

HISTORY OF St. George Presbyterian Church

THE PIONEER CHURCH OF THE DISTRICT, AND FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN BRANT COUNTY.



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THE pioneer settlers, who came to this district in 1814, the early twenties and thirties, were not only men of the energy and perseverance necessary to cut down the forest, build houses and till farms, but were for the most part men with a deep desire that they and their families should possess all the advantages of education, religion and sound morality, that make for good citizenship and a

strong nation. Therefore they joyfully welcomed the coming, in 1832, of the Rev. Thomas Christie and the Rev. Wm. Proudfoot, missionaries of the Church of Scotland, who at the call of duty left important and comfortable positions in that land to undertake the arduous life of missionaries in a new and sparsely settled country, where riding on horseback was the usual mode of travel over roads little more than forest trail.

Divine service was first held in a schoolhouse situated one mile west of St. George, and a few rods north of the gravel road, in 1832, at the time when Grace church, the first church in Brantford, was being built.

In 1834 a church edifice was built where the Presbyterian cemetery now is, and a congregation organized with