

was preached by Pastor D. Hutchinson in the Park Baptist church, before a large and sympathizing audience.

Mr. Buck was born in the village of Ancaster, August 22nd, 1828. He was the son of Peter Buck and Hannah (Yager) Buck, both of them members of the First Baptist Church since 1836. His mother, as her maiden name, "Yager" would indicate, descended from German parents. His father was the child of U. E. Loyalist parents. He fought in the Rebellion of 1837-38; was wounded at Chippewa, and carried the bullet with him to the grave. Both father and mother lived to be octogenarians. In 1833, or when a child only five years of age Mr. Buck came with his parents to Brantford, then only a hamlet. Here was spent the rest of his life. He saw Brantford grow from a hamlet into a village, from a village into a town, and from a town into a manufacturing city of 16,000 people. Here, when a boy, he attended school, and here at an early age he began the battle of life. Having learned his trade, and having husbanded his earnings till he had saved a thousand dollars, Mr. Buck, in a modest way, began business for himself. In a pre-eminent degree he possessed all those qualities without which success in business is impossible. He planned wisely, managed carefully, applied himself diligently, and consequently was rewarded with prosperity. In 1856, or about four years after he commenced business for himself, he purchased a small foundry, and began manufacturing stoves and agricultural implements. From that time his business ever increased, till at the time of his death, he was one of the most extensive, and well known manufacturers of stoves and furnaces in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Buck belonged to that class of men to whom cities are indebted. For many years he was a large employer of labor which to any city means growth, solidity, and wealth. So well known and so highly respected was he by the citizens of Brantford, that thousands of people followed his remains to the grave. His career is a happy illustration of what can be accomplished by diligence in business, wise management, and careful investment. The capital with which he started in business was his own creating; his accumulations the result of energies well applied.

Mr. Buck possessed many noble qualities both of heart and