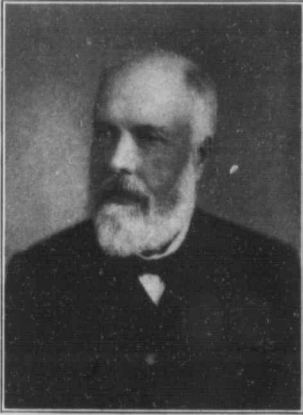


CHAPTER XI.

PASTORATE OF THE REV. JOHN THOMPSON (Concluded)

On the 27th of November, 1884, Mr. T. W. Nisbet reported to the Session that after consultation with his Sabbath School teachers, he had taken action towards the establishment of a branch in the South Ward of the town. The Public School trustees had kindly granted the use of the Public School in that ward for Sabbath School purposes, and Mr. James Barrie had volunteered his services as Superintendent. This was a forward



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step preparatory to the establishment of a Mission Church in that section of the town, and the Session cordially supported Mr. Nisbet in his action.

The Sabbath School was established, but after a lengthened trial it was decided that there was not a population in the district sufficiently large to warrant the continuance of the school.

With the construction of the St. Clair Tunnel and the consequent influx of population into the South Ward the Sabbath School question again came to the fore. On Sabbath, the 19th of January, 1889, the school was re-opened in the Public School building with an attendance of about 50.

The following were the officers and teachers at the re-opening: W. A. MacLean, superintendent; D. J. Symes, secretary-treasurer; Miss Anna Dalziel, organist. The teachers were: Mr. Thos. Houston, and Misses Barrie, Dalziel, Watson, Ross, and Anderson. Mr. W. A. MacLean, who acted as superintendent, is now the minister of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation held on the 21st of January, 1889, it was moved by Mr. J. S. Symington, seconded by Mr. D. N. Morrison, "That Messrs. Jas. King, Thos Houston, J. C. Douglas, Chas. Mackenzie, T. F. Towers, and the