

College, subsequently, a member of the Bible revision staff and principal of Regent's Park College; Dr. Cramp, so long associated with our educational work in the Maritime Provinces; Bosworth, pastor and professor; Girdwood, the honored pastor at St. Helen St., Montreal; and Landon, fresh from years of labor among the Six Nation Indians of the Tuscarora Reserve. These were men of more than ordinary ability, scholarly, and earnest in soul winning. David Marsh had no mean task laid upon him when called to follow these men, who gave the little Baptist flock not only solid food but rich variety. Intellectually he probably was not behind any of them; in educational equipment he would compare favorably with most. In other qualifications he was the superior of most of them.

In the summer of 1845 Mr. Marsh landed in Quebec with his young bride, having left his son James, the only child of a former marriage, behind to complete his education in England. He arrived just after the two great fires of May and June, 1845, which left nearly one-half of the city a smouldering ruin. His intention was to spend a few days or weeks in Quebec, and then move on to the West; God designed otherwise. The few days of his plan were lengthened out into over forty years, during thirty-eight of which he filled the pastoral office, and was intimately associated with the religious life and activities of the city. Towards the close of the year 1845, the Baptist Church was organized, fifteen members entering into covenant with the Lord and with one another; nine years later certain rules and regulations were adopted for the government of the society. The lot on which the present chapel on McMahon street stands was purchased from a French Roman Catholic on the 2nd of March, 1853, and the building rapidly pushed to completion and occupied. On ground and building £1,450, Halifax currency (the currency of the day, equal to \$5,800) was expended, leaving a debt of \$1,856, a large sum for a mere handful of people, most of them possessing but little wealth. In 1877 the Sunday school hall was added which must have cost at least a couple of thousand dollars more. After moving into the church edifice considerable accessions were made to the congregation, embracing not a few Godly officers, privates and non-