years an affectionate remembrance of Mr. Caldicott's self-denying labors among them. He was then in the prime of his manhood, a vigorous thinker, an effective speaker, and a good singer : and interesting reminiscences of his discourses and services of sixty

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