

ping in a private house, and until the Rev. John Alexander, then of Montreal, accepted the call extended to him, the little flock was cared for by Mr. George Foster whose services are lovingly remembered to this day.

The newly organized church was formally recognized by the Baptist denomination on April 29th, 1870, the services on the occasion being presided over by the Rev. Dr. Fyfe, of Woodstock. To promote the growth of the new cause Mr. Buck, with his brother-in-law, Mr. George Foster, and others, gave liberally and worked hard. The result has been most cheering. The few members who in 1870 asked for their letters from "the mother church," have grown into a church with a membership of 450. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 350 scholars; and the church edifice which seats over 800 is pronounced by all a model of compactness, neatness, and comfort. Soon after the church was organized Mr. Buck was elected to the office of Sunday School Superintendent. This position he filled with great efficiency for many years. He, however, took a deep interest in every department of church work. He was most faithful in his attendance upon the public means of grace. His pew Lord's Day morning and evening, and his seat in the lecture room on Wednesday evening were never empty from choice. Somewhat retiring in nature, it was not, I imagine, as easy for him to speak and pray in public as for others who were differently constituted; at the same time when called on either to pray or to speak, it was easy to see that what he said came from a heart that sincerely loved Jesus Christ.

When one of the greatest American statesmen died, Rufus Choate said, "Boston will be lonesome without Daniel Webster." The Park Baptist Church, Brantford, is lonesome without William Buck. As a church we miss him. Under God we are greatly indebted to him. Toward the building of our beautiful church home, to the organ, to our Eagle Place Mission, and toward the renovating of our building a year ago, he gave most liberally. His weekly offering for pastoral support was large, and for twenty-five years he paid the whole of the salary of the organist. In addition to what he did for his own church, he was not unmindful of missions; and dozens of our churches in Ontario and Quebec are being heated to-day by stoves and furn-