

PASTORATE OF THE REV. JOHN THOMPSON (Concluded)

mover, consider the feasibility of procuring a piece of ground in the South Ward, looking forward to the erection of a suitable edifice for Sabbath School purposes, and report to the next annual meeting. This committee reported on the 3rd of February, 1890, and recommended the purchase of a lot on the corner of Albert Street and 4th Line, for the sum of \$400. The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Andrew's became responsible for this amount, the lot was purchased, a suitable building was erected and opened for public worship on Sabbath, the 9th of November, 1890, by the Rev. Alfred Gandier of Brampton, now Principal of Knox College. Mr. J. C. Douglas was appointed superintendent of the Albert Street Sabbath School, Mr. MacLean having left town, and it was decided that for a few months the elders of St. Andrew's should be responsible for conducting the forenoon services in the Mission Church, beginning on the 7th of December, 1890.

During the summer of 1891 Mr. D. Strachan of Queen's College, Kingston, labored in the Albert Street Mission, and was followed during the early months of 1892 by Mr. Edgar. Mr. Strachan resumed work in May, 1892, and remained all summer. The fruits of Mr. Strachan's labors were manifested in the organization of the Mission into a regular congregation in January, 1893, and the induction of the Rev. F. O. Nichol as the first settled pastor on the 22nd of March of that year. The new congregation was named "St. Paul's Presbyterian Church."

Mr. Nichol remained in St. Paul's until October, 1893, and was succeeded on the 14th of March, 1899, by the Rev. John Hall, M. A., the present popular minister of St. Paul's Church.

On Sabbath, 10th of May, 1891, the following were ordained into the eldership: Messrs. Thos. F. Towers, J. C. Douglas, Jas. King and George Shand. Messrs. J. B. Barrie and John Brebner,

who had already been ordained, were inducted into the eldership. In November, 1893, it was decided to replace the metal tokens used at the Communion seasons with the modern Communion card, the same to come into effect at the Communion on the last Sabbath of February, 1894. The elders' districts, as at present constituted, were drawn up in 1894.

Two interesting events characterized the annual meeting of the congregation held on the 18th of January, 1894. The first was the presentation of a gold watch and chain to Mr. George Leys in appreciation of his many years gratuitous labors in the service of St. Andrew's Church. The presentation was made by Mr. Jas. King in the name of the congregation.

The second interesting event was the reading of a brief history of the church by Mr. Francis Blaikie. Mr. Blaikie was cordially thanked for his labor and this semi-centennial record of the con-