

they called Mr. John J. A. Proudfoot, probationer, the first graduate of our own Theological Seminary. He very thankfully accepted the call to a sphere of labour so extensive and hopeful. On the 19th of July he was ordained in St. Mary's, and inducted into the pastorate of a congregation extending over Blanchard, Downie, Fullarton and Nissouri. At that date the congregation was fully organized and its history commenced. Of the seven ministers who took part in the ordination not one now remains. The public services assigned to the pastor were preaching in Downie and St. Mary's every Sabbath. To these he added teaching a Bible Class in St. Mary's. All other labours were left to his own judgment and strength. After becoming acquainted with the whole field and the wants of the people he formed stations in which week-day services were held. First, at Mr. Brown's School-house in Fullarton; second, at Flat Creek; third, at Thames Road, Hibbert; fourth, occasional services in Nissouri and other places. The work was easily overtaken by devoting one half of the week to missionary and pastoral labour, and the other half to diligent study. The work was pleasant, because the people were kind, and they had a thirst for the word of God that could not be quenched.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. A. PROUDFOOT.

TORONTO, August, 1898.

I was ordained to the ministry and inducted into the congregations of St. Mary's and Downie on the 7th of October, 1852. The Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, who had been pastor of these