

admirably. Within it the gospel was preached with directness and power for about 40 years. A whole generation received their spiritual instruction and consolation there. Eternity alone shall reveal the number of those who have been converted from sin, and edified in the most holy faith within its walls. Well do I remember the first sight I caught of it, as I alighted on the platform of the station on a Saturday morning in February, 1890. I thought at the time that a new church would soon become an urgent necessity. And my impressions were not modified in the least after a two Sabbaths' experience. But bad as the church building was, the matter of a manse was still worse, for there was none at all. The old manse had been sold, and the erection of a new one decided upon.

Coming to Sonya directly from Queen's University, Kingston, at the invitation of the congregation, about the beginning of May, 1890, I was ordained and inducted pastor in succession to the Rev. A. Currie, M. A., on the 9th day of June. The manse was built that summer, and occupied by the pastor and his bride the following spring. In the summer of 1891, a new brick stable was erected upon the manse ground. At the annual congregational meeting on January 13th, 1892, the pastor brought forward a proposition to engage in the building of a new church, basing his remarks on the text, "I speak as to wise men, judge ye what I say". In this he appealed to the reason and conscience of the congregation, urging them to effort in this direction. The result of this meeting was that the pastor and Mr. Alexander McTaggart were appointed to solicit subscriptions for a new church. This being done, it was found that there was enough promised to justify beginning operations. The new church was opened on the 22nd Oct. by the late very Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., C. M. G., of Queen's University, Kingston. Thereafter pastor and people spent three and a half very happy years together in the new edifice, until the pastoral tie was dissolved by the translation of the former to the charge of Atwood in the Presbytery of Stratford, about the middle of July, 1897, after a pastorate of nearly seven years and a quarter in Sonya.

The following extract from the farewell sermon preached on the 11th day of July sums up the situation at that time:—"We