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The man who occupies the pulpit of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church and ministers to its people has filled in the past, and must, for a time at least fill, a large place in denominational life and influence. Some of its pastors have been the acknowledged leaders in the more important denominational movements, and especially in those educational enterprises that have tended to knit together the various churches in a closer bond of interest, and that have given to the Baptist churches of Canada an assured and honored place in the religious history of the past half century.

In the struggles of its early days, in the years of growing strength and power, and in its maturity of Christian life, it has been singularly fortunate in having for its teachers and guides men of far-seeing intelligence, earnest, faithful, enthusiastic, broad-minded, and of deep spiritual graces,—men providentially fitted to minister to the needs of each particular phase of its history.

In no period has this been more true than in the past ten years under the ministry of Dr. Benjamin D. Thomas. There is, perhaps, no stage in the history of a church in which it needs more discriminating watchcare, more prayerful effort, more untiring devotion, more heart-searching preaching, than those years