

the corner of Jackson and Charles streets, now the German Roman Catholic church. The Rev. Mr. Gale, the first pastor, was succeeded in 1846 by the Rev. Alex. Mackid, who was followed by the Rev. Mr. Macnee in 1850. In 1853 the Rev. Robt. Burnett was inducted, and occupied the pulpit until the appointment of the present incumbent, the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw. The foundation stone was laid in 1855, and the church was opened for divine service two years after. It is built of mountain stone, and the principal doorway, James street, is remarkable for the great beauty of its finish and design. It is capable of seating 1,000 persons, and is 110 x 64 feet in dimensions. The total cost was about \$40,000.

Central, corner Macnab and Jackson. This church was erected in 1858. It is an elegant structure of white pressed brick, 176 x 72 feet, capable of seating 1,500 persons, and cost about \$35,000. The congregation was organized about 37 years ago. The successive pastors were Rev. Messrs Dalrymple, Hogg, Ormiston and McColl. In 1877 the Rev. Samuel Lyle, the present pastor, accepted the charge.

Macnab Street Church. This congregation was organized in 1854, and then consisted of about 40 persons. Their first place of worship was in Mechanics' Hall. In 1855 a church was erected and the Rev. David Inglis was appointed pastor. The present building was opened for service in June, 1857. It is built in the gothic style, of stone procured from the mountain adjoining the city, and is capable of seating 1,300 persons. Rev. D. H. Fletcher is the present pastor.

St John's, cor King and Emerald. Rev Thos Goldsmith, pastor.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

The Methodists have the honor of being the first religious community to organize a congregation in Hamilton. The King street church, the first in the city, was erected in 1824. In 1833 the population of the village being about 1,000. The Rev. Messrs. James Evans and Edwin Ryerson officiated. Mr. David Springer was class-leader.

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The members numbered 140, and the first Sabbath school was organized in this church.

In 1840 John street church was erected on the site of the building formerly used by the Presbyterians, and was rebuilt on a much larger scale in 1878. Rev L Gaetz, present pastor.

The Macnab street church was opened December 1st, 1851. The Revs. John Carrol and John Breden were the first pastors.

The Centenary church, one of the finest in the city, was founded in 1863. It is built of red pressed brick, in the Romanesque style of architecture, and cost about \$30,000. The successive pastors were Revs. Messrs. John Potts, Wm. J. Hunter, Hugh Johnston, Wm. Williams. The Rev. W. W. Ross is the present pastor.

German Methodist church, Rebecca street, was erected in 1862. The Rev. Mr. Kappele is the present pastor.

Primitive Methodist church, corner Hughson and Gore. Rev. Jas. Goodman is the present pastor.

Methodist Episcopal church, corner John and Gore. Rev. J. S Williamson, pastor.

British Methodist Episcopal church, (colored), John street north. Rev. J. O'Banyoun, pastor.

The Hannah street church was opened in 1875. Ministers, Revs. J. W. Cooley, J. M. Hodgson and the present incumbent, F. H. Sanderson.

Zion Tabernacle, corner Napier and Pearl. Rev. J. Scott, pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCHES.

Baptist church, organized 23rd Dec., 1843. On the 7th January, 1844, recognition services were held at Thornton's school house, when twelve persons were recognized as the Baptist church of Park street, Hamilton. The Rev. Alfred Booker was the first pastor. This gentleman was one of the victims of the Desjardins' bridge