

The fruit of these efforts was early seen and felt, and on the 15th December, 1839, a congregation met at the house of Mr. Enoch Thomas, the Rev. W. Clarke being present, when some 22 persons banded themselves together in Christian fellowship, under the name of the Congregational Church of Warwick and Bosanquet. A short time previous to this, the Congregational College of B.N. America, came into existence, and one of the first graduates of this Institution, Rev. Leonard McGlashan, paid a visit, and on the 29th of August, 1841, became pastor of the 1st Congregational Church, of Lambton, being what is known at present as Zion Congregational Church, Warwick. The labors of Rev. L. McGlashan, first pastor of the church here, were much blessed, but being of delicate health, had to resign his pastorate over the church on the 4th July, 1844. After establishing outposts, viz., Watford and Ebenezer, and a church edifice built in 1843, the remains of which is seen to-day south of us as the Templars' Hall, Main Road, he left us to assume the pastoral charge of Guelph Congregational Church.

But in the removal of Rev. L. McGlashan the Lord's work could not be hindered, and on Oct. 16th, 1844, a young Scotchman, Rev. Archibald Geikie, of Mooretown, received and accepted a call to become pastor of this church, laboring for the cause nearly two years, he resigned his pastorate. The following Sept., 1846, the Rev. John Armour of Esquimaux, became pastor, retaining the pastorate about four years, doing good service for the Master, leaving the Church in a healthy state to take charge of Congregational Church, Sarnia.

A new era is now established. The Rev. Dr. Macallum, assumed charge of the churches, now known as the United Congregational Churches of Zion, Watford and Ebenezer, on the 29th day of October, 1852. On the 23rd day of February, 1853, the Rev. Dr. Macallum was ordained in the meeting house, Main Road. The ministration of this faithful brother is like bread cast upon the water, seen after many days. Believing, good and true, his work was pushed on quietly and surely, and beyond the churches he had the direct oversight, of Forest, Lake Shore and Plympton. Loving and kind to all, the churches have received benefit from his prolonged labor. May he have a crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord. Resigned the pastorate 6th day of July, 1863, after fifteen years of faithful labour for the Master.

On the 28th day of July 1868, the Rev. John Salmon, B.A., accepted a call to the pastorate of the United Churches of Zion, Watford and Ebenezer. And after five years of labour we now look back with pleasure to the results. Additions to the churches were many and abiding, and the work prosperous. Three new church edifices were erected through brother Salmon's untiring zeal, namely, Zion, Watford and Ebenezer, also work performed in Forrest and Lake Shore, the record of which is highly satisfactory; resigned the pastoral charge, September, 1873.

The field had now become one of direct labor. It was therefore necessary for the Churches to secure the services of one who would be faithful in all things. The Rev. R. Hay being in Illinois at this time the mind of the Churches were centred in him. A call was extended to Mr. Hay in January, 1874, and accepted. The labors of Bro. Hay have been signally blessed, especially in Zion. After a season of continued meetings, about forty professed a work of grace in their hearts. Many joined the Church here and other Christian Churches in our midst. During the time of this ministration the Church brought forth abundantly, but the labour being arduous it was thought to be in the interest of the Churches for a separation to take place. Accordingly, Zion and Watford, Forest and Ebenezer were formed into separate charges, and the Rev. R. Hay, through circumstances, took the oversight of Forest, leaving happy memories behind him here and

in Watford, not to be forgotten; and to supply the Churches, the Rev. H. J. Colwell was secured, and took charge in March, 1879, but the services of this brother not being acceptable to many, resigned his charge 24th of November, 1880, since which time our good brother Hay returned to his first love, and is with us to-day in joy and rejoicing at the prospect before us.

But apart from the remarks so far presented there are names in this connection not to be forgotten. Early in the history of the Church in Warwick, at a time when laborers were needed in the vineyards of the Lord, were those young and strong could heartily say "Here am I, Lord, send me," such an one was the Rev. W. Hay who is with us to-day. Again who among us can remember days of old but will honor the memory of Mr. Enoch Thomas for his zeal, liberality and labor for the cause which is here to-day in the Sabbath school, prayer meeting and house of the Lord? Also his beloved partner in life, Mrs. E. Thomas, ever ready to give a helping hand for good. The Lord has blessed her with a long life, eighty three years is the age of the Lord's servant—truly a mother in Israel to-day. Mrs. Duncan Dunlop, one of the first members, is also with us still—50 years a professed servant of Christ.

Just a few more names and I have done.

Bro John Smith, father of Geo. Smith, Secy.; Sister Mrs. Smith, 96 years of age, still here; Bro. All Hay, deacon, father of Revs. Wm. and R. Hay; Mrs. Hay; Mrs. Luckham; John Thomas, Sr.; Mrs. Thomas; Adam Duncan; Mrs. J. D. Eccles Sr.; Mrs. R. Evans; Archibald Duncan. Names we honor and respect in the Lord.

And now, dear friends, we ask your prayers that the Lord will be with us. ONWARD!

GEO. SMITH, Sec.

PERSONALS.—Rev. Duncan McGregor, having resigned his charge in Guelph, the Ministerial Association of that city, at a special meeting called for the purpose on 23rd June, passed a complimentary resolution, expressing their high esteem for Mr. McGregor, and regret at his leaving.

Rev. W. Henry Warriner, of Bowmanville, preached a sermon to the Odd Fellows assembled on their anniversary occasion in the Congregational Church there, on 28th April; from the text, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Rev. Arch. F. McGregor, of the Western Church, Toronto, preached the annual sermon to the Sons of Scotland in the Western Church lately. The sermon was much appreciated.

Revs. William Hay, John Salmon and Daniel Macallum, have been making a pleasant visit to Western Ontario, and participating in a series of church-opening and tea-meeting engagements in Watford and vicinity. The pastor, Rev. Robert Hay feels much encouraged over the new building; and the general waking-up the church has had.

BARRIE.—The Congregational Church was filled last Sunday morning, and in the evening not only was every regular seat occupied, but the aisles and platforms, and every inch of standing room was filled and many had to go away unable to enter. The occasion was "Children's Day." This church