

time, two of the most important events of his life occurred ; on June 3rd, 1857, he was married to Miss Mary Ann Dudley, sister of his friend, Mr. James Dudley. Mr. Burns had been brought up in the Church of England, and in his youth attended St. George's church. At that time the Baptists in the city of Toronto, were few, but many of them were earnest Christian workers. One of the most earnest and zealous was Mrs. James Girvin, who had herself been brought up in the Church of England, but had joined the little Baptist church, while Rev. R. A. Fyfe was pastor. Through her influence, Mr. and Mrs. Burns first, and afterwards the father and mother of Mrs. Burns, together with her brothers, were led to become members of the Bond St. Baptist Church. In the year 1861, on December 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Burns were baptized together by Rev. Thos. F. Caldicott. They at once entered heartily into the work of the church, and became valued members of the choir, where they served for many years.

In 1865 the firm of Dudley & Burns was formed, and continued till the death of Mr. Burns. By knowledge of their business, by strict honesty, by unfailing courtesy, the firm established a large business, and won the confidence and esteem of their patrons. Mr. Burns was a striking example of the text, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." If you wished to find him during business hours, you had only to go to his office, and there he was at work. If you wished to find him on Sunday during the hours of church service, you had to go to his pew ; and in the afternoon to his Sunday school class. If you wanted to see him on Wednesday night between eight and nine o'clock, it was safe to look for him at the prayer-meeting.

About the year 1871, the Bond St. Baptist church commenced a Mission Sunday School in the Berkeley St. Fire Hall. This mission developed into the Parliament St. Baptist Church. Mr. Burns was one of the teachers in the school, and continued this work for several years. He afterwards became a teacher in the Jarvis St. school, and there did a most important work. He taught in one of the class rooms a young women's Bible class. As a teacher he was punctual, regular in attendance, and painstaking.