

transpires in this world God has some purpose, and that he will make all in some way contribute to his grand designs, then all the records, even of this sin cursed earth, become inspired with a profound meaning and a living interest, which stretch through the everlasting future.

We may not be able to read the divine purpose, in the vast majority of these events, but we know it exists in them all, and in some we can clearly see it, and comprehend the lesson of warning or encouragement, conveyed by them. To the Christian especially is the discovery of God in all the events of the past as well as the present, a source of special comfort and joy.

“O blest is he to whom is given  
The instinct that can tell  
That God is on the field, when he  
Is most invisible.”

As I preached in this house on the first day on which it was used for public worship, (twenty-seven years ago last June), I have been asked by the Church to preach the last sermon within these walls, and in doing so, I have been requested to give some account of the history of this church, and also of the general progress of the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, during the same period.

A Christian people have not only the right to recall the past, but are directly commanded to do so “Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee.” But why should a command like this